

PRESENT:

- Trustees: Chair Randy Campbell, Greg Agar, Jack Fletcher, Malinda Little, Roberta Northmore, Angela Richards, joining virtually, and David Shortt
- Student Trustees: Graysen Bathe-Minard, joining virtually, and Darshan Shah, joining virtually
- Staff: Director of Education John Howitt, Associate Director Brian McKay, Superintendents of Education Angie Barrese, Emily Dixon, Gary Girardi, Ben Hazzard, and Mary Mancini
- Regrets: Vice-Chair Robertson, Trustees Janet Barnes, Jane Bryce, and Ruth Ann Dodman, Student Trustee Makaiyah Stonefish, and Executive Assistant to the Director Jaime Shannon
- Recording Secretary: Bonnie Gotelaer, Administrative Assistant to the Director
- Call to Order: Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- Chair Campbell read LKDSB Procedural By-Laws Section 3.19 *Decorum at Board Meetings*.
- #2024-17
Approval of the Agenda
Moved by David Shortt, seconded by Roberta Northmore,
"That the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of December 12, 2023 be approved as amended with the movement of Presentation 10. a) to 10. c)."
CARRIED.
Chair Campbell read the Traditional Territorial Acknowledgement.
- Declaration of Conflict of Interest
None.
- #2024-18
Approval of the Minutes
Nov/14/2023
Moved by Greg Agar, seconded by Jack Fletcher,
"That the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 14, 2023."
CARRIED.
- #2024-19
Approval of the Minutes
Nov/21/2023
Moved by David Shortt, seconded by Roberta Northmore,
"That the Board approve the Minutes of the Organization Board Meeting of November 21, 2023."
CARRIED.
- Business Arising
None.
- #2024-20
Motions Emanating from
the Regular Board Private
Session
Moved by Malinda Little, seconded by Greg Agar,
"That the Board approve personnel matter item 8 a) from the private session agenda."
CARRIED.

#2024-21
Action of the Regular
Board Private Session be
the Action of the Board

Moved by Malinda Little, seconded by Roberta Northmore,
“That the Action of the Board in Private Session be the Action of the Board.”

CARRIED.

Presentation – LKDSB
Long-Term Student
Enrolment Projections

Associate Director McKay introduced Jack Ammendolia from Watson & Associates Economists Ltd., a demographics and planning consultant the LKDSB works with to produce and update the enrolment projections. He relayed that the Pupil Accommodation Report will be brought to Trustees at a later date.

Mr. Ammendolia reviewed the enrolment projections, which include a review of the Board’s enrolments from existing residential dwellings as well as impacts from new and planned residential developments and 2021 census data. He reported there are changing conditions across Ontario, including changing demographics, housing availability and affordability, economic uncertainties, and legislative reforms, and to have all of these changes at once is unique. He reviewed the population changes seen in areas across the Board from the years 2016 to 2021, and noted that while some areas are growing at a relatively stable rate, some areas are not growing, and some are seeing significant changes. He explained that enrolment impacts include population and demographic trends, births, historical enrolment patterns, and enrolment share. He reported that in the Board’s catchment area, populations have declined in the past but are now stabilizing, which is common across Ontario, the number of total occupied dwellings has increased by 1,728, the elementary participation rate has increased by 2%, the secondary participation rate has increased by 5.1%, and birth rates across the district have been stable. He noted that growth rates used to be rated on birth rates, but now residential housing increase is included which helps in planning, budgeting, and staffing long-term. He reported that the target range for utilization is 90-110%, and for 2023-2024, the elementary facility utilization rate is 78% for elementary and 66% for secondary. He explained that student enrolment has stabilized and over the next 10 years, elementary enrolment is expected to increase by 8% and secondary enrolment is expected to increase by 6%.

Following a Trustee question, Mr. Ammendolia confirmed that the model for projections includes immigration rates.

A Trustee asked if there were plans for a secondary school in St. Clair Township, following questions he has received from community members. Associate Director McKay responded that these are the types of questions that would be considerations in future planning based on the data received.

Presentation – December
Math Achievement Action
Plan Update

Superintendent Hazzard introduced Nicole Beuckelare, System Coordinator of Math, Tanya Steel, Elementary Math Facilitator, and Rhodri Goodall, Secondary Math Facilitator, who were in attendance to provide Trustees with an update on the LKDSB Math Achievement Plan, as part of the Ministry requirements. It was reported that there are priority schools receiving supports in Grades 3, 6, and 9, which can be found in Appendix 1 of Report B-24-14, there are 7 Math Facilitators in elementary and there are 2 Math Facilitators in secondary. The intervention timelines were reviewed, which include diagnostics to determine the first focus of intervention in September and October,

intervention from November to January, mid-point diagnostic in January and February, intervention from February to May, and post-diagnostic in May and June. It was reported that Math Facilitators completed intervention diagnostic assessments for Grade 3 students on addition and subtraction and for Grade 6 students on multiplication and division, which determine the first area of instructional focus. Student success stories with the intervention methods of Number Talks and games were shared. It was relayed that the secondary Math Facilitator role is different than the elementary Math Facilitator role as they are in the classroom during different points of the curriculum, and the teacher will change their lesson plans based on the timing of the Math Facilitator visit. It was explained that they work with students who are considered at risk as well as those who are working above grade level, which allows the teacher to deliver the regular curriculum. It was reported that 1,290 elementary students and 190 secondary students have been directly supported by a Math Facilitator.

