

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

**Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 6:30 P.M.
Roy H. Wilfong Boardroom, Education Centre
1994 Fisher Drive, Peterborough, Ontario**

ATTENDANCE

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, and Student Trustees Jorja Darrington and Justine Mackay.

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

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

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 Klassen Jeninga

Seconded by: Trustee Kitney

(19-226) **That the Board move into Committee of the Whole, In-camera (6:31 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 was opened with the singing of the National Anthem followed by a Moment of Silence.

4. **CHARACTER ATTRIBUTE – STUDENT TRUSTEE**

Student Trustee Jorja Darrington spoke to this month's character attribute, *Respect*.

5. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Abraham
Seconded by: Trustee Patterson

(19-227) **That the agenda be adopted to include the following topics under Board Member Additions:**

- Canadian Music Class Challenge
- Volunteer Appreciation
- North Hope Central Public School
- Percy Centennial Public School
- Three Loonies Fundraiser
- Sharing & Caring Gala
- Orono Public School
- Central Public School
- Community Update

CARRIED

6. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

7. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

7.1 **Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday, November 26, 2019**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Kitney
Seconded by: Trustee Dickson

(19-228) **That the minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 be adopted as recorded.**

CARRIED

7.2 **Emergent Board Meeting – Friday, November 29, 2019**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Klassen Jeninga
Seconded by: Trustee Patterson

(19-229) **That the minutes for the Emergent Board meeting held on Friday, November 29, 2019 be adopted recorded.**

CARRIED

7.3 **Organizational Board Meeting – Tuesday, December 3, 2019**

It was,

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

(19-230)

That the minutes for the Organizational Board meeting held on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 be adopted as recorded.

CARRIED

8. **EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

8.1 **Dr. Bette M. Stephenson Award from Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO)**

Superintendent J. Tompkins congratulated Kenner Collegiate Vocational Institute (KCVI) staff and students for their receipt of the 2018 Dr. Bette M. Stephenson Award from EQAO, noting in the letter received from Dr. S. Reid, Chief Operations Officer of EQAO, it was noted that in the past 3 years, they have met or exceeded the math expectations. Superintendent J. Tompkins noted Principal Knox and staff strive for a learning culture of high expectations with a focus on mathematics. Information collected through student voice was shared regarding teachers who share their time during lunch hours and spare time to assist students with mathematics. Teacher Kristen Longley was commended for her Grade 9 applied mathematics course which runs year-long allowing students the ability to work on their math skills throughout the school year.

Superintendent J. Tompkins called upon principal Jennifer Knox and teacher Kristen Longley to receive their award.

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 Justine Mackay spoke to the activities occurring across KPR during the month of December, noting with the holidays approaching, secondary schools across KPR have been collecting non-perishable food items and donations for food and toy drives. Several secondary schools had holiday plays where admission fees could be a food drive donation.

Student Trustee Mackay stated that the Student Leadership Group recently met via Skype to discuss the main project for the year as well as the upcoming Student Conference being held at Fleming College on April 30, 2020. The group will meet again in January where the newly released Strategic Priorities will assist with the planning of yearly initiatives.

Student Trustees Darrington and Mackay are looking at the possibility of a corporate Student Leadership Group Instagram page, noting Instagram is one of the most efficient and engaging ways to reach out to students across KPR.

12. **DECISION ITEMS**

12.1 **COMMITTEE DECISION REPORTS**

12.1.1 **Report of the Striking Committee**

Chairperson of the Board, D. Lloyd noted that Board Policy B-2.2, Annual Meetings and Committees of the Board, states that the Striking Committee consisting of the Board Chairperson, Vice-chairperson, Past Chairperson and one other trustee review trustee preferences. At the December 3, 2019 meeting, Trustee A. Lloyd was appointed as a member of the Striking Committee. Chairperson D. Lloyd stated trustees previously completed a committee preference form which were reviewed by the committee following the Organizational Board meeting of December 3, 2020. The Committee Membership List was provided to Board members.

Discussion regarding the Expulsion committee and the ability to add another alternate position in future years occurred.

A Board member noted that the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) should have an alternate member assigned. Without a trustee, the committee meeting cannot proceed. Through discussion, the Board chose to defer this to the February 12, 2020 Chairpersons' Committee Meeting.

It was,

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

(19-231)

That Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board approve the 2020 Board Committee Membership List, dated December 17, 2019.

