

PRESENT:

Trustees: Chair Randy Campbell, Vice-Chair Janet Barnes, Greg Agar, Jane Bryce, Ruth Ann Dodman, Jack Fletcher, Malinda Little, joining virtually, Roberta Northmore, Angela Richards, Kelley Robertson, joining virtually, and David Shortt

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

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

Regrets: Superintendent Gary Girardi, 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.

#2023-83
Approval of the Agenda Moved by David Shortt, seconded by Greg Agar,
"That the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of May 9, 2023 be approved."

CARRIED.

Chair Campbell read the Traditional Territorial Acknowledgement.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest None.

#2023-84
Approval of the Minutes
Apr/25/2023 Moved by Jack Fletcher, seconded by Jane Bryce,
"That the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 25, 2023."

CARRIED.

Business Arising Director Howitt followed-up on a Trustee request from the April 25, 2023 Board Meeting to have the Memorandum from the Minister of Education on *The Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act, 2023* included as Correspondence on the Board Meeting agenda. He relayed that the request was brought to the Agenda Review Committee, and it was determined that it did not meet the definition of correspondence.

Motions Emanating from the Regular Board Private Session None.

#2023-85
Action of the Regular Board Private Session be the Action of the Board Moved by Janet Barnes, seconded by Roberta Northmore,
"That the Action of the Board in Private Session be the Action of the Board."

CARRIED.

Presentation – Director's Snapshots of Excellence Director Howitt presented the Director's Snapshots of Excellence for the period of March to April, 2023. He remarked that there are fantastic activities taking

place in LKDSB schools and many of the pictures show the STEM and STEAM activities taking place. The photos showed Brigden Public School students working together to code the fastest path for Ozobot Races, Grade 8 students learning about cells with onion skins on the microscope, P.E. McGibbon Public School students receiving a Respect Ribbon award, as part of the school's February focus on respect, and their Intermediate Boys Basketball Team celebrating winning LKESSA Division C, STEM and STEAM activities at Queen Elizabeth II Public School Sarnia and Zone Township Central School, Wallaceburg District Secondary School Drama Club at the NTS Drama Festival where they won Outstanding Production as well as several awards for set design and use of space, production of promise and acting, Great Lakes Secondary School Key Club making a donation to Youth Wellness Hub through a Bake Sale fundraiser, Lambton Central Collegiate & Vocational Institute Music Crew and Ridgeway District High School's boys curling team at SWOSSAA events, Bosanquet Central School students celebrating the end of their "Sting Reading Challenge" with a visit from 3 Sarnia Sting players, a visit from Sarnia Sting players at Errol Road Public School, Merlin Area Public School staff and students dressing up as their favourite Disney character, a celebration for Confederation Central School's choir who performed at the March 3, 2023 Sarnia Sting game, Carnival celebrations at McNaughton Avenue Public School, Hanna Memorial Public School students learning to bead from a member of Aamjiwnaang First Nation, Colonel Cameron Public School students learning about the importance of water, Sir John Moore Community School students learning the importance of environmental protection with their "Earth Day Everyday" program, a display of thoughtful reflections from King George VI Public School Sarnia students on Anishinaabe author, illustrator, and water protection activist Joanne Robertson's book, "The Water Walker", John McGregor Secondary School students painting a beautiful mural for their school, LKDSB students at the podium following OFSAA events, "World Down Syndrome Day" events across the district, students participating in an annual chess tournament in Chatham, Ontario, the Board's Employee Retirement Recognition and 25 Years of Service Ceremonies, Tilbury Area Public School students learning how lungs function, Errol Village Public School students displaying their science fair projects at Lambton County Science Fair, Northern Collegiate Institute & Vocational School's Eco-Club participating in the Shell Eco Marathon, placing in the top 10, Northern Collegiate Institute & Vocational School students preparing to head to the Regeneron International Science Fair in Texas and its Law Club giving a great performance at the Law Advocacy demonstration at the Sarnia Court House.

Delegations

None.

Questions from the Public

None.

