

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF
KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2019 AT 6:15 P.M.
ROY H. WILFONG BOARDROOM, EDUCATION CENTRE
AT 1994 FISHER DRIVE, PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO**

PRESENT

Diane Lloyd (Chairperson of the Board), Sarah Bobka (Vice-chairperson of the Board), Cathy Abraham, Terry Brown, Cyndi Dickson, Kailee Dupuis, Rose Kitney, Jaine Klassen Jeninga, Angela Lloyd, Shirley Patterson, Steve Russell, Jorja Darrington (Student Trustee), and Justine Mackay (Student Trustee).

Regrets: Nil.

Absent: Nil.

Also Present: J. Leclerc, C. Arnew, A. Duncan, S. Girardi, G. Ingram, P. Mangold, J. Nigro, G. Tompkins, J. Tompkins; G. Kidd, and L. Burton.

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

The Chairperson recognized and acknowledged that the Board is meeting on the traditional territory of the Mississauga First Nations.

2. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Dickson
Seconded by: Trustee Patterson

(19-159) That the Board move into Committee of the Whole, In-camera (6:15 p.m.).
CARRIED

The Open Session of the meeting resumed at 7:00 p.m.

3. **NATIONAL ANTHEM AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

The meeting opened with the singing of the National Anthem followed by a Moment of Silence.

4. **CHARACTER ATTRIBUTE – STUDENT TRUSTEE**

Student Trustee Justine Mackay spoke to this month's character attribute, *Optimism*.

5. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee A. Lloyd
Seconded by: Trustee Abraham

(19-160) **That the agenda be adopted to include the following topics under Board Member Additions:**

- Peterborough Pride Parade
- Millbrook South Cavan Public School Open House
- Colborne Public School
- Kids Help Phone
- Community Appreciation
- The New Havelock Rail Magazine
- Port Hope Fall Fair
- Orono Fall Fair
- Change of Seasons

CARRIED

6. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

7. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

7.1 **Regular Board Meeting – Thursday, June 20, 2019**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Patterson
Seconded by: Trustee Kitney

(19-161) **That the minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on Thursday, June 20, 2019 be adopted as amended with minor changes to Item 17, page 10.**

CARRIED

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Abraham
Seconded by: Trustee Dickson

(19-162) **That the minutes for the Special Board meeting held on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 be adopted as recorded.**

CARRIED

8. **EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

8.1 **KPR Summer School Experiences - 2019**

Chairperson D. Lloyd recognized John McNutt, President and CEO and Executive Assistant Cody McIntyre of Junior Achievement of Peterborough, Lakeland, Muskoka. John McNutt has been a key partner in support of the Board through their entrepreneurship programming with our schools and support in establishing the Trades Advisory Committee which KPR participates in.

G. Ingram, Superintendent of Education spoke to the KPR Summer School program, which has evolved over the past years. He noted that the Travel for Credit and START programs were implemented this summer with great success. Superintendent Ingram introduced John Ford, Principal, Secondary Program, Karen Cummings, Instructional Leadership Consultant–Literacy and Marsha Hanak, Instructional Leadership Consultant–Math/Numeracy and made notable mention of teachers D. Donald, T. Turkington, C. Vajda and N. Payette.

John Ford, Karen Cummings, and Marsha Hanak presented a slideshow on the Summer School Experiences of 2019.

J. Ford spoke to the Civics and Careers program which included two weeks of eLearning along with two weeks of travel to Ottawa, Montreal and New York City. The second travel credit was Grade 11 University English (ENG3U) which included two weeks of eLearning along with two weeks of travel to England. A video log created by a student, was shared with Board members.

Karen Cummings spoke to the literacy component of the program and how it was integrated into the START program. Marsh Hanak shared information on math/numeracy and how the students gained knowledge on measurement along with calculating materials required to build their summer project. A presentation was shared which displayed comments from both parents/guardians and students. Staff will follow-up with the students from this program later in their Grade 9 year.

Questions and discussion followed the presentation.

9. **DELEGATIONS**

9.1 **DELEGATIONS (10 minutes)**

Nil.

9.2 **DELEGATIONS (3 minutes)**

Nil.

9.3 **DISPOSITION OF DELEGATION CONCERNS**

Nil.

10. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Nil

11. **STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT**

Student Trustee Jorja Darrington shared information regarding the start of school for new secondary students. Trustee Darrington noted that Link Crews were available to new incoming Grade 9 students. They assisted with the Grade 9s transitioning to the school along with sharing the exciting new opportunities available to them (i.e. clubs and extra-curricular activities).

Student Trustee Justine Mackay spoke to school start-up at several schools across the system along with the OSTA-AECO experiences gained over the summer months.

Chairperson of the Board, D. Lloyd thanked the Student Trustees for their first report to the Board along with congratulating them on their new roles with OSTA-AECO.

12. **DECISION ITEMS**

12.1 **COMMITTEE DECISION REPORTS**

12.1.1 **Special Education Advisory Committee Report**

Committee Chairperson A. Lloyd reported that the committee met on September 10, 2019. An overview of the Special Education department budget with a focus on the structure of staffing was provided. The committee received information on the Special Education Plan. Trustee A. Lloyd noted all school boards are required to maintain a Special Education Plan which must be reviewed and submitted to the Ministry annually. The KPR Special Education Plan consists of 20 standards and as part of the annual

review, the SEAC members are to review the standards and supply feedback.

The Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough submitted correspondence stating Deb Reid had retired from the organization. As a result, they were nominating Kathy Traynor as the new representative to SEAC. The recommendation was adopted that the resignation be received, and the appointment be approved.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee A. Lloyd
Seconded by: Trustee Kitney

(19-163)

That the resignation of Deb Reid, representative to the Special Education Advisory Committee for the Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough, be accepted with regret and sincere appreciation for her advocacy and support of students with special needs.

CARRIED

It was,

Moved by: Trustee A. Lloyd
Seconded by: Trustee Patterson

(19-164)

That Kathy Traynor be appointed to the Special Education Advisory Committee for the Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough, for the balance of the current four-year term ending in 2022.

CARRIED

It was,

Moved by: Trustee A. Lloyd
Seconded by: Trustee Bobka

(19-165)

That the Special Education Advisory Committee Report, dated September 24, 2019, be received for information.

CARRIED

12.1.2 **Audit Committee Report**

Committee Chairperson Bobka reported that the committee met on September 16, 2019 where it was noted that each year the external auditors provide a summary of school audits to the committee. In June 2019, six schools were audited with the results being very positive. There were no significant issues noted. The draft Regional Internal Audit Plan for 2019-2020 will include a school generated funds and enrollment audit. The Transportation Review

Audit Report which involved Student Transportation of Central Ontario (STSCO), and a follow up to the Efficiency and Effectiveness (E&E) Review in 2013 was reviewed with the Committee. The five findings were discussed.

The members of the Board asked questions of clarification regarding the five findings and implementation.

Chairperson Bobka noted that the committee is currently seeking an external member.

The committee also received a summary of audits conducted by the Regional Internal Audit Team (RIAT), which was requested at the June Audit Committee meeting.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Bobka
Seconded by: Trustee Brown

(19-166)

That the 2019-2020 Regional Internal Audit Plan be approved.

CARRIED

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Bobka
Seconded by: Trustee Brown

(19-167)

That the Audit Committee Report, dated September 24, 2019, be received for information.

CARRIED

12.2 **DECISION REPORTS**

12.2.1 **Awards and Scholarships - Crestwood**

Superintendent Mangold reported that Carly Parks, graduate of Crestwood Secondary School, would like to establish an award to be known as "The Grit and Grace Award", to be awarded annually in the amount of \$300 to one female graduating student of Crestwood Secondary School or in the amount of \$150 to two graduating female students of Crestwood Secondary School. Selection of the successful applicant(s) will be made by the Awards Committee at Crestwood Secondary School. The award will continue until the donor and the school mutually agree to terminate this award.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee A. Lloyd
Seconded by: Trustee Abraham

(19-168)

That the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board approve the establishment of The Grit and Grace Award to be awarded annually in the amount of \$300 to one female graduating student of Crestwood Secondary School or in the amount of \$150 to two graduating female students of Crestwood Secondary School who have met the award criteria.

