

PRESENT:

Trustees: Chair Randy Campbell, Greg Agar, Ruth Ann Dodman, Jack Fletcher, Malinda Little, Roberta Northmore, Angela Richards, Kelley Robertson, and David Shortt

Student Trustees: Alizah Ali, Tristan Nemcek, and Kobee Soney

Staff: Director of Education John Howitt, Associate Director Brian McKay, Superintendents of Education Gary Girardi, Ben Hazzard, Helen Lane, and Mary Mancini

Regrets: Vice-Chair Barnes, Trustee Bryce, Superintendent Barrese, and Public Relations Officer Heather Hughes

Recording Secretary: Jaime Shannon, Executive Assistant to the Director

Call to Order: Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

#2023-94 Moved by Greg Agar, seconded by David Shortt,

Approval of the Agenda

“That the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of May 23, 2023 be approved.”

CARRIED.

Chair Campbell read the Traditional Territorial Acknowledgment.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None.

#2023-95
Approval of the Minutes
May/9/2023

Moved by Ruth Ann Dodman, seconded by Roberta Northmore,

“That the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 9, 2023.”

CARRIED.

Business Arising

Director Howitt reported that the letters Trustees requested to be written to the Minister of Education and local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP) through May 9, 2023 Board Motion have been completed and included under Correspondence, and noted that no responses had been received to date. He reported that Administration has had recent interactions with the Deputy Minister, Assistant Deputy Minister, and MPPs.

Motions Emanating from the Regular Board Private Session

None.

#2023-96
Action of the Regular
Board Private Session be
the Action of the Board

Moved by Jack Fletcher, seconded by Malinda Little,

“That the Action of the Board in Private Session be the Action of the Board.”

CARRIED.

Presentation – Northern
Collegiate Institute &

Principal of Northern Collegiate Institute & Vocational School (NCIVS) Melissa Mallette introduced the NCIVS Eco-team. Two students from the team, Ben

Vocational School Eco-
Team – Superintendent
Barrese

and Alex, presented to Trustees on the team and its participation in the Shell Eco-marathon held at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway from April 12 to 16, 2023. The students explained that the team is made up of students with various specialized skill sets, including in the areas of Arts, Sciences, and Technology, there are opportunities to connect with team sponsors, and team members learn a variety of skills and gain real world experience. They explained that the initial goal of the team is to build a functioning energy-efficient car and enter it into a competition.

The students remarked that prior to the Shell eco-marathon, the last competition for the NCIVS eco-team was in 2018 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. They noted that because of the time that had passed, building a new team was necessary, and remarked that it was a hurdle, but within months the team was able to apply their skills to the car to improve on goals, which they met and exceeded. They reported that their team was able to improve from a 430 gallon per mile record to a 598 mile per gallon record.

A Trustee asked how someone could support the team's fundraising efforts. The students responded that the sponsors were local companies in Sarnia, but they can be contacted through the team website to answer any questions or discuss fundraising opportunities.

A Trustee asked if an improvement from 430 to 598 miles per gallon meant they were the most improved team at the event. The students responded that they did not have that information, but many of the other teams congratulated them on their improvement, and they got the impression that they improved more, at least percentage wise, than other teams.

Director Howitt noted the presentation was a great example of one of the fantastic activities that go on in LKDSB schools. He thanked the students for their presentation and the staff who supported them along the way.

Chair Campbell thanked the NCIVS eco-team for their presentation.

Presentation – Chatham-
Kent Secondary School
Multi-Cultural Event –
Student Trustee Ali

Student Trustee Ali presented to Trustees on the Multicultural Fair, a student-led event organized by the Chatham Kent Secondary School Cultural Society Club and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee that took place on May 5, 2023. During the event, students prepared booths to showcase their cultures.

Following a Trustee questions, Student Trustee Ali confirmed that it will be an annual event.

Following a Trustee question, Student Trustee Ali relayed that 13 countries were represented at the event.

Delegations

None.

Questions from the Public

None.

#2023-97
LKDSB Policy and
Regulations on Volunteer
Drivers

Director Howitt reported to Trustees that the Policy and Regulations on *Volunteer Drivers* were being brought forth as part of the LKDSB Cyclical Review. He explained that the Policy continues to reflect the philosophy of the LKDSB and recommended changes are in reference to the Regulations. He

