

Minutes of the Governance Committee Meeting Held on Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Greg McNally Boardroom, Kemptville

PUBLIC SESSION

A. OPENING

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

A.1 Territorial Acknowledgement; Student Trustee Finner

A.2 Opening Prayer; Trustee Cooney

B. ROLL CALL

B.1 Board Members

Present: Sue Wilson, Chair
Karen McAllister, Vice-Chair
Jennifer Cooney
Christopher Cummings
Brent Laton
Donna Nielsen
Karen Torrie-Racine
Chloe Finner, Student Trustee
Brooke Guindon, Associate Student Trustee

B.2 Senior Board Officials

Present: Laurie Corrigan, Director of Education
Ashley Hutchinson, Superintendent of Business/Treasurer
Brent Bovaird, Superintendent of School Effectiveness
Dawn Finnegan, Superintendent of School Effectiveness
Heather Gerber, Superintendent of School Effectiveness

B.3 Recorder: Judith Bériault, Executive Assistant

B.4 Others: Amber LaBerge, Communications Lead
Traci Bloomfield, Manager of Finance

C. AMENDMENT TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Wilson requested a revision under the following agenda item;

F.2 Trustee Code of Conduct

COONEY – CUMMINGS

“That the Governance Committee approve the agenda of the Governance Committee Meeting of May 7, 2024, as amended.”

Carried.

D. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Nil

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NIELSEN – TORRIE-RACINE

“That the Governance Committee approve the minutes of the Governance Committee Meeting held on April 2, 2024, as presented.”

Carried.

F. RECOMMENDED ACTION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS

F.1 Bill 98: Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act – Director’s Performance Appraisal; Chair Wilson

LATON – COONEY

“That the Governance Committee establishes a Director Performance Appraisal Committee, to address Education Act, Ontario Regulation 83/24, Director of Education Performance Appraisal. The committee shall consist of all seven (7) CDSBEO Trustees. This shall be communicated to the Ministry of Education, no later than May 15, 2024.”

Carried.

F.2 Trustee Code of Conduct

CUMMINGS – McALLISTER

“A complaint alleging a breach of the Trustee Code of Conduct was raised; after thorough deliberation and investigation, it has been determined that no breach of the Trustee Code of Conduct occurred; therefore, be it resolved that no further action is required in this matter.”

Carried.

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

G.1 Interim Financial Report; Superintendent Hutchinson

Superintendent Hutchinson introduced Traci Bloomfield, Manager of Finance, who provided the interim financial report, showing a compliant budget, according to financial indicators. Total revenue is consistent with prior year. The summary of enrolment estimates an increase of 0.3%. The next report will be presented to the Board of Trustees in June.

G.2 Enrolment & GSN Summary; Superintendent Hutchinson

Superintendent Hutchinson presented the first of the 2024-2025 Enrolment and Core Education Funding (formerly Grants for Students Needs) presentations to the Board of Trustees. The current forecasted enrolment is showing an overall decrease of 1%, although historically this could change, closer to the new school year.

Core Education Funding is the restructured version of the former Grants for Student Needs (GSN), supporting a “back to basics” focus, school board accountability and transparency. There are 28 allocations within 6 funding pillars. Superintendent Hutchinson shared the census and data updates and the adjusted formula for Transportation. Further detail will be provided at a future presentation to the Board of Trustees in June.

G.3 Raisin River Heritage Centre; Superintendent Hutchinson

Superintendent Hutchinson provided an update on the destruction of the Raisin River Centre, which is scheduled to be completed by September 2024. The Township has had many conversations with the school administrator and Superintendents to ensure the school community is not affected by the demolition.

H. CLOSING PRAYER

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

NIELSEN – LATON

"That the Governance Committee Meeting of May 7, 2024, be adjourned."

Carried.

Adjourned at 7:07 p.m.