

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF
KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
HELD MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2012 AT 6:00 P.M.
AT 1994 FISHER DRIVE, PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO**

PRESENT

Diane Lloyd (Chairperson of the Board), Angela Lloyd (Vice-chairperson of the Board), Cathy Abraham, Steven Cooke, Cyndi Dickson, Gordon Gilchrist, Christopher Grouchy (Student Trustee), Rose Kitney, Jaine Klassen Jeninga, Wes Marsden, Shirley Patterson, and Roy Wilfong.

Regrets: Nil.

Absent: Nil.

Also Present: R. Hick, C. Foy, S. Girardi, J. Lawrence, J. Leclerc, P. Mangold, S. Pollard, S. Roy, M. Twiss, G. Kidd, and D. Bested.

Members of the employee groups, members of staff, students, and parents; interested members of the public; and members of the media were present at 7:00 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

It was,

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

(12-077) That the Board move into Committee of the Whole, In-camera (6:00 p.m.).

CARRIED

The **Open Session** of the meeting resumed at 7:20 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 Christopher Grouchy spoke to this month's character attribute, Responsibility.

ACCOLADES PRESENTATIONS

In honour of National Volunteer Week April 15-21, the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board supported schools in recognizing their invaluable volunteers.

Nominations were received from schools, and the following outstanding volunteers from the Counties of Northumberland and Peterborough, and the Municipality of Clarington were recognized: Shannon Eadie, volunteer at Kawartha Heights Public School; Jennifer Puersten, volunteer at Hampton Junior Public School and M.J. Hobbs Senior Public School; and Jim and Sue Moore, volunteers at East Northumberland Secondary School.

Framed Accolades were presented to Shannon Eadie and Jennifer Puersten by the Chairperson of the Board and area trustees. Jim and Sue Moore, who were unable to attend tonight's presentation due to volunteer commitments, will be presented with their Accolade at East Northumberland Secondary School.

5. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was,

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

(12-078) **That the agenda be adopted to include the following ten topics under Item 13, Board Member Additions:**

- **Peterborough Collegiate and Vocational School Spread the Net Campaign**
- **Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School Student Recipient of Loran Scholarship**
- **National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week**
- **Kawartha Idol**
- **Kenner Collegiate Vocational Institute Hair and Arts Show**
- **East Northumberland Secondary School Musical**
- **Clarington Student of Character Award**
- **Ontario Volunteer Citizenship Awards**
- **Norwood District High School Tractor Parade**
- **Thank You**

CARRIED

6. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

6.1 **Regular Board Meeting – Thursday, March 29, 2012**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Kitney
Seconded by: Trustee Patterson

(12-079) **That the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on Thursday, March 29, 2012 be adopted as recorded.**

CARRIED

7. **EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

7.1 **EarlyAct – Purple Pinkie Project – Dr. G.J. MacGillivray Public School**

Superintendent C. Foy introduced Connor Viser, a student at Dr. G.J. MacGillivray Public School. The superintendent spoke to the student's involvement with Rotary International and his role in supporting Rotary's EarlyAct program.

C. Visser provided a PowerPoint presentation on EarlyAct and the recent Purple Pinkie Project that was held at the school.

EarlyAct was identified as a school-wide service club for elementary students, sponsored by a local Rotary club. EarlyAct promotes character development, goodwill, understanding and friendship at the school, local and global levels.

C. Visser spoke to the following projects that have been undertaken by EarlyAct:

- collecting 289 cell phones and refurbishing them with 100 minutes of talk time so that soldiers can call their families
- converting milk bags into bed mats by cutting, tying together and crocheting the bags (300-500 bags for an adult bed), thus helping communities in need and redirecting the bags from waste facilities
- in recognition of Earth Week, pop cans have been collected, crushed and sold, with proceeds going to the start-up of an anti-bullying campaign
- in recognition of Earth Week, 750 pounds of batteries were collected and recycled so that they would not be deposited in landfills
- in recognition of Earth Week, used printer cartridges were collected and recycled, with proceeds being donated to the smallest school in the municipality for the purchase of playground equipment
- in partnership with the school's Green Team, 45 kitchen compost bins were purchased and placed in every classroom, as well as the purchase of 15 outdoor compost bins

- \$500 was donated towards the creation of a native garden at the school, as well as \$250 in materials being donated by community partners, and \$500 by the Bowmanville Rotary Club

C. Visser stated that the school's recent Purple Pinkie Project involved students having a finger dyed purple in exchange for a \$1 donation towards the eradication of polio in countries such as Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria. C. Visser noted that with every dollar donated, one child is able to be immunized against polio, and through donations raised at Dr. G.J. MacGillivray Public School, 1,200 children are able to be immunized.

C. Visser distributed Rotary T-shirts and pins to trustees and senior administration in recognition of their support of EarlyAct.

Trustees thanked and commended C. Visser and fellow students for getting involved and making a difference in local and global communities.

8. **DELEGATIONS**

8.1 **PRE-ARRANGED DELEGATIONS**

8.1.1 **Karen Cameron, on behalf of Independent School Bus Operators Association (ISBOA), regarding student transportation**

Karen Cameron, presenting on behalf of Independent School Bus Operators Association (ISBOA), introduced local school bus operators Roland Montgomery, Alex Rutherford and Archie Groth.

The delegate distributed brochures to trustees which addressed myths and realities around student transportation procurement. The delegate's PowerPoint presentation addressed: the history of student transportation funding; Supply Chain Guidelines and the BPS (Broader Public Sector) Procurement Directive; pilot projects; recommendations from the Student Transportation Competitive Procurement Task Force Report; and available options.

