

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ONTARIO NORTH EAST



Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 6, 2017 @ 6:15 p.m.

Location:

Schumacher Board Office, Board Room
153 Croatia Avenue, Schumacher

MISSION STATEMENT:

Together, we inspire innovation and a passion for learning in every student.

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 - ii) TH&VS Band Concert – June 9 & 10 – 7:00 p.m.
 - iii) Schumacher “Save the School” Committee
 - iv) Laurentian University Strategic Planning Consultation Update
12. **ONTARIO PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION**
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15. **ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**
- i) Reminder: Special Board meeting re: Budget – Tuesday, June 27 at 9:30 a.m.
16. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**



MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of District School Board Ontario North East was held at 6:15 p.m. in the Schumacher Board Office on **Tuesday, May 16, 2017.**

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Doug Shearer (Chair)
Bob Brush (Vice-Chair)
Howard Archibald
Heather Bozzer
Bruce Cutten
Tom Henderson
Wayne Major
Peter Osterberg
Rosemary Pochopsky
Saunders Porter

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Dennis Draves

STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Aviana Ruel (ESCHS) (via videoconference)

STUDENT TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Gillian Gobbo (IFSS)

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Linda Knight - Director of Education
Jo-Anne Plaunt - Superintendent of Schools
Michelle Leigh - Superintendent of Schools
Steven Pladzyk - Superintendent of Schools
Pearl Fong-West - Superintendent of Business/Finance and Treasurer
Jim Rowe - Senior Manager of Human Resources

RECORDING SECRETARY

Susan Allen, Executive Assistant to the Director of Education

GUESTS

Corinna Wrona, Community Outreach Worker
JP Desilets, OSSTF President

REGULAR SESSION

The regular session meeting was called to order at 6:16 p.m. by Chair Doug Shearer.

6604-17 PORTER/CUTTEN:

THAT this Board resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

6605-17 DRAVES/ARCHIBALD:

THAT this Board resolve itself into a Committee of the



Whole, (In-Camera).

CARRIED

6606-17 HENDERSON/POCHOPSKY: **THAT** this Board reconvene in regular session.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

6607-17 ARCHIBALD/CUTTEN: **THAT** the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting dated May 16, 2017 be approved, with the following changes:

- **ADD**, under Committee Reports:
 - Property & Finance Committee Minutes (May 16'17)
- **ADD**, under Correspondence:
 - Letter from Hastings & Prince Edward County DSB re: EQAO testing and OSSLT course/testing timelines.

CARRIED

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Trustees were asked to declare conflicts of interest as they arise.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6608-17 OSTERBERG/MAJOR: **THAT** the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held May 2, 2017 be approved.

CARRIED

BUSINESS AND/OR QUESTIONS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Cash Disbursements

6609-17 HENDERSON/CUTTEN: **THAT** that the Board accept the report on cash disbursements for the month of April, 2017 in the amount of \$9,693,612.25.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

6610-17 HENDERSON/OSTERBERG: **THAT** the Board receive the Property & Finance Committee meeting minutes of May 16, 2017.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

6611-17 PORTER/BRUSH: **THAT** the Board receive the Rural Consultation Report.



CARRIED

MINISTRY CORRESPONDENCE

6612-17 CUTTEN/MAJOR:

THAT the following correspondence from the Ministry of Education be received:

- *Board Level Graduation Rates for 2011-12 Grade 9 Cohort* Memo (May 3, 2017)
- Minister's letter (May 8'17) re: Provincial 2016 graduation rates
- Minister Hunter's response to Chair Shearer's March 26'17 letter

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

6613-17 CUTTEN/HENDERSON:

THAT the Board receive the following correspondence:

- CSCD Grande Rivieres re: property in Moosonee;
- Hastings & Prince Edward DSB re: EQAO and timelines for OSSLT testing and OSSLC course.

CARRIED

6614-17 MAJOR/HENDERSON:

THAT the Board instruct the Superintendent of Business/Finance to respond to the letter dated April 27, 2017 from Conseil scolaire catholique de district des Grandes Rivières to indicate that the Board is not interested in their property know as École élémentaire catholique Bishop Belleau (SIIS 11293) located at 18 Rue Bay, Mosonee, Ontario.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

6615-17 ARCHIBALD/CUTTEN:

THAT we do now adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

CHAIR OF THE BOARD



TO THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ONTARIO NORTH EAST

Agenda Ref. No. 2017-06-06

RE: REVISED: Accessibility Standards for Customer Service Policy 1.2.26

Backgrounder:

As part of our ongoing commitment to review and revise policies on a regular basis, the *Accessibility Standards for Customer Service Policy 1.2.26* has been reviewed.

