

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

**Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 6:15 P.M.  
Roy H. Wilfong Boardroom, Education Centre  
1994 Fisher Drive, Peterborough, Ontario**

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

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**ATTENDANCE**

Present: Diane Lloyd (Chairperson of the Board), Angela Lloyd (Vice-chairperson of the Board), Cathy Abraham, Sarah Bobka, Terry Brown, Cyndi Dickson, Kailee Dupuis, Rose Kitney, Jaine Klassen Jeninga, Emilio Ojeda, Steve Russell, and Student Trustees Roan Haggerty-Goede and Justine Mackay.

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Kitney  
Seconded by: Trustee Bobka

**(21-065) That the Board move into Committee of the Whole, In-camera (6:15 p.m.).**  
**CARRIED**

The Open Session of the meeting resumed at 7:03 p.m.

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Superintendent Ingram provided a slideshow and personalized acknowledgment to the land and stated the Board meeting on the traditional territory of the Mississauga First Nations.

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, *Integrity*.

5. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Brown  
Seconded by: Trustee Ojeda

(21-066) **That the agenda be adopted to include the following topics under Board Member Additions:**

- **Millbrook South Cavan Public School Trees**
- **Edge Golf Tournament**
- **Experiential Learning at Apsley Central Public School**
- **Food 4 All - Northumberland**

**CARRIED**

6. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

7. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

7.1 **Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday, May 25, 2021**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Kitney  
Seconded by: Trustee Abraham

(21-067) **That the minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 be adopted as recorded.**

**CARRIED**

8. **EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

8.1 **New Canadians Centre's Young Leaders**

Superintendent Maliha introduced the New Canadians Centre's Young Leaders (NCCYL) stating this is a youth led group with newcomer experience in both public and catholic schools in Peterborough.

The young leaders introduced themselves noting their home schools they are enrolled in. A student noted they have experienced the difficulty of being a newcomer to Canada and wish to assist those new to the area. The group offer zoom meetings to discuss difficulties newcomers face,

assist with homework, help people within the schools to understand newcomers, and provide newcomers with coping strategies. The group also offers a guidebook which will be featured in all schools across KPR.

The guidebook includes sections titled:

- Language
- Social Integration
- Canadian Culture
- Do's and Don'ts
- Meet the Authors

Board members had the opportunity to ask the group questions and provided compliments on their Guidebook.

The Chairperson of the Board thanked the students on behalf of the Board.

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.

Student Trustee Mackay joined the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

11. **STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT**

Student Trustee Haggerty-Goede spoke to this month's report noting despite all of the challenges this school year, students have managed to stay connected online. The schools have maintained the school spirit through engaging activities and important events such as virtual spirit weeks and the organization of Relay for Life in an attempt to restore a sense of normalcy.

The Student Leadership Group (SLG) has now completed their final Equity Workshop and is focussing their attention on the Menstrual Equity Initiative (ME

Project). The group has released a google form and both R. Haggerty-Goede and J. Mackay are excited to present the over 200 findings at the June Board meeting.

A meeting has been held between in-coming and out-going Student Trustees along with attending the virtual Annual General Meeting (AGM) run by OSTA-AECO. The Student Trustees thanked the Board for providing this excellent experience.

In closing, Student Trustee Mackay noted in the fight against COVID-19, she encourages the opportunity for vaccines as they come available and continue to do what is necessary to beat the virus. Staff and students' mental health has been a priority this year and noted that this support needs to continue next year.

12. **DECISION ITEMS**

12.1 **COMMITTEE DECISION REPORTS**

Nil.

12.2 **DECISION REPORTS**

12.2.1 **Awards and Scholarships – Peterborough Area Schools**

Superintendent Ingram presented the report noting Board Policy ES-4.2, Recognition of Student Success, indicates that Board approval, consistent with its values, purposes and mandate, will be necessary for the initial offerings at graduation ceremonies of any bursary, scholarship or other incentive with a monetary value.

G. Ingram stated D.M. Wills Associates Limited wishes to establish an award to be known as the D.M. Wills Associates Limited Award in the amount of \$1000 per year for graduating students of Adam Scott Collegiate Vocational Institute (CVI), Crestwood Secondary School (SS), Kenner CVI, and Thomas A. Stewart SS. The amount will be divided into four \$250 awards. The successful applicants must meet the award criteria and will be selected by the Awards Committee at each school. The award will be presented annually at commencement.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Kitney  
Seconded by: Trustee Russell

(21-068)

**That the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board approve the establishment of the D.M. Wills Associates Limited Award in the amount of \$1000 per year. The amount will be divided into four \$250 awards to graduating students of Adam Scott**

**CVI, Crestwood SS, Kenner CVI, and Thomas A. Stewart SS who have met the award criteria.**

**CARRIED**

12.2.2 **Awards and Scholarships – East Northumberland Secondary School**

Superintendent Brake presented the report noting Board Policy ES-4.2, Recognition of Student Success, indicates that Board approval, consistent with its values, purposes and mandate, will be necessary for the initial offerings at graduation ceremonies of any bursary, scholarship or other incentive with a monetary value.

