

The Minutes of the Open Meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole held on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 6:45 p.m.

Present

* = (via video conference)

Trustees:

Chair Martin, Trustee MacKenzie (Board Chairperson), Trustee Durst*, Trustee Ayotte, Trustee Glover, Trustee Tanguay*, Trustee Leahy, Student Trustee Marie (Senior Student Trustee)

Administration:

Director Carragher, Superintendent Armstrong, Superintendent Heuchert, Superintendent O'Sullivan, Superintendent Di Ianni, Superintendent Selby.

Guests:

Superintendent Ellis*, Ms. Whitnall*

Regrets:

Superintendent Piggott, Student Trustee Gaskell (Junior Student Trustee).

Recorder:

Mrs. McLeod.

A. **Call to Order:**

Chair Martin called the Open session to order at 6:45 pm.

1. Opening Prayer

Superintendent Di Ianni led the committee in opening prayer.

2. Superintendent Heuchert provided a territorial recognition, acknowledging that the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting was taking place on the traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishnaabeg.

3. Approval of Open Meeting Agenda.

Motion: Moved by Trustee Leahy, seconded by Trustee Ayotte that the Open Meeting Agenda be accepted.

Carried.

4. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest.

There were no conflicts of interest.

5. Approval of the Draft Minutes of the Committee-of-the-Whole – Open Meeting held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

Motion: Moved by Trustee Glover, seconded by Trustee Leahy, that the Draft Minutes of the Committee-of-the-Whole – Open Meeting, held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, be approved.

Carried.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes.

There was no business arising from the minutes.

B. Recommended Actions / Presentations:

There were no recommended actions/presentations.

C. Information Items:

1. TLDSB Transportation Update

Superintendent Ellis

Superintendent Ellis, who oversees Business and Finance at Trillium Lakelands school board in Kawartha Lakes, was introduced to the committee. As a part of his portfolio, Superintendent Ellis oversees transportation which includes servicing our City of Kawartha Lakes schools. It was explained that Trillium has a two level service agreement with both PVNCCDSB as well as Simcoe Muskoka school board, to provide transportation to eligible students. Due to the geographical distance between school boards, a consortium was not feasible. Trillium oversees approximately 300-350 routes, extensively using double runs to reduce the number of drivers needed to service the schools. Superintendent Ellis explained to the committee how their transportation team handles cancellations, mentioning the relationships he has established over the years with local municipalities has been beneficial to obtain real time information on road conditions during inclement weather days. Superintendent Ellis walked the committee through parent calls and how escalations are handled, mentioning they rely heavily on PVNCCDSB transportation policies/procedures. As a follow up to this point, Chair Martin shared with the committee that parents in the CKL region did not seem to be aware of the escalation process for

transportation complaints. Superintendent Heuchert offered to bring this point to the attention of Principals at the next meeting opportunity. A few other questions were asked of Superintendent Ellis, he provided additional information and insight on the operations of his team at Trillium.

2. Clarington new school project update Superintendent Heuchert

Superintendent Heuchert provided a brief update around the new school build in Clarington, informing the committee that the Ministry application for capital projects has not yet opened. Conversations with the Ministry Capital project analyst, Board lawyers and consulting firm will be continuous in preparation for the boards capital project submission.

3. Renewal Projects Superintendent Heuchert

Superintendent Heuchert provided the committee with an overview of the capital projects being undertaken this year, also highlighting some carry over from last year. Superintendent Heuchert shared his intent to bring forward this report along with the 5 year capital report to the trustees in January. More detailed information on scope of the projects will be provided to trustees to give a greater context of the work to be completed. The list of projects as well as any rollover will be presented to trustees prior to projects going to tender. There was discussion amongst committee members around specific projects as well as clarification from Superintendent Heuchert around financials and funding.

Motion: Moved by Trustee Glover, seconded by Trustee MacKenzie, that the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting accept the report.
Carried

4. GSN Update Superintendent Heuchert

Last month the Board received an outline of PPF and GSN funding from the Ministry for the 2023-2024 school year. Superintendent Heuchert highlighted some of the key funding changes to be expected in the coming year. It was mentioned that Chief Financial Officer Smith as well

as administration have been working on how the new funding will impact board operations. Some trustees shared disappointment around the significant reduction of funding for Indigenous Education, in light of the positive partnerships that have been established as well as the Truth and Reconciliation work that has been a big focus. It was suggested that curating a letter to the Ministry to advocate for the Board should be considered. Superintendent Selby commented this could be facilitated through the FNMI committee with the support of Director Carragher and Superintendent Heuchert. The trustees also expressed concern over the end or reduction of various pandemic related funding which has a direct impact on several CUPE positions. Director Carragher shared her views and how the Board is hopeful to offset any layoffs through attrition. The discussion around funding specifics and impact continued with questions answered by Director Carragher and Superintendent Heuchert.

Motion: Moved by Trustee Ayotte, seconded by Trustee Glover, that the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting accept the report.

Carried

D. Old Business:

There was no old business.

E. New Business:

There was no new business.

F. Next Meeting:

Monday, June 12, 2023

6:30 p.m.

G. Conclusion:

1. Adjournment

Motion: Moved by Trustee Glover, seconded by Trustee MacKenzie that the Committee-of-the-Whole Open Meeting adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

Carried

2. Closing Prayer

Superintendent Di Ianni led the committee in closing prayer.

Mary Ann Martin
Committee Chairperson
/am

Sean Heuchert
Superintendent of Business and Finance