Updates to this policy were minor and included:

- Transferred document to our current Policy template
- Moved list of related legislation/document references to title page from page 3 & added one reference
- Minor word changes in Procedures, items # 6 and 9.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board approve the revisions to the Accessibility Standards for Customer Service Policy 1.2.26.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Rowe
Senior Manager of Human Resources

Linda L. Knight
Director of Education



**TO THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ONTARIO NORTH EAST**

RE: REVISED: School Council Policy 2.1.11

Backgrounder:

As we continue to update our Policies, there were minimal changes made to the School Council Policy:

- Transferred to current policy template
- No other changes as the Ministry documents from 2001 are still the current and used guidelines

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board approve the revisions to the School Council Policy 2.1.11.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Knight
Director of Education



TO THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ONTARIO NORTH EAST

RE: REVISED: Reporting of Child Abuse Policy 2.1.3

Backgrounder:

As is the practice, policy is often reviewed and revised as necessary on an on-going basis.

Policy 2.1.3 – Reporting of Child Abuse has undergone this process. Only minor changes were made to clean up the policy.

Additionally, the Reporting Child Abuse and Assault – Procedures Manual was also reviewed and revised. Minor changes to ensure that terminology being used within the document was consistent throughout. Also, the addition of “Kunuwanimano” within our Appendix B reporting form was added to ensure alignment with our existing protocol with them.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board approve the revisions to the *Reporting of Child Abuse Policy 2.1.3* and the accompanying *Reporting Child Abuse and Assault – Procedures Manual*.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Pladzyk
Superintendent of Schools

Linda L. Knight
Director of Education



IT Department Board Report – May 24, 2017

End of Year iPad Roundup

When you see the word “Roundup”, you might imagine cowboys riding horses and chasing cattle across the prairie into the stock yard. In our case, the cowboys are iCoaches and technicians. The cattle are iPads. The prairie is our classrooms, and the stock yard consists of blue storage bins. At the end of the school year, students will be returning their iPads to be checked, repaired, and updated with the latest apps. We are working with iChad Mowbray and his team of iCoaches, to help collect and update student iPads. As part of the collection process, we will be removing old clutter of data and apps, and refreshing the iPads with the latest operating system. They will be stored in a locked area of the school, safe and ready for next September’s handout. We like to think of it as “spring cleaning of iPads”.

Summer Projects

This promises to be another busy summer for the IT Department. We will be assisting with the removal of computer labs in several schools. Computers that remain in the schools will be updated with the latest software and operating systems, to get them ready for September. We are working on a project to upgrade our network infrastructure, to replace unsafe network equipment racks with solid cabinet enclosures. The equipment in each cabinet will be protected by a battery backup system (UPS) to ensure that phones and our wireless network will continue to function during a power outage. As well, we are working with Maintenance to upgrade the PA system in all of our schools, to ensure that announcements can be heard in all areas of a school. The new PA system will feature bi-directional hands-free communication between the classrooms and the office, enhancing the safety of our students and staff during a crisis situation in schools. The PA system will be protected by a UPS system as well, to ensure that it continues to function during a power outage. Ambitious plans and busy times ahead!

New Technician in Kirkland Lake Schools

We have hired a new technician for the Kirkland Lake family of schools. Graham is a graduate of Sault College and has worked with the Kawartha Pine Ridge school board and more recently with IBM as a field service technician. One of his reasons for choosing a career in IT for school boards, is the satisfaction of being able to help students learn and succeed. Welcome aboard, Graham!

Makerspace Improvements

The library spaces in our schools are evolving and transforming into technology and innovation centres for students – called “Makerspaces”. A school’s Makerspace will include centres that include innovative technology to challenge students’ creativity and learning. Centres will include: 3D Printer, computers, TV with Apple TV, robotics kits, whiteboards, green screens, and a variety of programmable “gadgets”. Each school’s Makerspace will be unique, designed by a team of staff including teachers, the principal, the local iCoach, and the technician. The IT department will be assisting with the installation of new equipment in the Makerspace during the summer.

