



## Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 6, 2018 @ 6:15 p.m.

Location:

**SCHUMACHER BOARD OFFICE**

153 Croatia Avenue, Schumacher

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

*Together, we inspire innovation and a passion for learning.*

### AGENDA

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY  
Ahnii! We begin our meeting by acknowledging that we are in the Traditional Territory of the Ojibway and Oji-Cree people of the Mattagami First Nation, located in Treaty 9 Territory.
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  - iii. January 22, 2019: Innovation: *PACE Reimagined*
  
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**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  
Andreeanne 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.*

SECRETARY OF THE



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

**AGENDA REF. NO. 2018 11 06**

**Re: Trustee Honoraria Policy**

Ontario Regulation 357/06 establishes the process to establish the maximum levels of Trustee Honoraria for the term of office commencing December 1, 2018 and ending November 14, 2022.

The Superintendent of Business/Finance has calculated the maximum levels of Trustee Honoraria under Ontario Regulation 357/06 and makes the following recommendations:

1. That the enrolment amount be 100% for the chair, vice-chair and trustee for the term of office December 1, 2018 to November 14, 2022.
2. That the maximum base and enrolment amount for a trustee who is not the chair or vice-chair be \$7,025.03 for a year of the term of office for the term of office December 1, 2018 to November 14, 2022.
3. That the maximum base and enrolment amount for the chair be \$12,525.03 for a year of the term of office for the term of office December 1, 2018 to November 14, 2022.
5. That the maximum base and enrolment amount for the vice - chair be \$9,775.03 for a year of the term of office for the term of office December 1, 2018 to November 14, 2022.
6. That the attendance amount per meeting attended for the chair, vice-chair or trustee on the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) or on a Supervised Alternative Learning For Excused Pupils (SALEP) Committee be a maximum of \$0.
7. That the distance amount per meeting attended for the chair, vice-chair or trustee who travels more than 200 kilometers to attend a meeting of the board or its statutory committees be a maximum in respect of any day of \$50.

The board is required in accordance with Ontario Regulation 357/06 to approve by motion a policy based on the recommendations above.

The revised policy is attached.

**Recommendations:**

**That the Board approve the revised Trustee Honorarium Policy and that it be enacted effective November 6, 2018.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lesleigh Dye  
Director of Education

Pearl Fong-West  
Superintendent of Business/Finance



**District School Board Ontario North East  
Leadership Strategy  
November 2018**

**The DSB1 Leadership Strategy includes:**

- A. Leadership Steering Committee
- B. Appraisal Process for Superintendents
- C. Selection Process for Principals and Vice-Principals
- D. Mentoring for Principals/Vice-Principals/Managers interested in lead and SO positions
- E. Leadership Conference Planning Committee
- F. Mentoring for newly appointed Principals and Vice-Principals
- G. Professional Learning for all staff interested in formal leadership

**A. Leadership Steering Committee**

Chair: Lesleigh Dye

Members: Cathy Beauchamp, Sharon Bowes, Kristen Elvestad, Steve Pladzyk, Jim Rowe, Shane Rentelis, Paula Walker, and Tanya Vincze

Mandate: To support the leadership activities for all staff in DSB1 and to make recommendations to Administrative Council

Meeting dates: October 1, December 10, February 11 and April 15  
4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

**B. Appraisal Process for Superintendents**

Conducted by Director

Based on the draft Supervisory Officer Performance Appraisal (SOPA), 2013

Each year, there are growth plan chat conversations. The formal appraisal cycle is every two years:

- 2018-2019 Experienced Superintendents
- 2019-2020 Newly appointed Superintendents

Process includes:

- October meeting to determine goals, strategies and indicators
- February meeting to review process
- June meeting to final appraisal process

**C. Selection Process for Principals and Vice-Principals**

Facilitator: Lesleigh Dye with input from Administrative Council and Leadership Steering Committee

Mandate: To develop an open and transparent selection process for teachers interested in becoming vice-principals and principals. The process will potentially include: cover letter, resume, one page re: Strategic Plan, references, site visits and an interview. The criteria for the selection process is based on the Ontario Leadership Framework (OLF), 2013





**D. Mentoring for Principals/Vice-Principals/Managers interested in Lead and SO positions**

Facilitator: Lesleigh Dye  
Members: Rodger Mineault, Shawn Donovan, Jamie Johnston, Shane Rentelis, Cathy Beauchamp, Tanya Vincze and Rose Montico-Reimer  
Mandate: To provide leadership opportunities for the seven staff interested in becoming a lead or SO in the future.  
Meeting dates: October 25, December 6, February 21 and April 25  
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, face-to-face

**E. Leadership Conference Planning Committee**

Chaired by: Lesleigh Dye  
Members: Sharon Bowes, Denise Plante-Dupuis, Lisa Innes, Al McLean and Lisa Yee  
Mandate: To plan the best ever leadership conference based on feedback from the past year's and past on needs of the P/VPs/Managers. For August 2019, the keynote speaker will be Dr. Greg Wells

**F. Mentoring for newly appointed Principals and Vice-Principals**

Chaired by: Steve Pladzyk  
Members: Paula Walker and Shane Rentelis  
Mandate: To provide mentoring for newly appointed P/VPs to support in the leadership and management aspects of the role

**G. Professional Learning for all staff interested in formal leadership**

Chaired by: Jim Rowe  
Members: Kirsten Elvestad and Tanya Vincze  
Mandate: To host two professional learning sessions during 2018-2019 to explore leadership and the important skills one needs to develop and enhance  
Dates: Fall 2018 and Spring 2019

**H. Appraisal process for all staff**

Chaired by: Jim Rowe  
Mandate: Jim Rowe will work with staff and unions to create appraisal processes for staff who do not currently have an appraisal process in place (i.e., non-union staff, secretaries, information services, custodial). By September 2020, all appraisal processes will be in place.



