

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

**Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 6:15 P.M.
Roy H. Wilfong Boardroom, Education Centre
1994 Fisher Drive, Peterborough, Ontario**

Due to the current health advisory, the meeting was held virtually using the WebEx Platform and livestreamed through the KPR YouTube Channel.

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, Emilio Ojeda, Steve Russell, and Student Trustees Roan Haggerty-Goede and Justine Mackay.

Also Present: J. Leclerc, C. Arnew, J. Brake, A. Duncan, S. Girardi, G. Ingram, J. Maliha, G. Tompkins, J. Tompkins; R. Russo, G. Kidd, and L. Burton.

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

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:16 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 Russell
Seconded by: Trustee A. Lloyd

(20-239) That the Board move into Committee of the Whole, In-camera (6:16 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 Roan Haggerty-Goede spoke to this month's character attribute, ***Courage***.

ACCOLADE PRESENTATION

Cameron Douglas – Teacher of the Youth Leadership in Sustainability Program, Peterborough Alternative and Continuing Education at Peterborough Collegiate & Vocational School (PACE at PCVS). Recipient of the Ontario Teachers’ Insurance Plan (OTIP) and the Ontario Teachers’ Federation (OTF) – OTIP Teaching Award for Excellence.

The OTIP Teaching Awards recognize the vital contribution that teachers make to society. Awards are given each year to outstanding teachers who show dedication, motivation and inspiration. Past and present students, parents and colleagues may nominate a teacher who inspires students to succeed.

Superintendent G. Ingram spoke to Cameron Douglas’ Award stating that Cameron himself represents three words; he is perseverant, committed and a person of action (walks the talk) and noted the Youth Leadership in Sustainability Program itself has courses in world issues, environmental research management, sustainability and English Contemporary Aboriginal Voices.

A YouTube video was played for Board members.

D. Lloyd, Chairperson of the Board, provided a warm congratulations to C. Douglas for this award.

5. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Kitney
Seconded by: Trustee Dickson

(20-240) **That the agenda be adopted as printed.**

CARRIED

6. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

7. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

7.1 **Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday, October 27, 2020**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Russell
Seconded by: Trustee Ojeda

(20-241) **That the minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 be adopted as amended.**

CARRIED

7.2 **Special Board Meeting – Thursday, November 5, 2020**

It was,

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

(20-242) **That the minutes for the Special Board meeting held on Thursday, November 5, 2020 be adopted as recorded.**

CARRIED

8. **EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

Nil.

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Chairperson D. Lloyd noted that this is the last meeting for year two of the four-year term and spoke to many challenges of the past year. D. Lloyd stated many have become very familiar with WebEx and can now accommodate all sorts of meetings virtually, are interview experts due to a record number of retirements, along with the summer of 2020 being the first year with no break during the summer months due to the pandemic and hiring processes.

Chairperson D. Lloyd thanked trustees for their support and dedication to the students of Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board (KPR) over the past year. She thanked the Director and Senior Administrative team for their support throughout 2019-2020 and for their extensive work to ensure students and staff have a safe return to school.

PRESENTATION TO CHAIRPERSON

Director Leclerc spoke to Chairperson D. Lloyd's leadership during a year like no other, and her dedication and commitment during the past year. J. Leclerc presented a gift of appreciation.

PRESENTATION TO VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Director Leclerc spoke to Vice-chairperson S. Bobka's contributions over the past year, stating she is a vital person at the Board table. J. Leclerc presented Trustee Bobka with a gift of appreciation.

Director Leclerc thanked both Chairperson D. Lloyd and Vice-chairperson S. Bobka for their leadership over the past year, noting both are a symbol of calm and strength.

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 TRUSTEES' REPORT**

Student Trustee J. Mackay spoke to the months of October and November where KPR students have participated in Halloween spirit weeks (including black and orange day, jersey day, pajama day), and virtual Remembrance Day ceremonies. Students across the board celebrated Indigenous Awareness Month through informational classroom discussions.

J. Mackay noted that the Student Leadership Group (SLG) met for the first time following the last Board meeting. Conversations with the school representatives provided the opportunity for the Student Trustees to share information on the past Board meetings as well as hearing what is going on in their schools. J. Mackay noted that the Student Trustees are meeting bi-weekly with the SLG staff advisors. Both J. Mackay and R. Haggerty-Goede look forward to working along with Equity leaders within KPR to expand their equity lens.

12. **DECISION ITEMS**

12.1 **COMMITTEE DECISION REPORTS**

12.1.1 **Audit Committee Report**

Trustee Brown stated the committee met in person and virtually on November 9, 2020 where discussions focussed on the Consolidated Financial Statement ending August 31, 2020, Detailed Annual Report of the Audit Committee and the Summarized Annual Report of the Audit Committee to the Ministry of Education. Trustee Brown invited Superintendent Arnew to speak to the report.

Superintendent Arnew reviewed the financial documents with Board members stating the capital surplus of \$14.5 M is due to the anomaly of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. C. Arnew stated this report is brought to the Board annually and once approved the Summarized Annual Report will be sent to the Ministry of Education in January 2021.

