

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

**Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.
Roy H. Wilfong Boardroom, Education Centre
1994 Fisher Drive, Peterborough, Ontario**

ATTENDANCE

Present: Jaine Klassen Jeninga (Chairperson of the Board), Paul Brown (Vice-chairperson of the Board), Cathy Abraham, Terry Brown, Sean Conway, Cyndi Dickson, Kathleen Flynn, Angela Lloyd, 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, G. Payne, J. Sepkowski, A. Anirud, D. Fitzgerald, G. Kidd, and L. Haemel.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **IN-CAMERA SESSION**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee K. Flynn
Seconded by: Trustee C. Dickson

(24-146) That the Board move into In-camera Session (6:15 p.m.).

CARRIED

The Open Session of the meeting resumed at 7:00 p.m.

3. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Superintendent M. Loya respectfully acknowledged the Board was meeting on the traditional territory of the Mississauga First Nations.

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

The meeting was opened with the singing of the National Anthem followed by a Moment of silence.

5. **CHARACTER ATTRIBUTE – STUDENT TRUSTEE**

Student Trustee Ben Poley spoke to this month's character attribute, Courage.

6. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee S. Conway
Seconded by: Trustee K. Flynn

(24-147) **That the agenda be adopted to include the following topics under Board Member Additions:**

- **Kawartha Food Share**

and that Item 14.1.2, Resource Committee Report, be moved up in the agenda to immediately precede Item 14.1.1, Chairpersons' Committee Report.

CARRIED

7. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

8. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

8.1 **Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday, October 22, 2024**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee R. Kitney
Seconded by: Trustee T. Brown

(24-148) **That the minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 be adopted as recorded.**

CARRIED

8.2 **Emergent Board Meeting – Tuesday, October 28, 2024**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee R. Kitney
Seconded by: Trustee T. Brown

(24-149) **That the minutes for the Emergent Board meeting held on Tuesday, October 28, 2024 be adopted as recorded.**

CARRIED

8.3 **Organizational Board Meeting – Tuesday, November 19, 2024**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee R. Kitney
Seconded by: Trustee T. Brown

(24-150) **That the minutes for the Organizational Board meeting held on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 be adopted as recorded.**

CARRIED

9. **EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

Nil.

10. **DELEGATIONS**

10.1 **DELEGATIONS (10 minutes)**

10.1.1 **Stacey Grabham**

S. Grabham, resident of the Township of Cavan Monaghan, expressed endorsement of Concept A.2 of the Peterborough City and County Accommodation Planning specifically with respect to the North Cavan Public School (PS) community and busing costs.

10.1.2 **Lorrie Gabourie**

L. Gabourie, resident of Selwyn Township, expressed support for Concept A.2 of the Peterborough City and County Accommodation Planning.

10.1.3 **Vanessa Phillips**

V. Phillips, resident of the Township of Cavan Monaghan, expressed endorsement of Concept A.2 of the Peterborough City and County Accommodation Planning specifically with respect to busing students from the North Cavan PS community.

10.1.4 **Emily Convery**

E. Convery, resident of the Township of Cavan Monaghan, expressed support for Concept A.2 of the Peterborough City and County Accommodation Planning specifically with respect to students from the North Cavan PS community, busing, balancing enrolment at each of the City and County of Peterborough secondary schools and students with additional needs.

Questions of clarification were asked by trustees.

10.2 **DELEGATIONS (3 minutes)**

10.2.1 **Bryan Faulkner**

B. Faulkner, resident of the Township of Cavan Monaghan, expressed support for Concept A.2 of the Peterborough City and County Accommodation Planning specifically with respect to busing, impacts to the student population at Crestwood and the impact for North Cavan PS students.

Questions of clarification were asked by trustees.

