District School Board
Ontario North East

Meeting of the Board

Tuesday, February 3, 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
Summer Nickoshie

STUDENT TRUSTEES ABSENT

NIL

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 4:50 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.

9357-26 PYE-REASBECK

THAT the Board approve the agenda for the Meeting of the Board: Closed Session, dated February 3, 2026

CARRIED

9358-26 BYER

THAT this committee now rise

CARRIED

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

Vice-Chair Hewey led the meeting with a moment of silence to acknowledge the profound loss our community is experiencing by the recent passing of Serenity Dube-Scott, a Grade 5 student at Cochrane Public School, who passed away on January 25, 2026.

Serenity is remembered as a cheerful, funny, and kind person. She loved animals and her family. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Vice-Chair Hewey offered deepest condolences to the family, friends, and the school community.

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QUORUM
There were no Trustee absences.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
9359-26 POCHOPSKY / DRAVES

THAT the Board approve the agenda for the Meeting of the Board dated February 3, 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

9360-26 BRUSH / PEEVER — **THAT** the Board approve the consent agenda

CARRIED

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

NIL

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NIL

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Byer presented the Chair's Report, outlining that Trustee Committee Chairs are to put forward written reports, as outlined in Section 2.4.1(e) of the *DSB1 Governance Bylaw*: "…with the assistance of assigned staff, puts forward minutes and recommendations to the Board in the form of a written report on behalf of the Committee."

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

9361-26 PEEVER / MEUNIER — **THAT** the Board approve the DSB1 Trustee Standing Committee Terms of Reference

CARRIED

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Dye presented the Director's report highlighting a trades career fair, ongoing partnerships, kindergarten registration, and the launch of a new transportation consortium.

STAFF REPORTS

8.1 Strategic Plan Vignette
8.2 Strategic Plan Monitoring of Goals and Actions & Report

STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

Student Trustees provided a report on Student Senate activities and upcoming events including the development of an inclusivity action plan, upcoming participation in the Education Action Conference, and efforts to maintain student engagement post-exams.

REPORTS FROM ADVIOSRY COMMITTEES AND STATUTORY COMMITTEES

NIL

OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 OPSBA Public Education Symposium Trustee Reports
Trustee Walsh reported on attending the Public Education Symposium, highlighting a presentation on Indigenous student projects involving tiny homes, and expressed interest in exploring similar initiatives within the board's jurisdiction

11.2 Trustee Standing Committee Terms of Reference
Trustees reviewed the revised Trustee Standing Committee Terms of Reference

9362-26 WALSH / PEEVER — **THAT** the Board approve the DSB1 Trustee Standing Committee Terms of Reference.

CARRIED

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TRUSTEE MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION (Introduced at a Previous Meeting)
NIL

TRUSTEE NOTICES OF MOTION (Discussion for Next Meeting)
NIL

CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS

14.1 Letter: January 14, 2026, from Algonquin & Lakeshore Catholic District School Board to Board Chairs re: Strengthening Our Commitment to Food Security for All

ITEMS FOR FURTURE MEETINGS

15.1 April 2026: Strategic Plan Monitoring of Goals

15.2 September 2026: Strategic Plan Year-End Monitoring of Goals and Actions

ADJOURNMENT

9363-26 MEUNIER / ARCHIBALD **THAT** we do now adjourn

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD **CHAIR OF THE BOARD**