Discussion occurred and questions of clarification were asked.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Brown
Seconded by: Trustee Bobka

(20-243)

That the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board Consolidated Financial Statements for the Year Ended August 31, 2020, be approved.

CARRIED

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Brown
Seconded by: Trustee Ojeda

(20-244)

That the Detailed Annual Report of the Audit Committee for the Year Ended August 31, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Brown
Seconded by: Trustee Ojeda

(20-245)

That the Summarized Annual Report of the Audit Committee for the Year Ended August 31, 2020 be approved and forwarded to the Ministry of Education by January 15, 2021.

CARRIED

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Brown
Seconded by: Trustee Russell

(20-246)

That the Audit Committee Report, dated November 24, 2020, be received for information.

CARRIED

12.1.2 **Resource Committee Report**

Trustee A. Lloyd noted the committee met on November 11, 2020 where the topics included 2019-2020 Year-end Financial Variance

Report, Accumulated Surplus/Deficit and Deferred Revenue Report and a Ministry Capital Funding Update.

Trustee A. Lloyd spoke to the variance \$13.658 M which will help offset the additional costs associated with COVID-19 and the lower enrolment numbers due to higher than normal home-schooling requests.

Trustee A. Lloyd spoke to the lack of capital funding being provided to KPR. In July 2020 and again October 30, 2020, the Ministry of Education released the names of school boards who were approved to receive funds to increase pupil places. Although 20 new schools were approved, KPR was not successful on either date. A letter was sent to the Ministry with no response.

Superintendent Arnew spoke to the delay with the Clarington Educational Development Charges (EDCs) by-law, stating they have now been deferred twice. C. Arnew explained that each permit issued in the area would normally provide the Board with \$300 per permit. Should the EDCs not be approved by January 19, 2021, the EDCs will lapse, leaving the Board unable to collect the charges on new permits.

A Board member encouraged reaching out to MPP Lindsey Park and Queen's Park expressing KPR's concerns.

Superintendent Arnew reviewed the surplus funds document with Board members.

Questions of clarification were asked and addressed by Superintendent Arnew.

It was,

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

(20-247)

That Accumulated Surplus transfers be approved, as detailed in the 2019-2020 Accumulated Surplus/Deficit and Deferred Revenue Report, dated November 11, 2020.

CARRIED

It was,

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

(20-248)

That the Chairperson of the Board be directed to write a letter to the Ministry of Education, outlining concerns regarding

the lack of capital funding and the urgent need for a decision on the Education Development Charges by-law approval, to be copied to the Capital Branch, the Ontario Public School Boards' Association, and all Members of Provincial Parliament and municipalities in the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board jurisdiction.

CARRIED

It was,

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

(20-249)

That the Resource Committee Report, dated November 24, 2020, be received for information.

CARRIED

12.1.3 **Program Review Committee Report**

Trustee S. Russell noted that the committee met on November 10, 2020 where information shared included the 2020 Summer Learning Program, Secondary Summer School Programming along with a Review of Board Policy ES-3.7, Second Language Programs.

Trustee Russell stated both Summer programs were very successful.

Trustee Russell reviewed the process for the Second Language policies noting that the previous Board Policy ES-3.7, Second Language Programs will be rescinded and re-established as three policies; ES-3.15, French Language, ES-3.16, Indigenous Language Program and ES-3.17, English Language Learners/English Language Development Program.

Board members expressed their gratitude for the changes made to the policies.

A thank you was provided to Superintendent J. Tompkins for all of the work and guidance he has provided to the Program Review Committee during his tenure. You will be missed!

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Russell
Seconded by: Trustee Dickson

(20-250) That Board Policy ES-3.7, Second Language Programs, be rescinded and re-established reflecting the changes discussed at the Program Review Committee meeting on November 10, 2020 as follows:

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

CARRIED

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Russell
Seconded by: Trustee Abraham

(20-251) That a letter be sent to Jim Costello, Executive Director – Public Council of Ontario Directors of Education (PCODE), expressing gratitude for the funding for the Summer Learning Program.

CARRIED

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Russell
Seconded by: Trustee Dickson

(20-252) That the Program Review Committee Report, dated November 24, 2020, be received for information.

CARRIED

12.2 DECISION REPORTS

12.2.1 Notice of Motion – East City Public School

Trustee S. Russell spoke to the report noting that at the April 28, 2020 Regular Board meeting, the motion 20-076, “That the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board name of the new Peterborough elementary school to be East City Public School”. S. Russell noted at the June 18 Board meeting, representatives from the Kawartha Truth and Reconciliation Support Group and the Community Race Relations Committee of Peterborough appeared as a delegation, requesting that they reconsider the decision to name the new school East City Public School. Board members recommended revisiting this topic at the October 14, 2020 Chairpersons’ Committee Meeting.

After reviewing information shared by the delegates at the October 14, 2020 Chairpersons’ Committee Meeting, Trustee

Russell provided notice of motion at the October 27, 2020 Board meeting requesting the motion be amended to reflect the name to be Kaawaate East City Public School.

