



DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ONTARIO NORTH EAST

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 16, 2017 at 6:15 p.m.

(new meeting date; January 10th cancelled – weather)

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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MINUTES of the Inaugural Meeting of District School Board Ontario North East was held at 6:15 p.m. in the Schumacher Board Office on Tuesday, December 6, 2016.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

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

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Aviana Ruel (THVS)
Gillian Gobbo (IFSS)

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

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

ADMINISTRATION ABSENT:

GUESTS:

Corinna Wrona, Community Outreach Worker
JP Desilets, President, OSSTF

RECORDING SECRETARY

Susan Allen, Executive Assistant to the Director of Education

CALL TO ORDER for INAUGURAL SESSION

6461-16 HENDERSON/BRUSH:

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

CARRIED

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME:

Linda Knight, Director of Education, called the Inaugural meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. and proceeded to Chair the meeting until the election of a Chair.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA****6462-16 BOZZER/MAJOR:****THAT** the Agenda for the Inaugural Board Meeting dated December 6, 2016 be approved, with the following changes:

- ADD, under Administrative Reports
 - Appointment of Acting Vice Principal
- ADD, under Correspondence:
 - Northeastern Catholic DSB re: Iroquois Falls property
 - OPSBA letter from L. French re: Board visit

CARRIED**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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

APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS**6463-16 DRAVES/ARCHIBALD:****THAT** Superintendents Michelle Leigh and Jo-Anne Plaunt be appointed as scrutineers.**CARRIED****ELECTION OF CHAIR****6464-16 BRUSH/ARCHIBALD:****THAT** Doug Shearer be nominated Chair of District School Board Ontario North East.**CARRIED****6465-16 HENDERSON/CUTTEN:****THAT** nominations for Chair be closed.**CARRIED****6466-16 HENDERSON/CUTTEN****THAT** Doug Shearer be appointed Chair of District School Board Ontario North East for 2016-2017.**CARRIED****REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR**

Doug Shearer accepted the appointment and thanked the Trustees for their support and continued confidence in him as Chair, noting that he is looking forward to working with all Trustees and Senior Administration in the busy and exciting year to come.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Doug Shearer took the Chair and called for nominations for Vice-Chair of the Board.

6467-16 BOZZER/CUTTEN:**THAT** Bob Brush be nominated Vice-Chair of District School Board Ontario North East.**CARRIED****6468-16 HENDERSON/BOZZER:****THAT** nominations for Vice-Chair be closed.**CARRIED****6469-16 DRAVES/POCHOPSKY:****THAT** Bob Brush be appointed Vice-Chair of District School Board Ontario North East for 2016-2017.**CARRIED**

**REMARKS FROM VICE-CHAIR**

Bob Brush accepted the appointment, thanking his fellow Trustees for their confidence and support as we work together through the challenges and changes in this upcoming year.

REGULAR SESSION

6470-16 PORTER/OSTERBERG: **THAT** this Board reconvene in Regular Session.

CARRIED

All in attendance were asked to stand for a moment of silence in memory of Mary Gagnon, former school and Board secretary from 1988-2012, who passed away on December 4, 2016.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6471-16 DRAVES/OSTERBERG: **THAT** the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held November 15, 2016.

CARRIED**BUSINESS AND/OR QUESTIONS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES****ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS****Appointment of Acting Vice Principal**

6472-16 BRUSH/BOZZER: **THAT** Jody Pecore be assigned as Acting Vice Principal at Timmins Centennial Public School for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year.

CARRIED**COMMITTEE REPORTS****Parent Involvement Committee**

6473-16 DRAVES/BRUSH: **THAT** the Board approve the minutes of the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) meeting held April 28, 2016.

CARRIED**Property & Finance Committee**

6474-16 ARCHIBALD/HENDERSON: **THAT** the Board minutes of the Property & Finance Committee meeting held December 6, 2016 be approved.

CARRIED**6475-16 MAJOR/CUTTEN:**

THAT the Independent Auditors Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended August 31, 2016 be approved.

CARRIED



6476-16 PORTER/HENDERSON:

THAT KPMG LLP be reappointed auditors for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2017.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

6477-16 PORTER/HENDERSON:

THAT the Board receive the report on the dialogue with the Ministry regarding Capital funding.