CARRIED

Discussion and questions of clarification occurred regarding gender specific awards. A Board member asked if it was possible to identify the awards available throughout the system along with the gender specific awards. Student Trustees were asked to also discuss this at their next OSTA-AECO meeting.

13. **ONTARIO PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARDS' ASSOCIATION (OPSBA) REPORT**

Trustee Klassen Jeninga, the Board's Delegate Member of OPSBA, noted the Board of Directors' meeting will take place this weekend. She will have further updates following the meeting.

Items to note:

- Civics/Careers course changes are now on hold due to the current negotiations,
- The Federal election guideline is now on-line which may provide some useful information to Board members.

14. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

15. **INFORMATION ITEMS – CONSENT ITEMS**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Abraham
Seconded by: Trustee Kitney

(19-169)

That all information items on the Agenda for the September 24, 2019 Board meeting be received for information.

15.1 **Priorities for the Director of Education 2019-2020 Report**

Director of Education, J. Leclerc spoke to board policy HR-2.2, Performance Evaluation for Senior Administrative Personnel which states that by September of each year, the Director of Education draft the Priorities of the Director of Education based on the Board's strategic plan as well as current educational issues.

The Priorities for 2019-2020 are as follows:

- (a) Board Strategic Priorities – 2019-2022
- (b) Long Term Accommodation Planning – 2020-2025
- (c) Renewed Information/Instructional Technology Plan – 2020-2025
- (d) Student Achievement – Focus on Math

Members of the Board asked questions of clarification, which were answered by members of Senior Administration.

15.2 **Employee Recognition Dinner 2019 Report**

Committee Chairperson C. Abraham spoke to the Employee Recognition Dinner held on June 4, 2019 with 226 individuals attending. The dinner for 2020 will take place on June 3, 2020.

15.3 **Resource Committee Report**

Committee Chairperson A. Lloyd reported that the committee met on September 11, 2019. Trustee A. Lloyd commended the facilities and custodial staff for the work performed over the summer months ensuring the schools were in pristine condition for September.

The increasing elementary enrollment has put pressure on the Board. Trustee A. Lloyd noted plans are being developed to address this and further information will be available in the future.

C. Arnew, Superintendent of Business and Corporate Services provided an update on the James Strath P.S. leased land agreement, noting that an external appraisal of the property was still pending. Currently KPR is leasing the land month-to-month until further notice.

15.4 **Program Review Committee Report**

Committee Chairperson Dickson reported that the committee met on September 17, 2019. The meeting included a comprehensive review of the revised Health and Physical Education Curriculum Grades 1-8, along with an update on the Career Studies Course and implementation.

J. Tompkins, Superintendent of Education, referenced the Health and Physical Education Curriculum document shared with Trustees, pointing out key areas for viewing. Highlights referenced were:

- Two revised expectations in the Kindergarten Program,
- Grades 1-8 had three strands, there are now four,
- Significant revisions to the Human Development and Sexual Health topic,
- Exemption from participation in the Human Development and Sexual Health expectations at the request of the parent,
- Added a Mental Health Literacy topic.

Superintendent Tompkins noted that parents/guardians will now have three options should they wish to exempt their child from the new Human Development and Sexual Health curriculum. Senior Administration will have until the end of November to develop a procedure to support parents through this process.

G. Ingram, Superintendent of Education spoke to Career Studies Course curriculum and implementation, stating that within the secondary program, this is a half-credit course. Superintendent Ingram spoke to the change in the program, which modernizes the course focus. The new curriculum consists of the following strands:

- Developing the Skills, Strategies, and Habits needed to Succeed,
- Exploring and Preparing for the Work World,
- Planning and Financial Management to Help Meet Post-secondary Goals.

15.5 **Parent Involvement Committee Report**

Trustee Kitney reported that the committee met on September 16, 2019 as the final meeting of their term. Judy Malfara, School Liaison and Communications Lead, assisted with the final plan for the fall 2019 Annual Parent Conference. The conference takes place on Saturday, October 19 at Port Hope High School. This year's conference will feature Dr. Michael Ungar as the keynote speaker with the topic "The Risk-Taker's Advantage – How to make Kids More Resilient by Not Bubblewrapping Them" and will be followed by networking opportunities for all attendees.

