

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

**Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 6:15 P.M.
Roy H. Wilfong Boardroom, Education Centre
1994 Fisher Drive, Peterborough, Ontario**

ATTENDANCE

Present: Jaine Klassen Jeninga (Chairperson of the Board), Angela Lloyd (Vice-chairperson of the Board), Cathy Abraham, Paul Brown, Terry Brown, Sean Conway, Cyndi Dickson, Kathleen Flynn, Diane Lloyd, Steve Russell and Student Trustees Ben Poley and Aanya Singh.

Trustee Rose Kitney attended virtually via Microsoft Teams.

Also Present: R. Russo, D. McNaughton, J. Brake, J. Ford, A. Foster, S. Gohil, M. Loya, J. Maliha, G. Payne, J. Sepkowski, A. Anirud, D. Fitzgerald, G. Kidd and L. Haemel.

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

2. **IN-CAMERA SESSION**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee A. Lloyd
Seconded by: Trustee Abraham

(24-119) That the Board move into In-camera Session (6:16 p.m.).

CARRIED

The Open Session of the meeting resumed at 7:07 p.m.

3. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Vice-chairperson, A. Lloyd, respectfully acknowledged the Board was meeting on the traditional territory of the Mississauga First Nations.

4. **NATIONAL ANTHEM AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Chairperson J. Klassen Jeninga introduced Otonabee Valley Public School students who sang a vocal rendition of the National Anthem, followed by a moment of silence.

5. **CHARACTER ATTRIBUTE – STUDENT TRUSTEE**

Student Trustee Singh spoke to this month's character attribute, fairness.

ACCOLADES PRESENTATIONS

Cathy Abraham

Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) President, 2018 to 2024

R. Russo, Director of Education spoke to the accomplishment of Trustee Abraham upon completion of four terms as President of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) and the first trustee from Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board (KPR) to be elected to OPSBA's three-member executive group.

Trustee Abraham has played a critical role in advancing public education across the province through years of challenge and change. OPSBA is routinely called on by the provincial government for input and advice on legislation and the impact of government policy.

Trustee Abraham thanked the Board for the accolades and stated that it was a pleasure and honour to serve as president of OPSBA for six years.

2024 OPSBA Awards Recipients:

Derek Doucet, Educator, Lakefield District Public School

R. Russo spoke to the accomplishment of Lakefield District Public School (LDPS) educator, D. Doucet, for receiving a 2024 OPSBA Award recognizing his exemplary commitment and dedication to the LDPS community.

Andrew Gibson, Educator, Roger Neilson Public School

R. Russo spoke to the accomplishment of Roger Nielson School (RNPS) educator, A. Gibson, for receiving a 2024 OPSBA Award recognizing his exemplary commitment and dedication to the RNPS community.

**Jennifer Robertson, Educator, Roger Nielson Public School
2024 OPSBA Awards Recipient**

R. Russo spoke to the accomplishment of RNPS educator, J. Robertson, for receiving a 2024 OPSBA Award recognizing her exemplary commitment and dedication to the RNPS community.

Each 2024 OPSBA Awards recipient was provided with the OPSBA Award Certificate, a framed Accolade Certificate and a photo opportunity.

6. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Conway
Seconded by: Trustee P. Brown

(24-120) **That the agenda be adopted as printed.**

CARRIED

7. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

8. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

8.1 **Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday, September 24, 2024**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee D. Lloyd
Seconded by: Trustee Abraham

(24-121) **That the minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 be adopted as recorded.**

CARRIED

9. **EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

Nil.

10. **DELEGATIONS**

Nil.

10.3 **DISPOSITION OF DELEGATION CONCERNS**

Nil.

11. **DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**

R. Russo reported that the 2024-2025 KPR Board Action Plan focuses on inspiring students to excel in learning, succeed in life, and enrich communities. This month's emphasis is to establish a strong foundation for student achievement in literacy and math. Evidence-based instruction in literacy and math is being provided, informed by ongoing assessment to tailor supports for student success. The early reading screening process for Senior Kindergarten to Grade 2 students is nearly complete, and progress reports will be sent to families.

Professional learning for educators will continue at the Professional Activity Day on October 25, 2024. Elementary staff will focus on math and engage in resources developed by the Teaching and Learning Department in partnership with Mental Health and Information Communications Technology Departments on topics such as social-emotional learning, composing and decomposing numbers, and assessment. Secondary staff will focus on assessment and evaluation and engage in resources developed by the Teaching and Learning Department in partnership with Mental Health and Information Communications Technology Departments on topics such as culturally relevant and responsive assessment and evaluation, a review of exams and culminating tasks and guidelines, and social-emotional learning.