10.2.2 **Matthew Graham, Mayor of Cavan Monaghan**

M. Graham, Mayor of the Township of Cavan Monaghan, expressed concerns on behalf of the Council of Cavan Monaghan Township with respect to the Peterborough City and County Accommodation Planning and specifically requested that the decision be deferred to allow sufficient time to address concerns, thoroughly, review community feedback, and ensure that the final decision aligns with the Board's commitments to equity, transparency, and community engagement.

Questions of clarification were asked by trustees.

10.3 **DISPOSITION OF DELEGATION CONCERNS**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee C. Abraham

Seconded by: Trustee K. Flynn

(24-151)

That all delegations at the November 26, 2024 Board meeting be received for information, and with thanks.

CARRIED

11. **DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**

Director Russo spoke to the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board (KPR) Board Action Plan (BAP) second pillar which:

- Honours Indigenous knowledge and ways of knowing, engages in Truth and Reconciliation, and elevates First Nations, Métis and Inuit cultures, perspectives, and histories.

- Creates safe, inclusive spaces where belonging, wellbeing, and mental health supports student engagement, and the diversity and lived experiences of students and staff are valued and reflected in learning and working environments.
- Embeds principles of human rights to ensure equity and inclusion for all.

November is Indigenous Peoples Awareness Month at KPR, with learning focused on topics such as Indigenous excellence, treaties, International Inuit Day, Louis Riel Day and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People. A lookbook of this learning will be presented at the December Board meeting.

The 23rd Annual Parent Conference was held on November 23, 2024 featuring keynote speaker Dr. Robin Hanley Defoe, who presented on everyday resiliency. The conference was well-received. The participants rated it highly and appreciated the practical strategies shared.

A human rights system survey was conducted by KPR's Commissioner's Office of Human Rights, Equity, and Accessibility (HREA) to gather information about staff knowledge of the human rights principles. Results showed confidence in knowledge but identified gaps. The findings of this survey will guide the development of a human rights learning module.

12. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Nil

13. **STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT**

Student Trustees Ben Poley and Aanya Singh reported that the KPR Student Senate convened for the third time this school year on November 7, 2024, with discussions focusing on student engagement, school events, and leadership initiatives. At the meeting, senators reported high levels of student participation in various school activities, including Grade 8 days, sports events, fundraisers, and cultural initiatives such as Diwali recognition. The Senate addressed ongoing challenges, including the implementation of new policies related to vaping, and discussed improvements for the upcoming KPR Leadership Conference.

Student Trustee Aanya Singh attended the Ontario Student Trustees' Association's Fall General Meeting, where she networked with peers and listened to keynote speeches by Annie Kidder from People for Education and the Ontario Public School Boards' Association's (OPSBA) President, Kathleen Woodcock.

14. **DECISION ITEMS**

14.1 **COMMITTEE DECISION REPORTS**

14.1.2 **Resource Committee Report**

Trustee D. Lloyd reported that the committee met on November 6, 2024 where updates were provided on the following:

- City and County of Peterborough accommodation planning,
- the student accommodation planning report for Clarke High School,
- the 2023-2024 Year-end Financial Variance report, and
- the 2023-2024 Accumulated Surplus/Deficit and Deferred Revenue report.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee D. Lloyd

Seconded by: Trustee S. Conway

(24-152)

That the Accumulated Surplus transfers be approved, as detailed in the 2023-2024 Accumulated Surplus/Deficit and Deferred Revenue Report, dated November 26, 2024.

CARRIED

It was,

Moved by: Trustee D. Lloyd

Seconded by: Trustee A. Lloyd

(24-153)

That the Resource Committee Report, dated November 26, 2024, be received for information.

CARRIED

The Board recessed for a break at 8:00 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

14.1.1 **Chairpersons' Committee Report**

Chairperson J. Klassen Jeninga reported that the committee met on October 30, 2024 and discussed broadening the KPR Accolade program to include other awards that would be accessible to a wider range of staff, students and community members. Draft Board Policy B-1.12, Selection, Appointment and Evaluation of Superintendents, revised Board Policy BA-6.2, School Openings: New or Expanded Schools, and Board Policy BA-6.1, Naming/Renaming and Opening Ceremonies of Schools and Board Facilities were reviewed, a recommendation was made that Board Policy BA-6.2, School Openings: New or Expanded Schools be rescinded.

