

KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Roy H. Wilfong Boardroom, Education Centre, Peterborough, ON

ATTENDANCE

Present: Trustees S. Russell (Committee Chairperson), D. Lloyd (Chairperson of the Board), S. Bobka (Vice-chairperson of the Board), C. Abraham, C. Dickson, K. Dupuis and J. Klassen Jeninga.

Also Present: Trustees T. Brown and A. Lloyd; and J. Tompkins, G. Ingram, J. Ford, J. Outram, G. Payne and L. Haemel.

Due to the current health advisory and public health measures in place provincially, the meeting was available for committee members to attend in person or virtually using the WebEx Platform and livestreamed through the KPR YouTube channel.

Call to Order and Land Acknowledgment

Trustee S. Russell, Committee Chairperson, called the meeting to order (7:00 p.m.) and welcomed members and guests to the meeting. It was acknowledged that the Committee was meeting on the traditional territory of the Mississauga First Nations.

Adoption of Agenda

MOVED BY C. Abraham, SECONDED BY J. Klassen Jeninga

That the agenda be adopted as printed and amended by moving items 8.2 and 8.3 before item 7.2.

CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes

MOVED BY D. Lloyd, SECONDED BY C. Abraham

That the Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, be adopted as recorded.

CARRIED

2020 Summer Learning Program

Superintendent J. Tompkins reported that the Summer Learning Program has been running in all regions of the Board for the past fifteen years. The program has provided instruction for primary students who are struggling in the areas of literacy and numeracy. The aim of the Summer Learning Program is to support our students in minimizing the impact of summer vacation on learning essential skills and preparing for September.

Funding in the amount of \$60,000 was received from the Council of Ontario Directors of Education (CODE) to support the 2020 Summer Learning Program.

The Summer Learning Program was held in July 2020, with approximately 80 students registered to participate in online synchronous learning offered to Grades 1, 6 and English Language Learners (ELL) students from across KPRDSB.

Prior to the start of the 2020 Summer Learning Program numeracy and literacy instructors met and shared best practices. Math consultants reviewed with instructors the importance of basic numeration skills and making math learning fun and engaging. Teachers learned with and from other teachers to their build capacity in numeracy skills through effective pedagogy in a virtual environment.

During the 2020 Summer Learning Program, Special Education Resource Teachers were attached to each online learning classroom to provide additional support and to add a variety of strategies to meet the needs of all learners. Instructors were able to target the specific learning needs of the child based on their strengths and areas of need that were identified during the registration process and provided a written report to parents at the end of the program. This information was also shared with the home school of each child.

Discussion was held and questions of clarification were addressed. A Trustee also suggested that the Board send a letter of appreciation to CODE for their continued financial support of the Summer Learning Program.

MOVED BY C. Dickson, SECONDED BY S. Bobka
That the 2020 Summer Learning Program report dated November 10, 2020 be received for information.

CARRIED

2020 Secondary Summer School Programming

Superintendent G. Ingram reported that KPRDSB has been running secondary summer school programming for many years in all three regions of the Board. It was further reported that in addition to KPRDSB students, summer programming has also been accessed by students from Peterborough Victoria Northumberland Catholic and Trillium Lakelands District School Boards.

It was explained that students have traditionally enrolled in summer school to repeat a failed course, balance their schedule in their home school and/or accelerate the completion of their diploma. Summer school also allows students to meet the requirements of some Specialist High School Major programs that they cannot complete during the school year. Typically, there are 800 students enrolled in KPRDSB Summer School for both face to face and eLearning courses.

It was reported that the 2019-2020 school year presented new challenges for our education system with the onset of a global pandemic and as a result, summer programming was also impacted. On May 19, 2020, the province unveiled an expanded

summer learning plan for Ontario students to give them the opportunity to continue their learning through the summer months and support their preparation for a return to learning in September 2020.

It was explained that KPRDSB's summer virtual learning program included both synchronous and asynchronous core courses for students in Grades 9 to 12 with 800 students registered and another 400 enrolled in courses offered by our staff and teachers from our partner boards through an asynchronous model. It was reported that overall, students were granted 832 credits, which is a 94% success rate.

It was reported that 40 students participated in summer cooperative education opportunities. It was also reported that we supported a cooperative education program in partnership with Curve Lake First Nation specific to students from Curve Lake. 66 credits were earned in total.

In addition to the traditional programming, 202 Grade 8 students earned a credit prior to starting secondary school and the Focus on Youth summer program continued with 26 students participating. Students in the Focus on Youth summer program earned a credit and developed skills to remove barriers to employment and career/job opportunities.

MOVED BY J. Klassen Jeninga, SECONDED BY C. Abraham
That the 2020 Secondary Summer School Programming report, dated November 10, 2020, be received for information.

CARRIED

Teaching and Learning Elementary and Secondary Support Team 2020-2021 Update

Superintendents J. Tompkins and G. Ingram presented the consultants and administrative staff that support the system in meeting the curriculum requirements within our Board.

Review of Board Policy ES-3.7, Second Language Programs

Superintendent J. Tompkins reported that in accordance with Board Policy B-1.1, Board Operation and Policy Development, the normal policy review period is five years. Board Policy ES-3.7, Second Language Programs was last revised in November 2010.

A review was undertaken to ensure alignment with current Ministry expectations and practices, which resulted in major changes being made.

In response to Ministry of Education curriculum revisions and framework updates, the Policy was reviewed with the intent of rescinding and re-establishing separate policies for Second Language Programs as follows:

- Second Language Programs – French as a Second Language
- Second Language Programs – Indigenous Language Program
- Second Language Programs – English Language Learners/English Language Development

It was highlighted that the process to review the Policy included:

- Ongoing consultation and collaboration with leadership and consultants within the Teaching and Learning Department as well as First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Education.
- Review of relevant curriculum and companion documents.
- Drafts of the proposed policies were shared in February 2020 with Senior Administration and the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee in May 2020.

A copy of the existing Policy is included in Appendix A. Copies of the proposed draft policies with revisions suggested by the Program Review Committee are appended to the report as Appendices B, C, and D.

Discussion was held and additional questions of clarification were addressed.

MOVED BY C. Abraham, SECONDED BY C. Dickson

That the that the Board Policy ES-3.7, Second Language Programs, be rescinded and re-established reflecting the changes discussed as follows:

- **ES-3.15, French Language**
- **ES-3.16, Indigenous Language Program**
- **ES-3.17, English Language Learners/English Language Development Program**

MOVED BY J. Klassen Jeninga, SECONDED BY C. Abraham

That the meeting be extended (9:00 p.m.).

CARRIED

Future Meeting Dates

Future meeting dates for the 2020-2021 school year were reviewed. The next meeting of the Program Review Committee will be held in the Roy H. Wilfong Boardroom at the Education Centre, 1994 Fisher Drive, Peterborough, at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 2021.

Adjournment

MOVED BY C. Abraham, SECONDED BY C. Dickson

That the meeting be adjourned (9:07 p.m.).

CARRIED

Steve Russell
Committee Chairperson