On Thursday, October 24, 2024 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., a parent engagement webinar opportunity is planned entitled Engaging in Your Child's Educational Journey with a variety of topics to be presented.

November is Indigenous Peoples Awareness Month at KPR. Throughout this month and beyond, KPR celebrates Indigenous excellence and amplifies the voices of First Nation, Metis and Inuit peoples. November was chosen because it includes several important dates, such as treaties recognition week, Rock your Mocs week November 10 to 16, 2024, National Indigenous Veterans Day on November 8, 2024, and Louis Riel Day on November 16, 2024. While meaningful learning takes place throughout the entire year, the learning focus for the month of November is treaties. Schools and classes will learn directly from authentic Indigenous voices, Indigenous elders and Knowledge Keepers and then share their learning with others.

On behalf of the senior administrative team, Director Russo extended sincere thanks and appreciation to Chairperson Klassen Jeninga and Vice-chairperson A. Lloyd for their dedicated leadership over the last year.

12. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Nil.

13. **STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT**

Student Trustee Poley reported that the Student Senate met on October 7, 2024 and received updates for each school regarding September start-up activities, including how they commemorated the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. Schools across KPR honoured this day through various activities such as informative videos, class activities, and outdoor land acknowledgements. Additionally, schools reported an active start to the year with a variety of clubs and sports, including eco clubs, debate clubs, Genders and Sexualities Alliances (GSAs), peer tutoring, bands, choirs, and musical productions. Many schools also held their Terry Fox events, which saw significant student engagement.

The student trustees are focused on enhancing connections between elementary and secondary students within KPR. Student senators shared how their student councils making connections within their schools and feeder schools. Schools with intermediate schools within their buildings are exploring intermediate representation or voice through communication or collaboration KPR student senators will continue to share strategies for connecting with feeder schools and their intermediate leaders.

During the meeting discussions occurred around mental health initiatives, reactions to the new cell phone policy, and safety concerns.

On October 11, 2024, student senators attended a leadership development session at Larryland. This session provided an opportunity for student senators to learn important leadership skills, work in groups, and assist those in need. The event was engaging and impactful.

Questions of clarification were addressed by Student Trustee Poley and Superintendent Gohil.

14. **DECISION ITEMS**

14.1 **COMMITTEE DECISION REPORTS**

14.1.1 **Special Education Advisory Committee Report**

Trustee A. Lloyd reported that the committee met on October 1, 2024 and received board, administrative and association updates and participated in a Special Education Plan exercise.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee A. Lloyd
Seconded by: Trustee Russell

(24-122)

That Stephanie Fuller be appointed alternative representative to the Special Education Advisory Committee for Frontenac Youth Services, for the current four-year term of 2023-2026.

CARRIED

It was,

Moved by: Trustee A. Lloyd
Seconded by: Trustee T. Brown

(24-123)

That the Special Education Advisory Committee Report, dated October 22, 2024, be received for information.

CARRIED

14.2 **DECISION REPORTS**

Nil.

15. **ONTARIO PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARDS' ASSOCIATION (OPSBA) REPORT**

Trustee D. Lloyd, the Board's Delegate Member of OPSBA, reported that at the recent regional meeting a presentation was provided on anti-black racism and mental health initiatives. Two booklets are placed in the trustee workroom with respect to these presentations.

At the September 27 and 28, 2024 meeting of the Board of Directors, Stewart McDonough representing the Association of Municipalities of Ontario provided a presentation of the Healthy Democracy Project, and the Board of Directors received the annual operational plan and monitoring Framework for 2024 to 2025.

Trustee D. Lloyd provided further items of interest with respect to OPSBA and highlighted the following dates:

- Local Government Week October 21 to 25, 2024. Trustees were encouraged to visit Grade 5 and Grade 12 civics classes.
- The 2025 Public Education Symposium is scheduled to be held at the Sheraton Centre in Toronto on January 24 and 25, 2025.
- The OPSBA Advocacy Day is on February 24, 2024.
- The Education and Labour Relations Conference is scheduled to be held May 1 and 2, 2025 at the Sheraton Centre in Toronto.
- The 2025 Annual General Meeting is scheduled for June 12 to 14, 2025 at Queens Landing in Niagara on the Lake.
- The next OPSBA Board of Directors meeting will be held on November 29 and 30, 2025

Trustee Abraham spoke to the National School Food Program and reported that Manitoba and Newfoundland are participating in the program. It was expressed that Ontario students would benefit greatly if the Ontario Government participated in this program.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Conway
Seconded by: Trustee Abraham

(24-124) That correspondence be sent to Members of Provincial Parliament local to the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board urging them to consider signing on to the National School Food Program, and that copies be sent to Ontario Public School Boards' Association and other school boards.