- Report B-23-75 relayed that Ontario School Boards' Insurance Exchange (OSBIE) was consulted around the recommended changes to the Regulations, which include wording that clarifies expected practices for engaging volunteer drivers to support school activities.
- Moved by Greg Agar, seconded by Roberta Northmore,
- "That the Board approve the revised Policy and Regulations on *Volunteer Drivers*."
- CARRIED.
- #2023-98
Request for Additional
Funding for Attendance at
Conferences, Workshops,
and Seminars for the
2022-2023 School Year
Report B-23-76
- Student Trustee Ali relayed that she was requesting additional funds for attendance at conferences, workshops, and seminars for the 2022-2023 school year in order to attend the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Annual General Meeting.
- Moved by Jack Fletcher, seconded by Ruth Ann Dodman,
- "That the Board approve a maximum of \$3,750 of funding for Student Trustee Ali for attendance at conferences, workshops and seminars for the 2022-2023 school year."
- CARRIED.
- Request for Additional
Funding for Attendance at
Conferences, Workshops,
and Seminars for the
2022-2023 School Year
Report B-23-77
- Student Trustee Soney withdrew her request detailed within the report and the recommendation was not put on the floor as a motion by a Trustee.
- #2023-99
Tender Award – Elevator
Upgrade – Northern
Collegiate Institute &
Vocational School, Sarnia
Report B-23-78
- Associate Director McKay reported to Trustees on a tender for an elevator upgrade at Northern Collegiate Institute & Vocational School. He explained that normally Trustees would not be asked to approve a tender below \$250,000 but it was included to provide new Trustees with an example of a project within the Board.
- Moved by Greg Agar, seconded by Angela Richards,
- "That the Board award the tender to the successful bidder, Elgin Contracting and Restoration Ltd., for the Elevator Upgrade at Northern Collegiate Institute & Vocational School."
- CARRIED.
- Parent Involvement
Committee Report
Report B-23-79
- Director Howitt reported on the final Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) of the 2022-2023 school year, which was held on May 15, 2023 and the first in-person meeting since the COVID-19 pandemic. He relayed that Associate Director McKay presented the 2023-2024 Budget, after which committee members asked questions and shared their concerns on the Indigenous Education and Transportation funding.
- Special Education
Advisory Committee
Report
- Trustee Little reported on the May 18, 2023 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting, which included an LKDSB Budget presentation from Sandy Scott Hillier, Manager of Financial Services, a presentation on

Report B-23-80	Opioid Poisoning and Naloxone from C.J. Taylor, Operations Manager/Consultant with Bluewater First Aid Training Centre, and the sharing of the proposed meeting dates for the 2023-2024 school year.
Ontario Public School Boards' Association Update (OPSBA)	Trustee Fletcher relayed that the OPSBA Annual General Meeting will be held on June 9 and 10, 2023 and encouraged Trustees and LKDSB community members to review the OPSBA submission on Bill 98, <i>The Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act</i> , which can be found on the OPSBA website.
Disability Rights in Public Education Program	Trustee Robertson reported on the Disability Rights in Public Education course she virtually took part in, which was put on by OPSBA with facilitators from Osgoode Hall Law School and York University. She noted there were in depth descriptions and studying of the Human Rights Code and small group case studies. She remarked that it was a thought-provoking and quality presentation.
Correspondence	<p>The May 17, 2023 letter from the LKDSB Chair to the Minister of Education expressing concern regarding the Indigenous Education funding for the 2023-2024 School Year was included in the Board Agenda package.</p> <p>The May 17, 2023 letter from the LKDSB Chair to the Minister of Education expressing concerns regarding the Transportation funding for the 2023-2024 School Year was included in the Board Agenda package.</p> <p>The May 17, 2023 letter from the Director of Education to the local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP) regarding the Grants for Student Needs (GSN) funding formulas for the 2023-2024 School Year was included in the Board Agenda package.</p>
New Business	None.
Trustee Questions	A Trustee asked for an update on the 2023-2024 budget. Associate Director McKay responded that there have been no updates from the Ministry of Education in terms of any changes to the funding formulas, but conversations have taken place, including a lengthy conversation with Ministry staff on the Transportation funding formula. He noted that there is no guarantee of additional funding, but the Ministry listened to the Board's position and gathered the information. He added that he recently spent time with colleagues, who reported they are struggling with the same issues, and conversations with the Ministry on all funding pressures took place. He said the Ministry is aware, even prior to the letters sent from the Chair of the Board, of the concerns of Trustees and Board staff. He noted the budget will be brought to Trustees at the June 6, 2023 Board Meeting. Director Howitt added that in regard to the Indigenous Education funding, Council of Ontario Directors of Education (CODE) has been in communication with the Ministry of Education extensively and there may be more information provided at the June 6, 2023 Board Meeting following these consultations.
Notices of Motion	<p>Trustee Robertson served the following notice of motion,</p> <p>"That the Board amend the term of Student Trustee from 1 year to 2 years."</p>
Announcements	Chair Campbell introduced incoming Student Trustee Darshan Shah.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at the Chatham Regional Education Centre at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business of the Board, Chair Campbell declared the Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Director of Education and
Secretary of the Board