The motion was **CARRIED**

16. **BOARD MEMBER ADDITIONS**

Trustee Abraham spoke to the Peterborough Pride Parade which took place on Saturday, September 21, 2019. Trustee Abraham commended the huge turnout

from KPR. A thank you was expressed to Superintendent Nigro, for his involvement with a very successful turnout by KPR members.

Trustee A. Lloyd spoke to the Millbrook South Cavan P.S. Open House and Welcome. It was a wonderful event for families and students which also created a fantastic start to the new school year.

Trustee A. Lloyd spoke to the Mental Health in-services held during the summer at the Kirby site. She noted how valuable this course was for all who attended. The course was available to all KPR staff and for the first time, to parents.

Trustee Dickson shared information regarding the Colborne P.S. sculpture unveilings. The sculptures created and donated by Inuit artist, David Piqtoukun, were unveiled on Monday, September 23, 2019 where David spoke of the relevance of each – Perpetual Motion, Kabloona and Shelter.

Trustee Brown noted that Brookside Secondary School students are hosting a Walk-a-Thon in support of the Kids Help Phone. The students have sponsorship from guards, nurses and staff. The Walk-a-Thon will take place within the confines of the schoolyard with Trustee Brown joining them.

Trustee Patterson spoke to the school refresh and restoration projects, which occurred over the summer within her region of the board. Trustee Patterson noted that the staff and students in her area are delighted with the changes.

Trustee Patterson shared news of a new magazine, “The Havelock Rail”. Trustee Patterson noted, she would like to see a section dedicated to the children allowing them to publish their writing. The magazine was shared with members of the Board.

Trustee Klassen Jeninga shared information regarding a package received from C.R. Gummow P.S. She noted within the package was a little note that said “Happy School Startup” and it contained six different greeting cards which they are using as a fundraiser.

Trustee Klassen Jeninga shared information on Port Hope Fall Fair, which was celebrating its 225th anniversary of the first fall wheat harvest in the Port Hope area. Agricultural displays were available for students and families, which included an old, functioning wheat crusher, along with dairy and beef cattle, pigs, a dog show, a Ferrier, and honeybee displays. She noted what a great experience this was for students.

Trustee Klassen Jeninga also shared news that Michael Landsberg, TSN Broadcaster and Mental Health Advocate, will be visiting Cobourg Collegiate Institute on September 25, 2019. He is donating his time for this event in support of mental health.

Trustee Bobka shared information on the Orono Fall Fair, which was celebrating 168 years of operation. The theme this year was "Small Town With A Big Heart". Trustee Bobka noted; as always there were amazing displays of an agriculture nature including livestock, produce, sewing, handwriting and crafts. Many schools participated in this event.

Trustee D. Lloyd shared information on the Peterborough Pride Parade. Trustee D. Lloyd drew attention to how long the parade was, stating it extended for many intersections/blocks. She thanked Superintendent Nigro and his team on the representation of KPR members in this event.

Trustee D. Lloyd shared information on the Change of Seasons hosted at the former Ridpath Jr. P.S. site. Trustee D. Lloyd noted that if Board members had never attended an event like this before, she highly encouraged them to do so.

17. **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

Chairperson D. Lloyd drew attention to the future meeting dates listed in the Board agenda package. The Board reviewed two meeting date changes. A discussion occurred regarding the change of the March 24, 2019 Board meeting to March 31, 2019. Also noted, the Program Review Committee is considering the addition of a June meeting however, the confirmation will be at a later date.

18. **QUESTION PERIOD**

Chairperson D. Lloyd opened the meeting to questions from the floor.

19. **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN-CAMERA SESSION**

19.1 **Resource Committee Report – Recommendation 1**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Bobka
Seconded by: Trustee A. Lloyd

(19-170) **That Board Policy BA-7.1, Student Accommodation-School Boundaries, and Administrative Regulation BA-7.1.1, Student Accommodation-School Boundaries, Agenda Item IC.7.1 considered in the Committee of the Whole Board meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 be upheld.**

CARRIED

20. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Brown
Seconded by: Trustee A. Lloyd

(19-171) That the meeting be adjourned (8:52 p.m.).

CARRIED

Diane Lloyd
Chairperson of the Board

Jennifer Leclerc
Director of Education
and Secretary of the Board