CARRIED

16. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

17. **INFORMATION ITEMS – CONSENT ITEMS**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Abraham
Seconded by: Trustee P. Brown

(24-125) That the following agenda items for the October 22, 2024 Board meeting be received for information:

- Item 17.1 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Report
- Item 17.2 Accessibility Advisory Committee Report
- Item 17.3 Program Review Committee Report
- Item 17.4 Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee Report
- Item 17.5 Student Transportation Services of Central Ontario (STSCO) Governance Committee Report
- Item 17.6 Resource Committee Report

Requests were made by trustees to pull the following reports for comment and/or discussion:

- Item 17.2 Accessibility Advisory Committee Report
- Item 17.5 Student Transportation Services of Central Ontario (STSCO) Governance Committee Report
- Item 17.6 Resource Committee Report

The motion was **CARRIED**

17.2 **Accessibility Advisory Committee**

Trustee A. Lloyd reported that the committee met on September 25, 2024 and received a presentation from Rory Burke, Director of the Accessibility of the Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Compliance Branch. The committee received reports with respect to the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Desk Audit and KPR's Accessibility 101 training program and participated in an accessibility inclusion exercise.

It was noted that a Human Rights System Survey was emailed to all board staff on October 11, 2024 and will be open for participation until October 31, 2024.

Questions of clarification were address by Commissioner A. Anirud.

17.5 **Student Transportation Services of Central Ontario (STSCO) Governance Committee**

Trustee Klassen Jeninga reported that the committee met on October 9, 2024 and received updates with respect to the 2024-2025 school year start-up that was busier than usual attributable to route changes. Due to a shortage of drivers in the Peterborough area some routes were temporarily consolidated but have now been restored. Significant delays in the Clarington region were experienced due to a shortage of vehicles. These delays have now been reduced.

The committee also received updates with respect to the Opt-in for Transportation Program, 2024 start-up compliance for school bus and taxi operators, 2024 First Rider Program and the 2024-2025 school bus safety training.

Trustee Abraham expressed concerned about the shortage of vehicles in Clarington and requested that the STSCO Governance Committee complete an inquiry and report back to the Board about this situation.

Trustee D. Lloyd requested a cost assessment with respect to the Opt-In for Transportation Program.

Questions of clarification were addressed by Superintendent Foster.

17.6 **Resource Committee**

Trustee D. Lloyd reported that the committee met on October 9, 2024 and received a Capital Priorities Program 2024-2025 report outlining five proposals submitted to the Ministry of Education for consideration, a Northglen neighbourhood school update, and a boundary adjustment review for Bowmanville Area Schools.

Questions of clarification we addressed by Superintendent Foster and Superintendent Payne.

18. **BOARD MEMBER ADDITIONS**

Nil.

19. **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

Chairperson Klassen Jeninga drew attention to the future meeting dates listed in the Board agenda.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee P. Brown
Seconded by: Trustee A. Lloyd

- (24-126) **That the Board rejoin In-camera session to complete unfinished business 8:38 p.m.**

CARRIED

The Board reconvened in Open Session to complete unfinished business at 9:40 p.m.

20. **REPORT OF THE IN-CAMERA SESSION**

20.1 **Resource Committee Report – Recommendation 1**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee A. Lloyd
Seconded by: Trustee Abraham

- (24-127) **That the Project Plan – Maintenance and Program Enhancements 2024-2025 be approved.**

CARRIED

20.2 **Real Estate Disposal Committee Report – Recommendation 1**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee A. Lloyd
Seconded by: Trustee Conway

- (24-128) **That the Real Estate Committee Report, Agenda Item IC.8.3, Recommendation 1, considered in the In-Camera Session of the Board meeting on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, be approved.**

CARRIED

22. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee D. Lloyd
Seconded by: Trustee T. Brown

(24-129) That the meeting be adjourned (9:42 p.m.).

CARRIED

Jaine Klassen Jeninga
Chairperson of the Board

Rita Russo
Director of Education
and Secretary of the Board

**Kawartha Pine Ridge
District School Board**