The committee also received a Student Trustee report with respect to a proposed initiative, KPR Kudos and reviewed the Trustee Budget update.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee J. Klassen Jeninga
Seconded by: Trustee K. Flynn

- (24-154) That Board Policy B-1.12, Selection, Appointment and Evaluation of Superintendents, be approved as revised.**
CARRIED

It was,

Moved by: Trustee J. Klassen Jeninga
Seconded by: Trustee A. Lloyd

- (24-155) That Board Policy BA-6.2, School Openings: New or Expanded Schools, be rescinded.**
CARRIED

It was,

Moved by: Trustee J. Klassen Jeninga
Seconded by: Trustee C. Abraham

- (24-156) That Board Policy BA-6.1, Naming/Renaming and Opening Ceremonies of Schools and Board Facilities, be approved as revised.**
CARRIED

It was,

Moved by: Trustee J. Klassen Jeninga
Seconded by: Trustee D. Lloyd

- (24-157) That the Chairpersons' Committee Report, dated November 26, 2024, be received for information.**
CARRIED

14.1.3 **Audit Committee Report**

Vice-Chairperson, P. Brown, reported that the committee met on November 11, 2024 and received draft financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2024, the Internal Audit Update and Draft Annual Reports of the Audit Committee for the year ended August 31, 2024.

Questions of clarification were addressed by Superintendent A. Foster.

It was,

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

(24-158)

That the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board Consolidated Financial Statements for the Year Ended August 31, 2024, be approved.

CARRIED

It was,

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

(24-159)

That the Detailed Annual Report of the Audit Committee for the Year Ended August 31, 2024, be approved.

CARRIED

It was,

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

(24-160)

That the Summarized Annual Report of the Audit Committee for the Year Ended August 31, 2024, be approved and forwarded to the Ministry of Education by January 15, 2025.

CARRIED

It was,

Moved by: Trustee P. Brown
Seconded by: Trustee K. Flynn

(24-161)

That the Audit Committee Report, dated November 26, 2024, be received for information.

CARRIED

14.1.4 **Striking Committee Report**

Chairperson J. Klassen Jeninga spoke to the report stating the committee met following the Organizational Board meeting on November 19, 2024. The Chairperson, Vice-chairperson, Past-chairperson and Trustees A. Lloyd and D. Lloyd reviewed the trustee preferences for board committees. The Striking committee is presenting the Committee Membership List to the Board for approval.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee J. Klassen Jeninga
Seconded by: Trustee A. Lloyd

(24-162)

That the Striking Committee Report, dated November 26, 2024, be approved.

CARRIED

It was,

Moved by: Trustee J. Klassen Jeninga
Seconded by: Trustee C. Abraham

(24-163)

That Board Policy B-2.2 Annual Meetings and Committees of the Board, section 6.2.2.4 Striking Committee be reviewed to ensure the process for the selection of committee members upholds principles of procedural fairness and equity while also considering the interests of individual trustees.

CARRIED

14.2 DECISION REPORTS

14.2.1 Naming of Northglen School – Ad Hoc Committee

Superintendent G. Payne, spoke to the need to strike an Ad Hoc Committee for the naming of the new Northglen neighbourhood school.

