



# DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ONTARIO NORTH EAST

**MINUTES** of the Regular Meeting of District School Board Ontario North East was held at 6:15 p.m. in the *Schumacher Board Room, 153 Croatia Avenue* on **Tuesday, October 16, 2018.**

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

Bob Brush, Chair  
Dennis Draves, Vice Chair  
Howard Archibald  
Tom Henderson  
Bruce Hayter  
Rosemary Pochopsky  
Saunders Porter  
Doug Shearer

**TRUSTEES ABSENT:**

Heather Bozzer  
Bruce Cutten  
Peter Osterberg

**STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

Danielle Beaudoin (Kirkland Lake District Composite School) – via v/c  
Chloey Frank (Indigenous)  
Noble Stow-Gore (Timiskaming District Secondary School)

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:**

Lesleigh Dye - Director of Education  
Steven Pladzyk - Superintendent of Schools  
Jo-Anne Plaunt - Superintendent of Schools  
Kristen Niemi - Superintendent of Schools  
Pearl Fong-West - Superintendent of Business/Finance and Treasurer  
Jim Rowe - Superintendent of Human Resources

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Susan Allen, Executive Assistant to the Director of Education – Recording Secretary  
Andreanne Denis – Communication Officer

**GUESTS:**

JP Desilets, President, OSSTF

**REGULAR SESSION**

The meeting opened with the land acknowledgement of our being on the Traditional Territory of the Ojibway and Oji-Cree people of the Mattagami First Nation, located in Treaty 9 Territory. Chair Bob Brush welcomed Kristen Niemi, our new Regional Superintendent of Schools for the Northern Region. The In-Camera session meeting was called to order at 5:47 p.m. by Vice-Chair Dennis Draves.

**6968-18 PORTER/ARCHIBALD:**

**THAT** this Board resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole,

**CARRIED**

**6969-18 SHEARER/POCHOPSKY:**

**THAT** this Board resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole,  
In-Camera

**CARRIED**

- 6970-18 HENSERSON/SHEARER: THAT we now rise and report to the Board. CARRIED
- 6971-18 PORTER/HENDERSON: THAT this Board reconvene in Regular Session. CARRIED

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- 6972-18 HAYTER/HENDERSON: THAT the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting dated October 16, 2018 be approved. CARRIED

### CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

**PRESENTATION: *Culture: EQAO results and next steps (K. Niemi, Superintendent of Education, C. Mowbray, VP Innovation, Literacy & Numeracy K-12, and Lynda Mitchell, VP Early Learning, French as a Second Language and Literacy & Numeracy K-6)***

Vice Principals Chad Mowbray and Lynda Mitchell and Superintendent Kristen Niemi reviewed the 2017-2018 elementary and secondary testing results released by the Ministry Education Quality and Accountability (EQAO) Office. The presentation focused on the comparison of elementary (gr. 3 and 6) reading, writing, and mathematics scores (including breakdowns for students who identify as Indigenous and for those with special education needs) and then reviewed the secondary (Grade 9) English and mathematics scores and Grade 10 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) results. Further breakdown by gender and over the past 4 years were charted. Next steps include collaboration of all staff to best meet the needs of our students, the expectation of high standards in pedagogy and programs in Literacy and Numeracy and balancing explicit instruction and experiential/inquiry-based learning. Accommodations for students with Special Education needs, our focus on Mental Health and Well-Being and the self-identification of our Indigenous students will help ensure DSB Ontario North East promotes a respectful learning and working environment while engaging students to achieve greater academic success.

- 6973-18 POCHOPSKY/PORTER: That the Board receive the presentation on *The Education, Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) Results and Next Steps* by K. Niemi, Superintendent of Education, C. Mowbray, VP Innovation, Literacy & Numeracy K-12, and Lynda Mitchell, VP Early Learning, French as a Second Language and Literacy & Numeracy K-6. CARRIED

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 6974-18 HENDERSON/HAYTER: THAT the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held October 2, 2018. CARRIED

### BUSINESS AND/OR QUESTIONS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

#### Cash Disbursements

- 6975-18 PORTER/DRAVES: THAT the Board accept the report on cash disbursements for the month of September, 2018 in the amount of \$13,336,750.74. CARRIED

#### Graduation Rates – Year 4 and Year 5

- 6976-18 PORTER/DRAVES: THAT the Board receive the report on four-year and five-year graduation rates as of August 31, 2017. CARRIED

**Year One Strategic Plan Implementation**

**6977-18 POCHOPSKY/HAYTER:** **THAT** the Board receive the Year One Strategic Plan Implementation outline presented by Director Lesleigh Dye.  
**CARRIED**

**School Overdose Prevention Education**

**6978-18 HENDERSON/ARCHIBALD:** **THAT** the Board receive School Overdose Prevention and Education 2018-2019 delivery timelines.  
**CARRIED**

**Policy Revisions**

**6979-18 PORTER/DRAVES:** **THAT**, due to the Federal government legalization of cannabis (effective October 17, 2018), the Board revise the following policies to include language for the use of “illegal, controlled and/or restricted substances”:

- Substance abuse and related behaviour policy 2.1.13
- Student Code of Conduct Policy 2.1.6
- Safe Schools: Student Discipline, Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy 2.1.18

**CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS****Indigenous Peoples’ Advisory Committee**

**6980-18 ARCHIBALD/POCHOPSKY:** **THAT** the Board receive the Indigenous Peoples’ Advisory Committee (IPAC) minutes for the meeting held May 1, 2018.  
**CARRIED**

**OTHER BUSINESS****Trustee Committee Structure**

**6981-18 PORTER/HAYTER:** **THAT** the Board receive the DRAFT Trustee Committee structure.  
**CARRIED**

**ONTARIO PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARDS’ ASSOCIATION (OPSBA)**

**6982-18 HENDERSON/DRAVES:** **THAT** the Board receive the Ontario Public School Boards’ Association (OPSBA) Board of Directors Report and updates by Trustee Tom Henderson.  
**CARRIED**

**MINISTRY CORRESPONDENCE**

**6983-18 HENDERSON/DRAVES:** **THAT** the Board receive the following Ministry correspondence:

- Email from Minister Thompson re: Amendments to O. Reg. 357/06: Honoraria for Board Members

**CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**6984-18 DRAVES/PORTER:** **THAT** the Board receive the following correspondence:

- Community Living: open letter to Premier D. Ford
- Ontario Public School Boards’ Association (OPSBA) – Copyright Memo (October 2018)

**CARRIED**

**STUDENT TRUSTEE REFLECTIONS****6985-18 SHEARER/DRAVES:****THAT** the Board receive the report by Student Trustees Noble Stow-Gore, Danielle Beaudoin and Chloey Frank on the Student Senate held October 3, 2018.**CARRIED****ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

- i. November 20, 2018: Equity: CODE Summer Learning Programs
- ii. December 18, 2018: Equity: Indigenous Education
- iii. January 22, 2019: Innovation: *PACE Reimagined*

**ADJOURNMENT****6986-18 HAYTER/ACHIBALD:****THAT** we do now adjourn.**CARRIED***The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.*

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**SECRETARY OF THE BOARD**

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**CHAIR OF THE BOARD**