CARRIED

6478-16 BRUSH/MAJOR:

THAT the Board receive the report on the tour of our Board by OPSBA President Laurie French.

CARRIED

6479-16 PORTER/DRAVES:

THAT the Board receive the report on the teleconference between Chair Shearer, Vice-Chair Brush and Director of Education Linda Knight with Minister of Education Mitzie Hunter held Thursday, December 1st, 2016.

CARRIED

ONTARIO PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARDS' ASSOCIATION

6480-16 HENDERSON/OSTERBERG:

THAT the Board receive the report on the meeting held December 2nd, 2016 between OPSBA Northern School Board representatives and Minister of Education Mitzie Hunter.

CARRIED

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

6481-16 DRAVES/PORTER:

THAT the Board receive the following Ministry of Education correspondence:

- Response to Capital Priorities Grant Funding
- *The Hour of Code* (December 5, 2016)

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

6482-16 OSTERBERG/ARCHIBALD:

THAT the following correspondence be received:

- M. deSilva letter to the City of Temiskaming Shores re: sale of Haileybury Public School;
- Northeastern Catholic DSB re: offer of sale of Iroquois Falls school;
- Letter from OPSBA President Laurie French re: her recent visit to & tour of our Board.

CARRIED

6483-16 DRAVES/PORTER:

THAT the Board instruct the Superintendent of Business/ Finance to respond to the Northeastern Catholic DSB letter of December 1st, 2016, to indicate that the Board is not interested in their surplus school property in Iroquois Falls.



CARRIED

IN-CAMERA SESSION

6484-16 PORTER/POCHOPSKY:

THAT this Board resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole (in-camera).

CARRIED

REGULAR SESSION

6485-16 DRAVES/ARCHIBALD:

THAT the Board reconvene in Regular Session.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

6486-16 OSTERBERG/BRUSH:

THAT we do now adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

CHAIR OF THE BOARD



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

AGENDA REF. NO. 2017-01-10

RE: EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS POLICY 2.1.32

BACKGROUND

To ensure the safety and security of all students and staff, District School Board Ontario North East has in place procedures to be implemented in an emergency situation, including, but not limited to a serious accident, violent or other incident, or an act of terrorism, in, on, or near school property

This policy was reviewed and revised by Trustees Bruce Cutten, Tom Henderson, Rosemary Pochopsky, and Doug Shearer, and Board employees Susi Johanson, Angela Parker, Sheila Siermachesky, and Jo-Anne Plaunt.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE REVISIONS TO THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS POLICY 2.1.32.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Knight
Director of Education

Jo-Anne Plaunt
Superintendent of Schools



TO THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF

Agenda Ref. No. 2017-01-16

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ONTARIO NORTH EAST

RE: EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS - ADDITIONAL STAFFING

Backgrounder:

In September 2016, transitional EA support was placed at each of the following schools to address the high medical / safety needs of students. Each school required the support of an additional Educational Assistant to adequately address the complex needs of individual students. This support has been in place since the beginning of the school year and will be required for the remainder of the year to ensure that their specific needs are met . This addition in staffing would increase the total EA compliment by 4.0 FTE.

Schools:

- Cochrane Public School
- Smooth Rock Falls Public School
- Clayton Brown Public School
- Kapuskasing District Secondary School

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT The Board approve the hiring of 4.0 FTE Educational Assistants from January 9, 2017 to June 28, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Pladzyk
Superintendent of Schools

Linda L. Knight
Director of Education



MINUTES of the **Special Education Advisory Committee** was held at the Schumacher Board Office and video conferencing sites, on Wednesday, November 2, 2016, with the following in attendance:

Committee Members:

Kathy Farrell	Vice Chairperson, Community Living Timmins	
Bruce Cutten	Trustee	
Dennis Draves	Trustee	
Peter Osterberg	Trustee	
Arline Chasle	Education Officer, Timiskaming First Nation	(v/c NLBO)
Alice Hearn-Flannigan	VOICE	(v/c NLBO)
Bruce Hayter	parent representative	(v/c Hearst)

Staff Present:

Steve Pladzyk	Superintendent of Schools responsible for Special Education	
Joanne Marsh-Peters	Acting District Special Education Administrator	
Denise Plante-Dupuis	Mental Health & Addiction Lead	
Patricia Chertow	Principal	
Alison Fantin	Principal	(v/c KLDCS)
Vanessa Harmanmaa	Acting Autism Support Officer	

Committee Members Absent:

Christine Heavens	parent representative
Gary Dowe	Cochrane Timiskaming Resource Centre
Melanie Hebert	parent representative present but room access was an issue

Guest:

Gale Wiseman	Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario – Timmins branch
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Recording Secretary:

Dianne Gaudreau	Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools
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Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 pm by Kathy Farrell, Vice Chairperson, and round table introductions and video conferencing sites were made.

Adoption of Agenda:

MOVED by Dennis Draves **SECONDED** by Bruce Cutten **THAT** the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

Election of SEAC Chair:

Kathy Farrell assumed the Chair roll to oversee the election of the Chair position. As there was no express of interest for the position it will be tabled to the December meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

MOVED by Bruce Cutten, **SECONDED** by Alice Hearn-Flannigan **THAT** the minutes of the October 5, 2016 meeting be approved as written.

CARRIED

Business Arising:

1. **PAaC Modules:**



Superintendent Steve Pladzyk provided an update on the revised PAaC handbook that has been posted on the website www.paac-seac.ca, which includes the purpose of SEAC, the roles and responsibilities and the meeting process.

The link will be emailed to members for them to review to help engage conversation at the December 7th meeting.

2. **School Council/PIC letter:**

Superintendent Steve Pladzyk stated that the letter has been revised and ready to send to School Councils and Parent Involvement Committees. At the request of Trustee Cutten the letter will be emailed to members to review before sending it out.

3. **SEAC Member Nomination:**

MOTION:

MOVED by Dennis Draves, **SECONDED** by Bruce Cutten **THAT** the following motion is presented to the Board at the next Board meeting of November 15, 2016.

“SEAC recommends to the Board of Trustees that they accept Gale Wiseman, Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario – Timmins, association representative and full members of SEAC for a term commencing December 1, 2016 and ending November 30, 2019.”

CARRIED

As some members were unable to be present at the October meeting Gale shared a brief outline of her role as Resource Facilitator with the Learning Disabilities Association which their Mission Statement is: *“To support all individuals with learning disabilities in reaching their full potential in a community that values their unique abilities and contributions.”*

New Business:

1. **Trustee Report:**

Trustee Cutten reported on the release of the Education Funding Engagement Guide, which is to continue the dialogue on funding supports to ensure equity and accountability, while expanding the conversation to other topics for the education funding for the 2017-18 school year.

Trustee Draves inquired if there is any way to find out if PAaC will be hosting another Conference in the near future.

Superintendent Steve Pladzyk will follow up with the Ministry and report back at the December meeting.

2. **Agency Report:**

None report at this time

Special Education Team Updates:

1. **Change SEAC meeting day:**

Superintendent Steve Pladzyk approached the Committee if they would be interested in changing SEAC meeting day to Mondays to align better with Board meetings that are scheduled on Tuesdays.



Discussion ensued regarding changing the meetings to Mondays, and all were in favour that SEAC meetings would continue to be held on Wednesdays.

2. **New Autism Support Officer:**
Superintendent Steve Pladzyk welcomed Vanessa Harmanmaa who has been hired to replace Anne Price, our Autism Support Officer, while on leave, stating the level of services has been a smooth transition.

3. **New Ontario Autism Program:**
Superintendent Steve Pladzyk updated the Committee on the Ministry's memorandum to support the transition and guidelines to the new Ontario Autism Program.
An application has been submitted to support an after school program which will build and enhance skills for students affected by changes to autism services and for students with high-needs autism spectrum disorder. This new funding program is intended to run for 18 months during the transition period to the new Ontario Autism Program.
The Committee discussed in length the program, cost and what will happen once this program ends after 18 months.

4. **SEAC Directory:**
Superintendent Steve Pladzyk reported on an email that was received from Jim White, Sudbury-North Regional Office regarding a SEAC Chairs/Co-Chairs directory that is being developed with the goal of electronic distribution to share resources, updates and best practices. It was been agreed that until we have a Chair elected the following email address would be created seacchair@dsb1.ca and any correspondence received would go directly to Superintendent Steve Pladzyk and shared with the Committee.