Questions of clarifications were addressed by Chairperson J. Klassen Jeninga and Director Russo.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee K. Flynn
Seconded by: Trustee P. Brown

(24-164)

That the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board, in accordance with Board Policy BA-6.1, Naming/Re-naming of Schools and Board Facilities, approve the establishment of a Naming of Northglen School – Ad Hoc Committee, whose membership will be as follows:

- i) **Cathy Abraham, Trustee Representative (area in which the school will be located)**
- ii) **Paul Brown, Trustee Representative (area in which the school will be located)**
- iii) **Kathleen Flynn, Trustee Representative (area in which the school will be located)**
- iv) **Terry Brown, Trustee Representative (from another part of the Board's jurisdiction)**

- v) **Aanya Singh and Ben Poley, Student Trustees, with superintendent support, who will collect and share student voice and perspective from each existing school which will be affected by the new school attendance areas,**
- vi) **the superintendent for the Family of Schools (FOS) who will act as chairperson,**
- vii) **Nicholas Shea, Principal of Clarrington Intermediate School, designate of the school**
- viii) **Greg Kidd, Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs**
- ix) **one parent representative, to be chosen by the school council, from each of Charles Bowman Public School, Harold Longworth Public School, Hampton Junior Public School and M.J. Hobbs Public School**
- x) **one community member, to be chosen by the school councils for each of Charles Bowman Public School, Harold Longworth Public School, Hampton Junior Public School and M.J. Hobbs Senior Public School**

CARRIED

14.2.2 **Awards and Scholarships – Norwood District High School**

Associate Director McNaughton reported that consistent with Board Policy ES-4.2, Recognition of Student Success Recognition of Student Success, Diane Graham, retired educator, would like to establish a Learning and Life Skills (LLS) Award to be called The Diane Graham Award for Courage, Determination, and Commitment to Follow Your Dream, to be presented annually in the amount of \$200.00 to one graduating LLS student at Norwood District High School who is furthering their education through an apprenticeship or post-secondary program.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee A. Lloyd
Seconded by: Trustee C. Dickson

(24-165)

That the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board approve the establishment of the Diane Graham Award for Courage, Determination and Commitment to Follow Your Dream, to be presented annually in the amount of \$200.00 to one graduating Learning and Life Skills student at Norwood District High School, who has met the award criteria.

CARRIED

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

Trustee D. Lloyd, the Board's Delegate Member of OPSBA, drew attention to the following:

- Members of Provincial Parliament are in session at Queens Park and will commence winter break on December 12, 2024.
- Pre-budget consultations hearings have been confirmed. OPSBA will submit a version of its education funding document prior to the February 5, 2025 deadline.
- On November 20, 2024, the Ontario government introduced the Cutting Red Tape, Building Ontario Act, 2024 which contains a number of proposals including legislative changes to the Education Act, which would recognize the system principal role in school boards
- An agreement between the federal and provincial governments has been reached to increase school food programs in Ontario under the Nation School Food Program. This will deliver meals to 160,000 more students this school year.

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

- The 2025 Public Education Symposium (PES) will be held in Toronto on January 24 and 25, 2025
- The Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Early Childhood Education nomination deadline is January 15, 2025.

16. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

17. **INFORMATION ITEMS – CONSENT ITEMS**

It was,

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

(24-166) That the following agenda items for the November 26, 2024 Board meeting be received for information:

- **Item 17.1 Parent Involvement Committee Report**
- **Item 17.2 Special Education Advisory Committee Report**
- **Item 17.3 Program Review Committee Report**
- **Item 17.4 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Report**

The motion was **CARRIED**

18. **BOARD MEMBER ADDITIONS**

Trustee A. Lloyd, spoke to the annual Loonies on the Street fundraiser which is in support of the Kawartha Food Share. This year, the event will take place on December 13, 2024. A. Lloyd stated she will participate by standing with team at the corner of George and Simcoe Streets in Peterborough collecting funds for Kawartha Food Share. Trustees were encouraged to support the event by joining her and/or providing donations.

19. **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

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

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

Nil.

21. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was,

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

(24-167) **That the meeting be adjourned (8:53 p.m.).**

CARRIED

Jaine Klassen Jeninga
Chairperson of the Board

Rita Russo
Director of Education
and Secretary of the Board