#2023-86
Review of the Trustee
Code of Conduct and
Proposed Revisions to the
LKDSB Procedural By-
Laws
Report B-23-68

Chair Campbell reported that a review of the Trustee Code of Conduct took place, which was required before May 15, 2023 as per *Ontario Regulation 246/18 Members of School Boards – Code of Conduct*. He explained that feedback received was reviewed by himself, the Vice-Chair of the Board and the Director of Education. He noted that during the review of the Trustee Code of Conduct, a review of the LKDSB Procedural By-Laws took place. He detailed the changes to the LKDSB Procedural By-laws, which includes Section 11 *School Board Member (Trustee) Code of Conduct for the Lambton Kent District*

School Board and Section 12 Enforcement of the Code of Conduct, and Section 13 Acknowledgement and Undertaking.

Moved by Ruth Ann Dodman, seconded by Jane Bryce,

“That the Board approve the review of the Trustee Code of Conduct and the revisions to Sections 1.11, 4.1, 11.1, 11.6, 11.7, 12.1, 12.3, 12.4, and 12.5 of the LKDSB Procedural By-Laws.”

CARRIED.

#2023-87
LKDSB Policy and
Regulations on
Occupational Health and
Safety
Report B-23-69

Director Howitt explained that the review of the Policy and Regulations on Occupational Health and Safety were brought forth to Trustees as part of the LKDSB cyclical review, and noted in this case, the Policy and Regulations are reviewed annually. There were no changes recommended.

Moved by Angela Richards, seconded by Malinda Little,

“That the Board approve the review of the policy and regulations on Occupational Health and Safety.”

CARRIED.

Indigenous Liaison
Committee Report
Report B-23-70

Trustee Northmore reported to Trustees on the April 19, 2023 Indigenous Liaison Committee meeting. She noted that 50 reports were received from school administrators. She highlighted that Eelünaapéewi Lahkéewiit reported on a new Student Success Worker at Ridgetown District High School, John McGregor Secondary School, and Chatham Kent Secondary School, Aamjiwnaang First Nation has extended its community school to Grade 3 students, so it will now become a Kindergarten to Grade 3 school, and Kettle and Stony Point First Nation is developing a program called Education Bridge Services, which is similar to the Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) program but located within the community. She relayed that Indigenous Lead Dallas Sinopole suggested that Elders are brought back to the table for further discussion on any changes to the Traditional Territory Acknowledgement. She reported that Indigenous student data presentations were received from Great Lakes Secondary School, Naahii Ridge Public School, and North Lambton Secondary School, Superintendent Lane invited the four First Nation education representatives to provide a workshop for Trustees, Strategic Priority plaques have been distributed to the First Nation communities, and the first cohort of the Indigenous Teachers Education Program (ITEP) will be graduating in October 2023.

Ontario Public School
Boards' Association
Update (OPSBA)

Trustee Fletcher provided an overview from the April 28 and 29, 2023 OPSBA Board of Directors Meeting. He highlighted the presentation by Brian Rosborough, Executive Director of Association of Municipalities (AMO), encouragement from OPSBA for Trustees to meet with their local MPPs, and discussion around *The Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act, 2023*. He encouraged Trustees to review the May 1, 2023 and May 9, 2023 OPSBA President's Messages they received via email.

Special Education
Advisory Committee
(SEAC) Report
Report B-23-71

Trustee Little reported to Trustees on the April 20, 2023 SEAC meeting. She relayed that the committee was provided with a tour of the St. Clair College Chatham Campus and a presentation on the Options Program. She relayed that Superintendent Barrese updated the committee on exceptional pupil

