



Meeting of the Board

Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 6:15 pm
Schumacher Board Office and Microsoft Teams

MINUTES

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Howard Archibald
Bob Brush
Jonathan Byer, Vice-Chair
Dennis Draves
Crystal Hewey
Brian Peever
Rosemary Pochopsky
Cindy Pye-Reasbeck, Chair
Larry Wiwchar

EXCUSED TRUSTEE ABSENCES

Steve Meunier
Doug Walsh

STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Alexandra Gauthier
Aiesha Hindle
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 Demers	Executive Assistant to the Director of Education Lesleigh Dye
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STAFF PRESENT

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



CALL TO ORDER

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

Chair Pye-Reasbeck opened the meeting honoring the life of Randy Keizer and held a moment of silence. Randy was passionate about his work and keeping employees and all DSB1 locations safe. His deep knowledge of each DSB1 building's history always made for a great conversation and served us well through retrofits and construction projects. Randy was a family man and always proud to share anecdotes of his loved ones. On behalf of DSB1, Chair Pye-Reasbeck extended deepest sympathies to Randy's friends and families.

9095-24 BRUSH / HEWEY

THAT the Board resolve into a committee of the whole.

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

9096-24 HEWEY / POCHOPSKY

THAT the Board approve the absence of the following Trustees from the December 3, 2024, meeting of the Board:

- Trustee Walsh
- Trustee Meunier

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

9097-24 PEEVER / BYER

THAT the Board approve the agenda for the Meeting of the Board dated December 3, 2024.

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

9098-24 HEWEY / 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 November 19, 2024

2.2 Minutes of the Human Resources Committee meeting held November 19, 2024

Consent Agenda Items for Receipt:



2.3 Minutes of the Indigenous Peoples' Advisory
Committee Meeting held September 23, 2024
2.4 Ontario Public School Boards' Association
(OPSBA) Report
2.5 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan

CARRIED

REPORTS

Chair Report

Chair Pye-Reasbeck provided a report on past and future engagements in the role of Chair and Trustees. She welcomed Vice-Chair Byer, bringing a wealth of experience, and looks forward to working together. The report highlighted the three strategic priorities of equity, culture, and innovation.

9099-24 HEWEY / PEEVER

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. DSB1 has received over 1,000 submissions from families and staff regarding the 2025-2026 school year calendar to inform its creation.

A new attendance management tool called SafeArrival will be piloted in two schools in the coming weeks. This tool will facilitate the communication between families and the school related to student absences and will create efficiencies for school office staff

DSB1 will work with the Red Cross on next steps for the recently announced federal and provincial government's National Food Program.

Several DSB1 schools in the southern region participated in activities at Village Noel Temiskaming.

9100-24 HEWEY / BRUSH

THAT the Board receive the Director's Report

CARRIED

Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Gauthier provided an update on the Student Senate meeting. The senate has established sub committees for the school year, with student senate engagement committee, primarily focusing on high school and elementary students garnering interest and elevating presence.

A firm election process will be established for the spring to ensure consistency throughout high schools

Student Trustee Hindle provided an update on the Student Senate meeting, where attendance has increased as well as engagement. Senate is focusing on increasing school spirit and bringing fun back into attending school. Student Trustee Hindle and Lead Plaunt are planning online meetings and sending care packages home in the new year consisting of medicines.

9101-24 HEWEY / PEEVER

THAT the Board receive the Student Trustee Report

CARRIED



District School Board Ontario North East

MONITORING

9102-24 HEWEY / PEEVER

THAT the Board receive the Student with Special Needs Presentation.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

9103-24 BYER / DRAVES

THAT the Board receive the Trustee Committee Structure

CARRIED

9104-24 PEEVER / HEWEY

THAT the Board approve the revised By-Law No. 7: Electronic Meetings

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

9105-24 ARCHIBALD

THAT we do now adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Leanne M. Dye'.

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Jonathan Byer'.

CHAIR OF THE BOARD