A Trustee commented that what was reported seemed to be making math more fun for students and that it was a thinking process rather than memorization. Superintendent Hazzard noted that it is important to determine the starting point for each student and work from there, as confidence translates into well-being.

A Trustee asked how the Key Performance Indicator of Improvement is defined and measured. Superintendent Hazzard explained that the chart shows the strategies graduating from simple to more complicated and the aim is for students to move to the right or even off the chart. Director Howitt added that this is de-mystifying math and is about students meeting their potential. He added that the EQAO results are a tangible number and is hoping that they provide an indication of improvement.

Presentation – Director’s
Snapshots of Excellence

Director Howitt presented the [Director’s Snapshots of Excellence for the period of September to December 2023](#).

Delegations

None.

Parent Involvement
Committee Report
Report B-24-08

Director Howitt referred Trustees to the report on the November 13, 2023 Parent Involvement Committee meeting, which was included the Board Agenda package.

Indigenous Liaison
Committee Report
Report B-24-09

Trustee Northmore reported to Trustees on the November 23, 2023 Indigenous Liaison Committee (ILC) meeting. She relayed that the report from Aamjiwnaang First Nation included a future policy for bookings and maintenance of The Learning Lodge, the report from Eelünaapéwi Lahkéwiit included attendance of Naahii Ridge Public School students at the November 8, 2023 Indigenous Veteran’s Day service, attendance of Ridgetown District High School students at Lambton College for the post-secondary Indigenous information session, and a note that busing continues to be an ongoing issue for special education students, and the report from Kettle and Stony Point First Nation included their continued work on filling the vacant positions of Principal of Hillside School and Indigenous Lead. She relayed that Mental Health Lead Katie Colameco shared there is no Indigenous representation on the Community Resolution Table and Indigenous Lead Dallas Sinopole reported that his new office is located at Queen Elizabeth II Public School, the Board

	<p>Action Plan is being finalized, and he has been invited to sit on the Steering Committee for Language Revitalization.</p>
<p>Ontario Public School Boards' Association Update (OPSBA) Report B-24-10</p>	<p>Trustee Fletcher noted that Vice-Chair Robertson is the OPSBA Delegate following the Board Organization Meeting and directed Trustees to the report she prepared in the Board Agenda package. He reported that the OPSBA Public Education Symposium (PES) will be held on January 25 and 26, 2024 and he encouraged Trustees to attend the April 6, 2024 Regional Meeting hosted by Avon Maitland District School Board. He relayed that the OPSBA annual Advocacy Day was held on November 27, 2023 and included five themes and key messages for the meetings with Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP): Mental Health Supports; Student Transportation; Indigenous Education; School Capital and Facilities; and Grants for Student Needs.</p>
<p>Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report B-24-11</p>	<p>Trustee Little reported to Trustees on the November 16 2023 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting. She relayed that Carla Wilson, System Coordinator of Student Achievement Elementary, presented on the Science of Reading and Cori Savo, Student Support Services/Well-Being Coordinator, presented on Neuro Diversities. She noted that the next meeting will be held on December 14, 2023.</p>
<p>Student Senate Report B-24-12</p>	<p>Student Trustee Shah reported to Trustees on the Student Senate meeting held on December 4, 2023. He relayed that Trustee Northmore was introduced as a new Trustee Mentor following the Board Organization Meeting, Superintendent Dixon provided a presentation on Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Justice, and a discussion on school washrooms took place. He noted that the Student Trustee election will take place on February 21, 2024 at Wallaceburg District Secondary School.</p>
<p>LKDSB Long-Term Student Enrolment Projections Report B-24-13</p>	<p>Associate Director McKay relayed Trustees to the report and the Appendices as follow-up to the information shared during the presentation at the beginning of the meeting.</p> <p>A Trustee asked when the Pupil Accommodation Report was expected and if the numbers presented will be included in the report. Associate Director McKay responded that the numbers will be included in the Pupil Accommodation Report, which is planned to be shared with Trustees in February 2024.</p>
<p>December Math Achievement Action Plan Update Report B-24-14</p>	<p>Superintendent Hazzard noted the report contained information presented at the beginning of the meeting along with further information on the Key Performance Indicators. He noted there is a presentation planned for the January 23, 2024 Board Meeting with Superintendent Mancini.</p>
<p>Correspondence</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>Trustee Questions</p>	<p>A Trustee asked where the LKDSB stands on its policy on cellular phones in schools. Director Howitt responded there is no current plan to explore a change to the Board's current policies on cellular phone use in schools. He explained that there are expectations and classroom staff is asked to use judgement on cellular phone use in the classroom for instructional purposes and staff are directed to not use cellular phones during instructional time. He added that</p>

there are situations where cellular phones are used inappropriately and these incidents are monitored. He noted there is a current lawsuit in place against social media platforms for addictive behaviour being coded into the platforms.

Notices of Motion

None.

Announcements

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on January 23, 2024 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 8:43 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Director of Education and
Secretary of the Board