CARRIED

12.2 **DECISION REPORTS**

12.2.1 **Student Information System (SIS) – OECM Agreement**

Superintendent G. Tompkins spoke to the report - Student Information System (SIS) - OECM Agreement, noting that this platform manages every aspect of student information, including all personal, medical, custodial, attendance and achievement information and is the primary source for Ministry OnSIS reporting.

Superintendent G. Tompkins provided a historical overview of KPR's SIS programs used to date, noting the current Trillium program was purchased by PowerSchool in 2017. PowerSchool has notified school boards that they would be ceasing support of the Trillium platform, hence mandating a migration to their SIS platform or individual school boards exploring the option of other available platforms.

Superintendent G. Tompkins reviewed the two options available to KPR, Aspen and PowerSchool, noting to date no Board has signed with PowerSchool although 30 boards have committed to Aspen, which integrates with both Edsby and SparkRock (currently used by KPR).

Both programs would be a budget increase, however Aspen will provide onsite, hands on support from the vendor through the course of the project whereas PowerSchool includes remote support from the vendor.

Should boards choose to move to the Aspen platform, PowerSchool has noted that support for Trillium will cease August 31, 2020, however Edsby has the capability to carry the Board through the implementation of the new system.

Dan Fitzgerald, Chief Information Officer, spoke to the financial aspects of both operating systems along with support that will be

provided to the Board, noting that planning for the transition to a new SIS is already underway.

A lengthy discussion occurred, and Board members asked questions of clarification. Concerns consisted of the following:

- The signing of a ten-year term,
- The unsupported time period,
- Security measures with Edsby,
- Security measures with Aspen,
- Will the current agreement with Edsby provide the necessary support during this time, and
- Effect on staff who routinely use this program.

D. Fitzgerald provided in detail, the following information to Board members:

- A detailed discussion on migration concerns,
- The time involved for a successful migration,
- Edsby agreement/support,
- Current users of the Aspen platform include boards in British Columbia, Saskatchewan and now moving into Ontario,
- The provincial platform in Ontario is Aspen,
- Initially the ICT staff will carry a large amount of the work in preparation for the migration,
- School staff will be supported by members of the ICT team during the roll out.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Abraham
Seconded by: Trustee Bobka

(19-232)

That the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board approve a formal OECM agreement with Fujitsu for the Aspen Student Information System for a ten-year term, at an annual cost of \$393,723.

CARRIED

12.2.2 **Strategic Plan 2019-2022: Excellence in Learning, Life and Community**

Director Leclerc presented a video clip on the Strategic Plan 2019-2022: Excellence in Learning, Life and Community. A plan must identify key priorities for our schools and school board which will direct the Board's planning and decision-making, including how we allocate our budget. The process included a consultation process with Board groups and committees, focus groups (internal and external) along with the use of an online collaboration - Thoughtexchange. Through Trustee Dialogue sessions, Trustees and Senior Administration reviewed the key themes emerging from this process and created our final plan.

Director Leclerc drew attention to pamphlet included within the package, reviewing each page in detail:

Page 2 Collaborating with our Communities
Mission, Vision, Values
Page 3 Strategic Plan 2019-2022
Page 4 The list of people who have owned this process.

Director Leclerc gave recognition to Sonia Paull, Manager, Marketing and Outreach, Corporate Affairs and Greg Kidd, Senior Manager, Corporate Affairs, for their work on this project.

Board members expressed their appreciation for the way their words were reflected within this document.

It was,

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

(19-233)

That the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board *Strategic Plan 2019-2022: Excellence in Learning, Life and Community*, including revisions to the Board's Mission, Vision and Values, be approved.

CARRIED

12.2.3 **Student Trustee Election Policy Update**

Student Trustee Darrington spoke to Board Policy B-1.5, Student Trustees, explaining the current KPR process for Student Trustee elections.

Student Trustee Mackay spoke to the new O. Regulation 354/18 document which states that an election for a student trustee

position for a one-year term of office shall be held no later than the last day of February each year, noting that the current policy would need to be modified to reflect the new date or implement a new two-year term policy which would allow the date to remain the same.

Student Trustee Darrington spoke to the pros of a one-year term noting that the current process provides the opportunity for more students to experience this valuable role.

Student Trustee Mackay spoke to the new process of a two-year term noting this allows for a mentorship/partnership for the new incoming student trustee, building confidence, and providing experience.

A discussion and questions of clarification occurred. Items included:

- Experiences and learning opportunities with out-going student trustees,
- The ability for students to express their willingness to stay for a second year,
- The addition of an Indigenous Student Trustee,
- The inclusion of Indigenous students,
- The involvement of the Student Leadership Group.