Averting Viruses

The internet has evolved into a massive resource that supports learning and the growth of knowledge. But the internet also carries hidden hazards that can impact on our use of technology. Some web sites have the potential of installing a virus or spyware program on your computer if you click on a link. The email world is flooded with spam emails, some containing viruses that can infect and damage your computer. Our IT Department maintains several layers of protection for our users, including an email firewall, email virus protection, antivirus protection on all student and staff computers, and an internet firewall that keeps us safe from many harmful web sites. As much as we maintain these systems, we also educate our users about things they can do to protect our system from viruses. And it is working – we have not had a virus outbreak in several years, because our students and staff have learned to recognize possible threats in web sites and in emails. Education does not only occur in the classroom!



PROPOSED 2017-2018 BOARD MEETING DATES:

(all are Tuesdays, commencing at 5:15, unless otherwise noted)

September 5, 2017

September 19, 2017

October 3, 2017

October 17, 2017

November 7, 2017

November 21, 2017

December 5, 2017

December 19, 2017

January 9, 2018

January 23, 2018

February 13, 2018

March 6, 2018

April 3 2018

April 17, 2018

May 1, 2018

May 15, 2018

June 5, 2018

June 19, 2018

Special Board meeting (Budget): Tuesday, June 26, 2018
(time to be determined)



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MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education

FROM: Bruce Rodrigues
Deputy Minister

DATE: May 25, 2017

SUBJECT : Education Accessibility Standard Engagement

It is important that we address barriers in education that prevent children and students from reaching their full potential. Ontario is committed to supporting the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), and its goal of an accessible Ontario by 2025.

Under this Act, the government has created enforceable standards for accessible customer service, information and communications, transportation, the design of public spaces, and employment.

Many of these standards have already begun to remove barriers in child care facilities and schools. Ontario's accessibility standards require that accessibility policies be in place, educators are trained on accessible programs and curricula, and that libraries are providing accessible formats. These requirements help ensure that all students have access to the resources they need to learn, and to prepare them for a future in Ontario's workforce.

An inclusive education system is key to helping all children and students in Ontario reach their potential, and participate in our society and in the job market. In December 2016, the government committed to developing an accessibility standard for education, under the AODA. To support this important goal, the government is working to establish an Education Standard Development Committee (ESDC) in the fall of 2017.

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Prior to the establishment of the ESDC, we want to hear from the education sector on the potential scope of the ESDC's mandate. There are two ways you can participate in this engagement. The first is by providing a response to the electronic survey. To complete the survey, you can access it by visiting this URL:

- English: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EducationSurveyEN>
- French: <https://fr.surveymonkey.com/r/SondageAccessibilite>

The second way is to conduct a focus group. The attached engagement guide is designed to help you facilitate this conversation within your organization.

I encourage you to share this survey and engagement guide with all employees of your board, your SEAC, and your school councils. A response by July 14, 2017 is appreciated. If you have any questions about the survey, please call 416-325-2929 or 1-800-387-5514, or for TTY 416-325-3408 or 1-800-268-7095.

Based on our initial conversations with experts and research, five themes have been proposed for discussion:

1. Accessibility Awareness and Training in the Education Sector
2. Awareness of Accessibility Accommodations (Policies, Processes, Programs)
3. Information, Communication, and Inclusive Decision-Making
4. Transition Planning across the Education Sector
5. Inclusive and Accessible Learning Spaces

We welcome any additional comments on areas that are not addressed in these themes. Your input is valuable to shaping this important work.

We are also seeking input from other interested parties. The minister has written to all board chairs and to all key groups in the education sector asking for their feedback on this important topic too.

We are officially launching the recruitment process for the education Standards Development Committee and are now accepting applications. For information on how to apply, please contact phil.simeon@ontario.ca. More information regarding the recruitment process will continue to be communicated.

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Our government is committed to building an inclusive education system. The development of an education accessibility standard will further support the ability of students with disabilities to reach their potential, and participate in our society and in the job market.

This is an important opportunity to hear from you about an accessibility standard for education. I look forward to working with you on meeting our goal of an accessible Ontario by 2025.

Sincerely

Bruce Rodrigues
Deputy Minister

cc Council of Directors of Education (CODE)