District School Board
Ontario North East

Meeting of the Board

Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 6:15 pm
Schumacher Board Office and Microsoft Teams

MINUTES

TRUSTEES PRESENT

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

EXCUSED TRUSTEE ABSENCES

Howard Archibald
Doug Walsh

STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Sawsan Alahmed
Summer Nickoshie

STUDENT TRUSTEES ABSENT

Andrew Cull

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

1.0 CALL TO ORDER: Closed Session
The Closed Session was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Vice-Chair Hewey

9390-26 DRAVES / PEEVER **THAT** the Board resolve into a Committee of the Whole

CARRIED

9391-26 POCHOPSKY / PYE-REASBECK **THAT** the Board resolve into a Committee of the Whole, Closed Session

CARRIED

1.1 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.

1.2 Attendance: Closed Session
9392-26 MEUNIER / PEEVER **THAT** the Board approve the absence of the following Trustees from the May 5, 2026, Meeting of the Board: Closed session:
Trustee Archibald
Trustee Walsh

CARRIED

1.3 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Closed Session
9393-26 DRAVES / BYER **THAT** the Board approve the agenda for the Meeting of the Board, closed session, dated May 5, 2026.

CARRIED

1.4 Conflict of Interest
Trustees declaring a conflict of interest were asked to do so in writing, with a log kept on file by the Chair. 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.

2.0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Closed Session
9394-26 PEEVER / DRAVES **THAT** the Board approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Board: Closed Session, dated May 5, 2026.

CARRIED

RISE AND REPORT
9395-26 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

1.1 Territorial Acknowledgement
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1.2 Quorum
9396-26 BRUSH / MEUNIER

THAT the Board approve the absence of the following Trustees from the May 5, 2026, Meeting of the Board.
Trustee Archibald
Trustee Walsh

CARRIED

1.3 Approval of the Agenda
9397-26 HEWEY / BRUSH

THAT the Board approve the agenda for the Meeting of the Board dated May 5, 2026

CARRIED

1.4 Conflict of Interest
Trustees declaring a conflict of interest were asked to do so in writing, with a log kept on file by the Chair. 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.

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA
9398-26 POCHOPSKY / PEEVER

THAT the Board approve the consent agenda

CARRIED

3.0 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY
3.1 Principal / Vice-Principal Transfers and Placements
3.2 Personnel Report
3.3 Cash Disbursement Report
3.4 Minutes of the Finance and Property Committee Meeting held February 17, 2026
3.5 Minutes of the Governance and Policy Committee Meeting held March 10, 2026

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS
NIL

5.0 CHAIR'S REPORT
Chair Byer provided an update regarding Bill 101 and the expected impacts to governance, bylaws, and education system operations. Trustees are encouraged to monitor developments.

6.0 BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Finance and Property Committee Chair Report
Committee Chair Brush provided a report for the meeting held on April 7, 2026. The report acknowledges Trustee Byer's acceptance of the Vice-Chair role and included a recommendation for Board approval of preliminary staffing numbers for the 2026–2027 school year. It also

recognized a significant $600,000 donation from Agnico Eagle Mines Limited to Kirkland Lake District Composite School, which will fund the development of a new multisport outdoor complex.

6.2 Governance and Policy Committee Chair Report

9399-26 PYE-REASBECK / HEWEY **THAT** the Board approve the revised policies:
Policy 1.1.8 – Brand Standards
Policy 1.2.7 – Display of Flags
Policy 1.2.8 – Copyright Policy and Fair Dealing Guidelines
Policy 1.2.14 – Protocol for Reporting Teacher Professional Misconduct
Policy 1.2.17 – Occupational Health and Safety
Policy 1.2.18 – PSSP Performance Appraisal
Policy 1.2.25 – Confidentiality of Staff Medical records
Policy 1.2.33 – Designated Early Childhood Educators Performance Appraisal
Policy 2.1.13 – Substance Abuse and Related Behaviour
Policy 2.1.14 – Appropriate Dress
Policy 2.1.35 – Student Attendance
Policy 2.1.37 – Public Concerns
Policy 2.1.40 – Health Education Exemptions

9400-26 BRUSH / PEEVER **THAT** the Board revoke Policy 1.2.20 - Advocacy

CARRIED

7.0 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Dye highlighted district-wide efforts focused on student achievement, well-being, and engagement, including ongoing family-teacher conferences to strengthen school-family partnerships and promotion of secondary summer learning opportunities for students in Grades 8–12 running from July 2 to 29. Director Dye also outlined initiatives supporting inclusion and mental health, such as Mental Health Week family activity kits aligned with the Five Ways to Well-Being and staff participation in a Belong Working Group event; additionally, the report celebrates collaborative and innovative learning experiences, including a student film project premiere involving multiple secondary schools and recognition of community contributions, alongside opportunities for female students to explore skilled trades through the upcoming Jill of All Trades event at Northern College.

8.0 STAFF REPORTS

8.1 Strategic Plan Vignette

9.0 STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

Student Trustees provided updates on ongoing student-led initiatives, highlighting progress on a board-wide career awareness project involving outreach to local sectors, as well as the completion of an inclusivity action plan designed to support equitable school events and programming. They also reported on the recent student trustee elections, confirming the selection of the incoming representatives for the 2026–2027 term, and noted upcoming participation in the OSTA-AECO student association meeting.

9.1 Student Trustee Election

9401-26 MEUNIER / HEWEY

THAT the Board approve the election of the following students as Student Trustees for the 2026-2027 school year:

Jordanna Brazeau, from Iroquois Falls Secondary School for the one-year term Student Trustee

Bell Cheechoo-Wesley, from Timmins High and Vocational School for the one-year term Indigenous Student Trustee

CARRIED

10.0 REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND STATUTORY COMMITTEES

NIL

11.0 OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 OPSBA Member Board Delegate and Alternate Delegate Appointment

Trustee Brush nominated Trustee Pochopsky
Trustee Pochopsky accepted the nomination

9402-26 DRAVES / PEEVER

THAT Trustee Pochopsky be appointed OPSBA Delegate for the upcoming 2026-2027 term, effective May 5, 2026

CARRIED

Trustee Pochopsky nominated Trustee Pye-Reasbeck
Trustee Pye-Reasbeck accepted the nomination

9403-26 POCHOPSKY / MEUNIER

THAT Trustee Pye-Reasbeck be appointed OPSBA Alternate Delegate for the upcoming 2026-2027 term, effective May 5, 2026

CARRIED

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

NIL

13.0 TRUSTEE NOTICES OF MOTION (Discussion for Next Meeting)

NIL

14.0 CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS

14.1 Letter dated April 24, 2026, from The Honourable Paul Calandra, re: Notification to Proceed with Procurement of Student Transportation Contracts

14.2 Letter dated April 24, 2026, from the Schumacher Historical Society, re: Withdraw Heritage Property Request for Schumacher Public School

15.0 ITEMS FOR FURTURE MEETINGS

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

16.0 ADJOURNMENT

9404-26 PEEVER / MEUNIER **THAT** we do now adjourn

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

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