J. Brake noted the VOS Theatre Group wish to establish an award to be known as the VOS Theatre Arts Award in the amount of \$500 per year for graduating student of East Northumberland Secondary School. The successful applicant must meet the award criteria and will be selected by the Awards Committee. The award will be presented annually at commencement.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Dickson

Seconded by: Trustee Brown

(21-069)

**That the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board approve the establishment of the VOS Theatre Arts Award to be awarded annually in the amount of \$500 to a graduating student of East Northumberland Secondary School who has met the award criteria.**

**CARRIED**

A Board member provided further information on the VOS Theatre Arts Group stating this organization is very supportive of the Arts Program within schools.

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

Trustee Klassen Jeninga, the Board's Delegate Member of OPSBA, drew attention to two items for Board members. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place through zoom on Saturday June 12, 2021 beginning at 8:45 a.m. running through to 12:00 p.m. The keynote speaker this year will be Kike Ojo-Thompson speaking on "*Addressing Anti-Black Racism in Education: A Conversation for System Leaders*". The Regional Council elections will occur at this meeting.

The OPSBA #AboveandBeyond Campaign through social media is underway on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Clippings and quotations which are about this can be found at #AboveandBeyond which will run for the next month.

14. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

15. **INFORMATION ITEMS – CONSENT ITEMS**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Abraham  
Seconded by: Trustee Brown

(21-070) That the following agenda items for the May 25, 2021 Board meeting be received for information:

- **Item 15.1 Special Education Advisory Committee Report**
- **Item 15.2 First Nations Education Services Agreement Committee Report**
- **Item 15.3 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Report**
- **Item 15.4 Resource Committee Report**
- **Item 15.5 Parent Involvement Committee Report**
- **Item 15.6 Program Review Committee Report**
- **Item 15.7 Chairpersons' Committee Report**

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

- Item 15.1 Special Education Advisory Committee Report
- Item 15.4 Resource Committee Report
- Item 15.6 Program Review Committee Report
- Item 15.7 Chairpersons' Committee Report

The motion was ..... **CARRIED**

15.1 **Special Education Advisory Committee Report**

Trustee A. Lloyd, Committee Chairperson, stated the committee met on May 4, 2021 where they had a very informative meeting. Superintendent Duncan was invited to speak regarding the Primary Hub classrooms. The Board heard secondary learning life skills (LLS) classrooms within the secondary panel were able to return to in-person learning during the January 2021 lockdown, however elementary were not able to be supported in the same manner. During this lockdown, elementary principals were asked to recommend LLS students with the highest needs and who would benefit from the program. Seventeen primary hub classrooms were created in response to criteria established by the Ministry of Education. The primary hubs were created in a central location to each family of schools through the Peterborough, Clarington and Northumberland regions of the board. The finance, human resources and

facilities departments have been actively involved in getting this project in operation.

Questions of clarification were asked by Board members and addressed by Superintendent Duncan.

15.4 **Resource Committee Report**

R. Kitney, Committee Chairperson, stated the meeting took place virtually on May 5, 2021 where the committee met a new Project Manager, Janette Thompson as well as hearing the Facilities Services Centre Restructuring plan. The new location will be in the former Community Training Development Centre (CTDC) and CIS building and will house the south/east facility services group. This will reduce response time to eastern schools along with reducing costs to the board.

15.6 **Program Review Committee Report**

S. Russell, Committee Chairperson, stated the meeting took place on May 11, 2021, and invited Superintendent Brake to provide information on the Land Acknowledgement review. This will now be presented in a more mindful manner with a rotation of individuals speaking at board and committee meetings. The Land Acknowledgement is currently recited at each board and committee meeting and at our schools during morning announcements. Principals are now calling on students to provide their personal connection with the land.

Superintendent Brake informed Board members after a review and reflection on current practices and the support they provide to the system, the three areas of focus for the department are:

- Review Board Practices, Protocols and Procedures
- Curriculum Support
- Engaging Students, Staff, Parents and Community

KPR has over 1100 self-identified students. All students and their families/guardians were invited to join the Edsby Space for Indigenous students, families and staff. Currently more than 1600 are signed up to receive reflective learning, information from elders as well as having a safe and inclusive area for members to come together to build connection to the community. Board members were informed they are also welcomed to join this platform.

Questions of clarification were asked by Board members and addressed by Superintendent Brake.

S. Russell spoke to the KPR Arts Council/Conseil des Arts stating

K. Mannis, W. Terrett, K. Dunn, all educators, were guests who presented their experiences incorporating the learning from after school virtual professional learning sessions to their programming. The students are engaged, able to listen, work together and provide constructive feedback. Students' confidence has increased. The teachers were able to incorporate the Arts into other areas of the curriculum.