5. **Update on psycho-educational assessment wait list:**
Superintendent Steve Pladzyk provided an update on the psycho-educational assessments, stating that the Special Education team have gathered data. It has been determined that, across the three regions of the Board, a minimum of 300 students are waiting for an assessment. Currently, 72 students annually receive a psycho-educational assessment. To address this situation, the Special Education team is working on developing a business plan to address the wait list. This plan will be shared at the next meeting in December.

Future Agenda Items:

Trustee Peter Osterberg would like a follow up report on the psycho-educational assessment wait list.

Adjournment:

MOVED by Dennis Draves

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 1:04pm

NEXT MEETING: December 7, 2016 – 12:00 noon, Schumacher Board Office.

(v/c sites: NLBO, Hearst, Kapuskasing & Kirkland Lake)

Respectfully submitted on behalf of
Kathy Farrell, **Vice Chairperson**
Special Education Advisory Committee



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January 5, 2017

Dear 2015-16 Minister's Student Advisory Council Members,

As the new Minister of Education, it has been my pleasure to see all of the great work of the Minister's Student Advisory Council. Your participation is important and your perspectives reflect the cultural, social, economic and geographical diversity of Ontario's students. Thank you for sharing your voice to help strengthen student engagement across our province.

I would like to thank you for submitting the attached report that highlights your recommendations on topics that were most important to your council.

Thank you for your thoughtful advice. The recommendations from 'Student Topic #2: Leading Change in the Area of Mental Health & Fitness in the Ontario Education System' in particular are being considered as part of the review of the Daily Physical Activity Policy (PPM 138). Future MSAC members may be consulted on this topic.

In your report you also noted the importance of technology in the classroom. You may be aware that earlier this month, Ontario celebrated Computer Science Education Week by encouraging school boards across Ontario to participate in the "Hour of Code". We also announced that our government will be providing a new resource that will help teachers integrate coding and computational thinking skills into teaching. You can read our [news release](#) to learn more about this exciting initiative.

I also note the importance you put on student well-being. You may be aware that we have moved this forward by conducting engagement sessions about well-being. We began with provincial meetings in early November 2016, followed by regional sessions with educators, parents, students and community members. We have been pleased to have a large number of students from this year's council participate in these sessions, and I look forward to their participation continuing as this work moves forward.

I will continue to consider your recommendations to determine how your voice can inform the work of the ministry. Other recommendations will be shared within the ministry for consideration in our ongoing program and policy work.



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Many of the recommendations outlined in your report are specific to the role of schools and school boards. Therefore, we have also shared your report directly with Directors of Education so that they can consider your great suggestions.

Thank you again for your participation and important work as part of the 2015-16 Minister's Student Advisory Council.

Best wishes for a successful year.

Sincerely,

Mitzie Hunter, MBA
Minister of Education

C: Bruce Rodrigues, Deputy Minister
Cathy Montreuil, Assistant Deputy Minister, Student Achievement Division (SAD)
Denys Giguère, Assistant Deputy Minister, French-Language, Aboriginal Learning and Research Division (FLALRD)
Directors of Education

Attachment (1)



Au public, c'est comme ça!

December 1st, 2016

Ms. Pearl Fong-West
Superintendent of Business
District School Board Ontario North East
P.O. Box 1020
Timmins ON P4N 7H7

Dear Ms. Fong-West,

The *Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l'Ontario* has a vacant land property described below which has been declared surplus to its needs, and is therefore being offered for sale.

5.9 Acres - Vacant Land
Firewood Drive, Timmins ON

In accordance with the *Education Act O. reg. 444/98*, the *Conseil scolaire public du Nord- Est de l'Ontario* is required to offer properties for sale to municipal, provincial and federal agencies before selling the property by public tender.

If you are interested in acquiring this vacant land property, please advise us within 90 days by contacting the undersigned. Interested preferred parties are required to submit an offer to purchase at fair market value prior to expiration of the 90 days.

If you are not interested in acquiring this vacant land property, please advise us in writing as soon as possible by mail or e-mail.

Yours truly,

Patrick Cantin, PQS
Supervisor of Plant Services
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c.c. Simon Fecteau, Director of Education

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