



Meeting of the Board

Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 6:15 pm
Schumacher Board Office and Microsoft Teams

MINUTES

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Howard Archibald
Jonathan Byer
Dennis Draves
Crystal Hewey
Steve Meunier, Chair
Brian Peever
Rosemary Pochopsky
Cindy Pye-Reasbeck, Vice-Chair
Doug Walsh
Larry Wiwchar

EXCUSED TRUSTEE ABSENCES

Bob Brush

STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Aiesha Hindle

STUDENT TRUSTEE ABSENCES

Alexandra Gauthier
Kateline Litt-Roy

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Lesleigh Dye	Director of Education
Lisa Edwards	Superintendent of Business/Finance and Treasurer
Al McLean	Superintendent of Education and Human Resources
Chad Mowbray	Superintendent of Education
Steven Pladzyk	Superintendent of Education

RECORDING SECRETARY

Melanie Carr	Executive Assistant to the Director of Education Lesleigh Dye
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STAFF PRESENT

Melanie Carr	Executive Assistant to the Director of Education, Lesleigh Dye
Andréanne Denis	Communications Officer
Larry Souliere	Information Services Coordinator



IN-CAMERA SESSION

The In-Camera session meeting was called to order at 5:48 p.m. by Vice-Chair Pye-Reasbeck.

9044-24 HEWEY / WALSH

THAT this Board resolve itself into a Committee of the whole.

CARRIED

9045-24 POCHOPSKY

THAT this Board resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, in-camera.

CARRIED

9046-24 HEWEY

THAT we now rise and report to the Board.

CARRIED

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Session meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Chair Meunier.

9047-24 PEEVER / PYE-REASBECK

THAT this Board reconvene in Regular Session.

CARRIED

TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The meeting opened by respectfully acknowledging being situated on the Traditional Territory of the Cree, Ojibway and Oji-Cree people of the Mattagami First Nation, located in Treaty 9 Territory, and the Métis who have chosen to settle in this area.

TRUSTEE ABSENCE

9048-24 DRAVES / WIWCHAR

THAT the Board approve the absence of the following Trustees from the October 22, 2024, meeting of the Board:
Trustee Brush

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

9049-24 BYER / ARCHIBALD

THAT the Board approve the agenda for the Meeting of the Board dated October 22, 2024, as amended:

5. Other Business

i. Brand Refresh

5. Other Business

ii. Transportation

CARRIED

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Trustees were asked to declare conflicts of interest as they arise and must do so in writing in the log kept in the Chair's office.

Trustees declaring a conflict are to disconnect from Microsoft Teams at the time of the discussion and will receive a text from the Director of Education / Secretary of the Board when they are welcome to join.



CONSENT AGENDA

9050-24 WALSH / PEEVER

THAT the Board approve the consent agenda as follows:

Consent Agenda Items for Approval:

2.1 Minutes of the Meeting of the Board held
October 8, 2024

2.2 Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held
May 13, 2024

2.4 Minutes of the Indigenous Peoples' Advisory
Committee Meeting held June 4, 2024

2.5 Minutes of the Joint Transportation &
Governance Committee Meeting held June
17, 2024

2.6 September 2024 Cash Disbursement Reports
in the amount of \$14,999,976.42

Consent Agenda Items for Receipt:

2.3 Audit Committee Annual Report

2.7 Letter: October 9, 2024 – Transportation
Consortium

2.8 Ontario Public School Boards' Association
(OPSBA) Report

CARRIED

REPORTS

Chair's Report

Chair Meunier provided a report regarding the piloting of a consent agenda, that is has merit and allows to hone in on important topics and provides an opportunity for further discussion.

9051-24 POCHOPSKY / HEWEY

THAT the Board receive the Chair Report

CARRIED

Director's Report

Director Dye provided a report highlighting the three priorities of equity, culture, and innovation. Administrative Council welcomed the Chief Commissioner of the Ontario Human Rights Commission for a discussion focused on the implementation of the Right to Read report, highlighting the outstanding efforts of DSB1 educators. Additionally, SEAC members visited the 11 high support classes at RMSS, where they observed students actively participating in learning activities.

On the Professional Activity Day (September 27, 2024), all DSB1 Ontario College of Teachers (OCT) members had the opportunity to complete an anonymous survey, with district-level results expected in the spring to inform future planning. Furthermore, TDSS successfully hosted a Search and Rescue event, allowing students from TDSS and EHS to engage in practical learning experiences with community partners, receiving positive feedback.

DSB1 has reinitiated its staff recognition program, encouraging staff to nominate colleagues who foster a sense of belonging within the school community. Schools are preparing to commemorate November 11, 2024.

9052-24 POCHOPSKY / HEWEY

THAT the Board receive the Director Report

CARRIED



Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Hindle attended the leadership workshop at RMSS today for students who identify as Indigenous, where DSB1 partnered with Turtle Concepts. The sessions were welcoming and validating, rendering her speechless. Student Trustee Hindle explained that seeing the work, connections being made, and a united collective brings validation as they are working so diligently. Student Trustee Hindle sees a bright future for students who identify as Indigenous and looks forward to working with each in the future.

9053-24 PYE-REASBECK / PEEVER

THAT the Board receive the Student Trustee Report
CARRIED

MONITORING

9054-24 WIWCHAR / DRAVES

THAT the Board receive the Strategic Plan Vignette
CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

Brand Refresh

Communications Officer Denis presented the process to be followed for a brand refresh, including rationale, harnessing student voice, and effective brand characteristics.

Transportation

Superintendent Edwards provided a transportation update including the average number of cancellations per day in comparison to last year. Operators continue to struggle with fulfilling contract obligations. The Board has contacted the Ministry on behalf of the operators to request driver approvals. If a route is cancelled for more than five days consecutively, alternatives are reviewed including moving students to other routes.

ADJOURNMENT

9055-24 HEWEY

THAT we do now adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

CHAIR OF THE BOARD