S. Russell invited Superintendent Tompkins to speak to the after-school learning which the art teachers are participating in. G. Tompkins stated through the use of the Edsby conference on K-8 Arts, teachers have the ability to share resources along with the resources which the Teaching and Learning department have placed there. The department is very proud of the work the teachers are doing.

#### 15.7 **Chairpersons' Committee Report**

D. Lloyd, Committee Chairperson, invited the Director to speak. R. Russo shared information on Graduation Awards and Recognition, Remote Learning and the Grant for Student Needs/Budget.

A slideshow was shared with Board members providing a review of the process for this year's graduation and moving on ceremonies. Grade 8 and Moving on Ceremonies will be in a virtual format. Secondary graduations will occur in the fall with the hope and optimism of being in-person events. In both panels KPR wishes to be thoughtful and respectful to the current health regulations. A detailed review was provided.

A review of the remote learning process for the next school year was displayed for Board members. KPR held an Opt-In to Remote Learning for 2021/2022 School Year with 1483 registering for elementary and 871 registering for secondary Remote Learning. Parents will have the opportunity to make changes in August should they wish.

The school day structure for secondary In-Person and Remote Learning for 2021/2022 school year will be the quadmester model of instruction. Students will take two courses at a time across four separate academic semesters (2 courses per day – 1 in a.m. and 1 in p.m.) as directed by the Ministry of Education.

R. Russo noted the GSNs have arrived and the budget planning process will begin. The meeting dates scheduled are:

- May 26
- June 9
- June 10 (if required)

The Director spoke to the opportunity she had to meet with the Student Leadership Group, along with Roan, Justine, Ella and Maryam and

commended Roan and Justine for the leadership they have provided to the group.

An in-depth discussion occurred with questions of clarification asked by Board members and addressed by Director Russo.

Concerns expressed consisted of:

- Secondary fall graduation ceremonies
- Thursday night ceremonies
- Quadmestered learning
- 2021-2022 mental health supports for students

D. Lloyd, Committee Chairperson, spoke to the Trustee budget status noting they are currently under budget due to hosting virtual meetings and fewer travel expenses.

16. **BOARD MEMBER ADDITIONS**

Trustee A. Lloyd spoke to Millbrook South Cavan Public School having a partnership with Trout Unlimited Canada and have secured a grant for several 8 to 10-foot trees to be planted on the school property. A. Lloyd noted this aligns with the board's strategic direction and shows stewardship for the environment. Initially students were to get a tree each to plant at home, however due to the current pandemic, this will not occur this school year however may in the fall.

Trustee A. Lloyd spoke to the Crestwood Edge Golf Tournament stating the relatively new program running at Crestwood Secondary School focusses on health, sports and kinesiology. Students have come from all over the board as well as the coterminous board to attend this program. Although in the midst of the pandemic, the students have been communicating online and are now running a Golf Tournament as a fundraiser on June 19 at Keystone Links to fund a dome at Crestwood Secondary School which will house the program's equipment. Should anyone wish to put a foursome into the tournament, please email A. Lloyd and she will provide the link to register and commended the teachers for such a great job.

Chairperson D. Lloyd spoke to the Experiential Learning occurring at Apsley Central Public School stating through inquiry-based learning which combined with relevant experience with curriculum connections, a class is building bird houses. This involves deep thinking of the concept of the process and creativity along with the concrete skills of measuring, assembling and decorating their bird houses. The class did receive a grant from the board for this project and D. Lloyd thanked those responsible for this. A picture of a bird house was shared.

Trustee Dickson spoke to the Food 4 All Program running in the Northumberland area. The program is very similar to the Peterborough Food Share with volunteer

workers within KPR schools. Food 4 All supplies partial payments towards such things as refrigerators, microwaves, dishwashers and toasters. There is an on-line store which offers a percentage off the items listed. KPR teachers often help deliver baskets to the families on behalf of the program. C. Dickson noted this is a great program for the families who need a little support during these unusual times.

17. **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

Chairperson D. Lloyd drew attention to the future meeting dates listed in the Board agenda making note of the additional date of June 10, 2021 for Budget should it be required.

18. **QUESTION PERIOD**

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

A Board member noted there is unfinished business to return to in In-camera Session.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Kitney  
Seconded by: Trustee Ojeda

**(21-072) That the Board return to In-camera session to complete unfinished business at 8:37 p.m.**

The Board reconvened in Open Session to complete unfinished business 8:59 p.m.

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

Nil.

20. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was,

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

**(21-073) That the meeting be adjourned (9:00 p.m.).**

**CARRIED**

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Diane Lloyd  
Chairperson of the Board

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Rita Russo  
Director of Education  
and Secretary of the Board

**Kawartha Pine Ridge  
District School Board**