Several members of the Board noted that the current process is working and they could not see the need to change it. The current process allows the opportunity for more students to become involved and experience sitting at the Board table. It was recommended that perhaps a more detailed consultation with the Student Leadership Group occur.

Several members of the Board spoke to the benefit of a two-year term.

Student Trustees admitted they are divided on the best option for KPR, noting one-year provides more opportunity where two-years offer consistency and mentorship for KPR.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Kitney
Seconded by: Trustee Dickson

(19-234)

That the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board maintain a one-year term of office for Student Trustees and revise

Board Policy B-1.5 - Student Trustees, to reflect a new February election date.

CARRIED

A Board member stated that they would not support the above-mentioned motion.

Clarification was provided that the Student Trustees may collect extra information and return to the table at a later date.

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

Nil.

14. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

15. **INFORMATION ITEMS – CONSENT ITEMS**

Nil.

16. **BOARD MEMBER ADDITIONS**

Trustee Abraham spoke to the awards received from the Canadian Music Class Challenge, noting two awards were received by KPR placing them in the top 10 Finalists in CBC Music Class Challenge. A video clip showing the performance by Newcastle Public School was displayed. Newcastle P.S. placed second in their category of Elementary Vocal-Grades 4 - 6 along with The Oakridge Music Percussion from Colborne, ON placing second in their category.

Trustee Russell spoke to Volunteer Appreciation, stating he was expressing his appreciation to two community groups, the volunteers at the Theatre Guild who hosted the performance of the Paper Bag Princess where hundreds of KPR students were in attendance along with the volunteer musicians who fill in as the pit band for musical productions at Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School. Their help is greatly appreciated!

Trustee Klassen Jeninga spoke to her attendance at the North Hope Central Public School's Annual Christmas Luncheon, noting North Hope is one of the few schools who still host a sit-down lunch for students and staff. This year, members of the Breakfast Club of Canada attended the luncheon and provided face painting, and arts and crafts in the afternoon for all students.

Trustee Kitney spoke to the Sharing and Caring Gala at Roger Neilson Public School which was hosted by the Breakfast Program. She spoke to the

excitement within the school as students saw Santa and had the opportunity to go to the library and pick a toy for themselves as well as a sibling or a friend. Spin Master Canada donated toys for the students.

Trustee Patterson spoke to Percy Centennial Public School where Principal Gray has transformed an unused portion of space into a nice area for the students by adding small adirondack chairs and a table making this an outdoor classroom space.

Trustee A. Lloyd mentioned that North Cavan Public School will host a sit-down turkey dinner on December 18, 2019 for students, staff and volunteers.

Trustee A. Lloyd spoke to the annual fundraiser “The Three Loonies on the Street” who just completed their 19th year, where the generosity of the community was amazing, raising over \$140,000 for the Kawartha Food Share.

Trustee Bobka stated Orono Public School sang the National Anthem in 3 languages (English, French and Ojibwe) at the Peterborough Petes’ game on Thursday, December 5, 2019 with over 177 students, staff and parents attending the game. Teacher A. Winslow was very proud of the students’ performance and the students were thrilled with their picture on the front page of the Orono Times.

Trustee Bobka spoke to Central Public School being designated as a historical property by the municipality of Clarington, noting the school opened in 1889. The property has hosted the circus, carnivals, local softball games and still hosts the staging area for the Santa Claus Parade.

Trustee Dickson spoke to of the many things we should be thankful for at this time of year along with the support from communities during this season; the seniors who volunteer, teachers taking the students out for educational experiences at this time of year, and community volunteers.

Trustee Dickson noted that Colborne Public School and community raised \$15,000 through the Festival Trees, noting the funds collected through this provides excellent opportunities for the students.

Trustee Dickson asked Board members to share any information they may have on the Canadian Breakfast Program and Food for Thought as she was having difficulty connecting with them.

Trustee D. Lloyd spoke to the sit-down turkey luncheon at Apsley Central Public School, noting it was a wonderful experience for all.

17. **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

Chairperson D. Lloyd drew attention to the future meeting dates listed in the Board agenda.

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**

Nil.

20. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was,

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

(19-235) That the meeting be adjourned (9:06 p.m.).

CARRIED

Diane Lloyd
Chairperson of the Board

Jennifer Leclerc
Director of Education
and Secretary of the Board