Trustee Russell reviewed the report and appendices included in the package. Trustee Russell stated that we are a board that is flexible and humble enough to address important issues if we need to do more to take the right steps. Amending the motion to change the name will fit with KPRs' desire to recognize our Indigenous people and the lands we live on.

Board members had the opportunity to ask questions of clarification which were addressed by members of Senior Administration.

A recorded vote was requested by Student Trustee J. Mackay.

Recorded Vote

<u>Trustee</u>	<u>In favour (Y)</u>	<u>Not in favour (N)</u>
C. Abraham	Y	
S. Bobka	Y	
T. Brown	Y	
C. Dickson	Y	
K. Dupuis	Y	
R. Kitney	Y	
J. Klassen Jeninga	Y	
A. Lloyd	Y	
D. Lloyd	Y	
E. Ojeda	Y	
S. Russell	Y	
J. Mackay	Y	
R. Haggerty-Goede	<u>Y</u>	
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It was,

Moved by: Trustee Russell

Seconded by: Trustee Kitney

(20-253)

That Motion #20-076, be amended so that: the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board name of the new Peterborough elementary school to be Kaawaate East City Public School.

CARRIED

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

Trustee J. Klassen Jeninga, the Board's Delegate Member of OPSBA, stated the next Board of Directors' meeting will take place on Saturday, November 28, 2020. Trustee Klassen Jeninga noted for those who take the regional meetings seriously, the opportunity for small more intimate conversations on vital things (red light items) can occur. The regional meetings contain a lot of very positive conversations. More information will be shared after this meeting.

November 7, 2020 Regional Meeting focus:

- Broadband,
- Transportation,
- TVO and their role in online learning, is this being maintained/funded,
- Government emphasis on parents' choice,
- Remote learning - Funding and delivery to students with special needs,
- Students facing gaps in education and/or those who are marginalized,
- Remote online learning – what will this look like in the future,
- Preliminary discussion on GSNs – OPSBA' role in this,
- Use of reserve funds, will the government replace the money? Or how will it be addressed/reflected,
- Benchmarks to be updated,
- Synchronous learning.

Trustee Klassen Jeninga stated the Public Education Symposium (PES) will be held on January 28, 2021 in a virtual format. Further information will be shared.

14. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

15. **INFORMATION ITEMS – CONSENT ITEMS**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Abraham

Seconded by: Trustee Ojeda

(20-254) That the following agenda items for the November 24, 2020 Board meeting be received for information:

- **Item 15.1 Special Education Advisory Committee Report**
- **Item 15.2 First Nation Education Services Advisory Committee Report**
- **Item 15.3 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Report**
- **Item 15.4 Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee Report**
- **Item 15.5 Parent Involvement Committee Report**
- **Item 15.6 School Closures – Inclement Weather Report**

Requests were made by trustees to pull the following report for comment and/or discussion:

- Item 15.6 School Closures – Inclement Weather Report

The motion was **CARRIED**

15.6 School Closures – Inclement Weather Report

Jennifer Leclerc, Director of Education, spoke to the report providing operational background on the process to be followed. J. Leclerc stated that this report is for this school year only given the health restrictions with COVID-19. The current provincial school reopening guidelines restrict the mixing/combining of cohorts which will be problematic given teachers travel to other regions within KPR (i.e. many new teachers drive from Peterborough to the Clarington region)

Superintendent Girardi stated the current Inclement Weather Administrative Regulation BA-20.1, states if, due to inclement weather, an employee is unable to report to their regular work location, the employee is expected to report to the closest alternate work location. This can be problematic for the Clarington region as a number of staff drive from the Peterborough area.

Director Leclerc noted that it is important to realize that enough staff must be available on-site to safely supervise attending students on an inclement weather day. Should this not be possible to maintain the students in their cohorts, administration will close the schools on a system-wide or regional basis when student transportation is cancelled. Schools will provide at-home learning to students on that day. Virtual school programming on that day will continue as normal.

Board members requested to have notification to parents as early as possible. It was agreed that notification will occur similar to bus cancellations along with the use of radio stations, website and social media.

An in-depth discussion occurred. Questions of clarification were addressed by Senior Administration.

16. BOARD MEMBER ADDITIONS

Nil.

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.

A Board member placed a motion on the floor.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Ojeda
Seconded by: Trustee Dickson

(20-255) **That the Board move back to In-camera session to complete unfinished business at 9:07 p.m.**

CARRIED

The meeting reconvened in Open Session 10:03 p.m.

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

19.1 **Resource Committee Report – Recommendations 1 and 2**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Bobka
Seconded by: Trustee Dickson

(20-256) **That Resource Committee Report, Agenda Item IC.7.7, Recommendation 1 and 2, considered in the Committee of the Whole Board meeting on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 be approved.**

CARRIED

20. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was,

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

(20-257) **That the meeting be adjourned (10:05 p.m.).**

CARRIED

Diane Lloyd
Chairperson of the Board

Jennifer Leclerc
Director of Education
and Secretary of the Board

**Kawartha Pine Ridge
District School Board**