The following comments made by K. Cameron, focused on student transportation and the RFP (Request For Proposal) process:

- ISBOA is concerned with policy that requires school board consortia to go to a RFP process
- the Ministry of Education did not have the opportunity or expertise to deal with policy issues
- ISBOA is working hard to show that RFPs are not the only way to get competitive rates

- thorough and creative ideas need to be investigated regarding competitive procurement options
- competitive procurement does not have to eliminate competition
- the Ministry of Education's Effectiveness and Efficiency Reviews (E & E Reviews) evaluate student bus transportation consortia across the province (the consortia are graded from low to high on four components, with one component being transportation contracts) . . . if the consortia does not go to a RFP process, they receive a low grade
- although a number of consortia managers do not want to go to RFP, they feel that they have no other option
- E & E Reviews are the only mechanisms school boards and consortia have to get funding deficits covered
- ISBOA is asking the government and school boards to rethink the E & E Review process
- other jurisdictions have found that when going to RFP, approximately one half of the competition is eliminated in the first round
- in June 2012 the Minister of Education called a moratorium on RFPs and launched a Student Transportation Competitive Procurement Task Force chaired by The Honourable Coulter Osborne
- cost-plus contracts based on open-book benchmarking could be more effective than RFP, and cost-plus meets the BPS Procurement Directive's requirements of a competitive procurement process.

Responding to trustee queries, the delegate stated that the Osborne Report recommends that an independent third party look at alternatives to RFPs for student transportation; RFPs are submitted to the local transportation consortia; school bus transportation is the most effective transportation bought by the government; it is hopeful that the Ministry of Finance or provincial government will take on the task of reviewing transportation procurement; pilot projects capture short term savings therefore the evaluation process is not valid; it needs to be determined whether a province-wide competitive market can be sustained; cost-plus is designed to drive costs down; small bus operators anticipate that their business will be short-lived; and small bus operators have a direct economic impact on their communities (i.e. through equipment repairs, purchasing gasoline, purchasing insurance, and hiring employees).

8.2 UNANNOUNCED DELEGATIONS

Prior to receiving delegations, Chairperson D. Lloyd announced that the Board would not be hearing delegations on any topic pertaining to the Peterborough school consolidation while the matter is pending in court.

The Chairperson stated that any delegation who planned on speaking to that topic could provide a written submission which would be directed to the appropriate area/person (i.e. Implementation Transition Committee, school principal, administration).

8.2.1 Roland Montgomery, regarding School Bus Transportation

Roland Montgomery, a Director of Independent School Bus Operators Association (ISBOA), spoke to his concerns around the effect that the RFP (Request For Proposal) process will have on small school bus operators.

If a RFP process is used for the procurement of student bus transportation, the delegate estimates that 70 small businesses will be lost locally.

The delegate stated that operators make a long term investment in their equipment; they are paid over a 12 year contract; and they have proven they can work with school boards in the provision of effective and efficient transportation services.

R. Montgomery spoke to the national recognition received by Student Transportation Services of Central Ontario (STSCO); to the daily rate per bus he receives and to the exceptional value for the safe service that is provided; and to being a family business that purchases local services in the community.

The delegate stated that he is very concerned, and is hopeful the Board will support small local school bus operators.

In response to a trustee query, the delegate stated that STSCO is paying 30% less on average than the provincial benchmark for student bus transportation service.

8.2.2 Kirsten Bruce, regarding Student Safety

Kirsten Bruce, student of Peterborough Collegiate and Vocational School (PCVS), stated that she would be presenting on the topic of PCVS student safety.

The delegate stated that during the past 8 months she has been increasingly aware of and afraid for her safety and that of her peers, in the community of Peterborough, as a result of the decision to close PCVS and move its students to other secondary schools.

At this point, Chairperson D. Lloyd stated that the delegate was speaking to the topic of the Peterborough school consolidation and suggested that the delegate submit her concerns to her school principal.

The delegate stated that she has a right to be heard, and that her topic was about her safety and not about the school closure.

Chairperson D. Lloyd reiterated that the closure of PCVS is not to be discussed while the matter is pending in court, and asked that the delegate return to her seat.

The Chairperson called for the next delegate to come forward.

K. Bruce continued with her presentation, stating that trustees have created a climate where hate is breeding in the community towards those who do not support the closure of PCVS. The delegate stated that she is being bullied by students and community members and that the Implementation Transition Committee has been made aware of the bullying but no action has been taken.

Trustee Dickson raised a point of order, stating that the delegate is speaking to the topic of PCVS and the Peterborough school consolidation.

Chairperson D. Lloyd announced that no further delegations would be heard due to the delegate's insistence on speaking to the off-limits topic.

K. Bruce continued with her presentation, speaking to: her fears around attending the May 11 student event that is being organized to make the transition to other schools easier for PCVS students; to her concerns around PCVS student safety; and to the Board continuing to move forward with its plan to close PCVS.

At this point, it was,

Moved by: Trustee Abraham
Seconded by: Trustee Cooke

(12-080) That the meeting be adjourned (8:15 p.m.).*

CARRIED

*Note: As a result of the early adjournment of the meeting, the following agenda items were not presented:

- Disposition of Delegation Concerns
- Business Arising From The Minutes
- Student Trustee Report
- Appointment of Student Trustee
- Awards and Scholarships – Cobourg District Collegiate Institute West
- Chairpersons' Committee Report
- Resource Committee Report
- Correspondence Requests
- Awards and Scholarships – Clarke High School
- Parent Involvement Committee Report
- Program Review Committee Report
- Special Education Advisory Committee Report
- Equity and Diversity Committee Report
- Board Member Additions
- Future Meeting Dates
- Report of the Committee of the Whole In-Camera Session
- Question Period

Diane Lloyd
Chairperson of the Board

W.R. (Rusty) Hick
Director of Education
and Secretary of the Board