



Meeting of the Board

Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 6:15 pm
Schumacher Board Office and Microsoft Teams

MINUTES

TRUSTEES PRESENT

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

EXCUSED TRUSTEE ABSENCES

NIL

STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Sawsan Alahmed
Andrew Cull

STUDENT TRUSTEES ABSENT

Summer Nickoshie

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

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

RECORDING SECRETARY

Melanie Demers Executive Assistant to the Director of Education Lesleigh Dye

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 Closed Session was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Vice-Chair Hewey

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.

9349-26 BRUSH

THAT this committee now rise and report to the Board

CARRIED

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

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QUORUM

9350-26 PEEVER / POCHOPSKY

THAT the Board approve the absence of Trustee Draves from the December 2, 2025, meeting of the Board.

CARRIED

9351-26 HEWEY / WALSH

THAT the board approve the absence of Student Trustee Nickoshie from the January 13, 2026, meeting of the Board

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

9352-26 PYE-REASBECK / PEEVER

THAT the Board approve the agenda for the Meeting of the Board dated January 13, 2026

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

9353-26 WIWCHAR / HEWEY

THAT the Board approve the consent agenda

CARRIED

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

3.1 Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held September 29, 2025

3.2 Minutes of the Parent Involvement Committee Meeting held December 11, 2024



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- 3.3 Minutes of the Joint Transportation and Governance Committee Meeting held September 22, 2025
- 3.4 Leadership Team Updates
- 3.5 Draft 2026-2027 School Year Calendar

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NIL

CHAIR'S REPORT

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS 9354-26 ARCHIBALD / HEWEY

THAT the Board approve the Trustee Committee Structure

CARRIED

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

STAFF REPORTS

8.1 Strategic Plan Vignette

8.2 Independent Auditor's Report and Consolidated Financial Statements

9355-26 BRUSH / PEEVER

THAT the Board approve the Independent Auditor's Report and Consolidated Financial Statement.

CARRIED

STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

Student Trustee Alahmed provided an update on the progress of the Student Senate projects and the postponement of the next meeting due to exams. Student Trustees will be attending the OSTA-AECO Education Action Conference in Ottawa on February 19-22, 2026.

REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND STATUTORY COMMITTEES

NIL

OTHER BUSINESS

NIL

TRUSTEE MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION (Introduced at a Previous Meeting)

NIL

TRUSTEE NOTICES OF MOTION (Discussion for Next Meeting)

NIL

CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS

NIL



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ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- 15.1 February 2026: Strategic Plan Monitoring of Goals and Actions
- 15.2 April 2026: Strategic Plan Monitoring of Goals
- 15.3 September 2026: Strategic Plan Year-End Monitoring of Goals and Actions

ADJOURNMENT

9356-26 WALSH / MEUNIER

THAT we do now adjourn

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.



SECRETARY OF THE BOARD



CHAIR OF THE BOARD