	<p>numbers and explained the difference between students who are identified and not identified. She noted that the LKDSB was copied in a letter to the Minister of Education from Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board.</p>
Student Senate Report Report B-23-72	<p>Student Trustee Ali reported that the final Student Senate meeting was held on May 1, 2023 and included a presentation on the 2023-2024 Budget: Grants for Student Needs and an overview of the LKDSB Student Census and Staff Census.</p> <p>Student Trustee Nemcek relayed that Director Howitt thanked Student Senators for their work on the Student Senate Project for the 2022-2023 school year.</p>
Correspondence	None.
New Business	Trustee Bryce reported that the first Naming Committee meeting for the Forest Kindergarten to Grade 12 school was held on May 4, 2023 and noted that the Record of Action from the meeting will be posted on the LKDSB website once it is approved.
Trustee Questions	<p>A Trustee asked for an update on the status of the budget for the 2023-2024 school year. Associate Director McKay responded that they continue to work through the budget for 2023-2024, and relayed there is loss of \$3.3 million dollars of funding due to the end of the COVID-19 Learning Recovery Fund, a loss of \$1.7 million dollars in Indigenous Education funding, due to a change in funding methodology, and \$4.5 million dollars unfunded for Transportation, due to a new funding formula. He explained that the Transportation funding is shared within the consortium, and the LKDSB's share of the loss is about \$3 million dollars. He remarked that the consortium has always been efficient with a balanced budget. He explained that Trustees may be asked to approve a deficit budget, and further explained that boards are allowed to provide to the Ministry with a 1% deficit budget amount as part of the approved budget process. He noted that the inability to balance the funding loss without significant costs to the system is a concern. He noted that he is continuing to work through the budget and planned to present the budget at the June 6, 2023 Board Meeting.</p> <p>Moved by David Shortt, seconded by Greg Agar</p>
#2023-88 Letter to Minister of Education on Transportation Funding Formula for 2023-24	<p>"I move that the Chair, on behalf of the Board, send a letter to the Minister of Education outlining the negative impact the new transportation funding formula has on our budget. This letter should specifically mention that our budget was previously balanced and is now in a deficit position. The letter should also identify the key pressure points."</p> <p>CARRIED.</p> <p>Moved by David Shortt, seconded by Ruth Ann Dodman,</p>
#2023-89 Meeting with Ministry of Education Staff on Funding Changes for 2023-24	<p>"I move that LKDSB Trustees direct Administration to meet with the appropriate Ministry of Education staff to explain in detail the negative impact that funding changes will have on student programming and to advocate that the funding formula be reconsidered."</p> <p>CARRIED.</p> <p>Moved by Roberta Northmore, seconded by Angela Richards,</p>

#2023-90

Letter to Minister of
Education on Indigenous
Education Funding for
2023-24

“I move that the Chair, on behalf of the Board, write a letter to the Ministry, OPSBA, any other Ministry/agencies, and four First Nations impacted, as the funding short fall will force the LKDSB to regress with respect to the Board and the Ministry of Education’s commitment to continuing to move towards reconciliation by addressing *Truth and Reconciliation Call to Action #62.1, Make age-appropriate curriculum on residential schools, Treaties, and Aboriginal peoples’ historical and contemporary contributions to Canada a mandatory education requirement for Kindergarten to Grade Twelve students.* I strongly recommend that the letter outlines the Education Service Agreements with the First Nations and the LKDSB’s commitment to enhance First Nation Education.”

CARRIED.

Moved by Jane Bryce, seconded by Jack Fletcher,

#2023-91

Letter to local Members of
Provincial Parliament
(MPP) on Funding for
2023-24

“That an information letter be sent to the three local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP) to make them aware of the local impact from the changes to the Grants for Student Needs (GSN) funding formulas for 2023-2024.”

CARRIED.

A Trustee asked if the coterminous board is feeling the same pressures as the LKDSB in terms of the FNMI funding changes. Associate Director McKay responded that he recently spoke with his colleague at the St. Clair Catholic District School Board and they are experiencing proportionately the same impact as the LKDSB.

Trustees who attended the Multicultural Fair at Chatham Kent Secondary School remarked that it was an amazing experience and Student Trustee Ali was praised for her part in organizing the successful day.

Notices of Motion

None.

Announcements

The 2023-2024 School Year Calendar approved by Trustees at the February 14, 2023 Board Meeting has been approved by the Ministry of Education and is posted on the LKDSB website.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at the Sarnia Education Centre at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business of the Board, Chair Campbell declared the Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Director of Education and
Secretary of the Board