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

**AGENDA REF. NO. 2018 11 06**

**RE: By-Law No. 35 - Levying Education Taxes for 2019 (Mandated)**

**Background**

School boards are responsible for levying tax at the rates set out in Ontario Regulation 400/98 made under the Education Act and are required to pass by-laws annually for that purpose.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Board approve By-Law No. 35 being a By-Law for the purpose of levying education taxes for 2019:**

**Whereas subsection 257.7(1) of the Education Act (Act) requires the Board to levy the tax rates prescribed under section 257.12 of the Act;**

**And whereas Ontario Regulation 400/98 prescribes the tax rates under section 257.12(1) of the Act; Now therefore the Board enacts as follows:**

**The rates set out in Ontario Regulation 400/98 for 2019 are hereby levied in localities within the area of jurisdiction of the Board on the property indicated in section 257.7 of the Act.**

**Having been read once, twice and a third time in open session of the Board, By-Law No. 35 is hereby enacted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Lesleigh Dye**  
Director of Education

**Pearl Fong-West**  
Superintendent of Business/Finance



**Memorandum** Directors of Education  
**to:** Supervisory Officers/Secretary Treasurers of School Authorities  
Executive Director, Provincial and Demonstration Schools

I am writing to provide an update related to the legalization of recreational cannabis.

### **Legalization of Recreational Cannabis**

#### Amendments to the *Education Act* and Policy/Program Memoranda:

Ontario's *Cannabis Act, 2017* came into force today and sets a minimum age of 19 to use, buy, possess, cultivate, and distribute recreational cannabis in Ontario. The *Cannabis Act, 2017* amends the *Education Act* to reflect suspension, expulsion, and code of conduct changes so that cannabis remains prohibited at school, on school property and at school-related activities.

The following Ministry of Education Policy and Program Memoranda (PPMs) that reference these provisions have also been updated:

- PPM 128 - Provincial Code of Conduct and School Board Codes of Conduct
- PPM 144 - Bullying Prevention and Intervention
- PPM 145 - Progressive Discipline and Promoting Positive Student Behaviour

The updated PPMs can be accessed at: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/extra/eng/ppm/ppm.html>. School boards must make the necessary revisions to their school board policies to align with the updated PPMs. The amendments to the *Education Act* can be found on [e-laws](#).

[Fact sheets](#) containing information about the provincial Code of Conduct, suspensions, and expulsions in Ontario's schools have also been updated to reflect the amendments to the *Education Act* and related PPMs.

### **Cannabis-Related Resources**

The ministry has developed resources for the education sector to increase awareness about cannabis, prevent and/or delay cannabis use among youth, and promote healthy decision-making and student safety.

These resources include:

- A fact sheet for schools and school boards that focuses on the implications for your work, including changes to the *Education Act* and PPMs 128, 144, and 145.
- A resource for youth that provides factual information and highlights the risks of use/misuse, developed in collaboration with Kids Help Phone.

The Ministry of Education will continue to provide resources based on the needs of the school community, which will be available on the ministry's legalization of recreational cannabis web pages for [educators](#) and [parents](#).

For general information and other resources about legalization of recreational cannabis in Ontario, please visit [www.ontario.ca/cannabis](http://www.ontario.ca/cannabis). This website will continue to be updated as more information becomes available.

### **Ontario School Information System (OnSIS)**

The Ministry of Education is also updating the suspension/expulsion data collection tool found in the Ontario School Information System (OnSIS) to align with the amendments to the *Education Act*.



There are three new categories for suspension/expulsion:

- possession of cannabis;
- being under the influence of cannabis;
- giving cannabis to a minor.

Effective today, these will be collected through OnSIS for the 2018-2019 school year. Specific OnSIS requirements related to these changes were communicated to your Student Management System (SMS) vendors in August 2018.

### **Local Police/School Board Protocols**

School boards are encouraged to discuss the implications of the legalization of recreational cannabis with their local police services and make revisions to their local police/school board protocols to ensure alignment with requirements, where necessary (e.g., update references to illegal drugs).

### **Funding**

The Ministry of Education will be providing school boards with a total of \$1.88 million in one-time funding to support local training needs related to the legalization of recreational cannabis. For a detailed list of board allocations, please refer to Appendix A.

School boards will be expected to report to the ministry on how the funding was used to support local training needs. Transfer payment agreements will follow shortly.

### **Safe and Healthy Schools Webinars**

The ministry will be hosting three Safe and Healthy Schools Webinars on Thursday, November 8, 2018:

- 10:00am to 11:00am – English
- 1:00pm to 2:00pm – French
- 3:30pm to 4:30pm – English

During these webinars, ministry staff will provide information related to the legalization of recreational cannabis, including an overview of the policy revisions referenced above.

We encourage you to share this invitation with school board staff.

Please register for the webinar by Tuesday, November 6, 2018, by completing the online [registration form](#). Log-in instructions will be sent to the contact(s) identified in the registration form by November 7, 2018. If you have any questions about the webinars, please contact Steve Soroko, Healthy Schools Unit at 416-325-2728 or [Steve.Soroko@ontario.ca](mailto:Steve.Soroko@ontario.ca)

If you have any other questions or require additional information, please contact Debbie Thompson, Director, Safe and Healthy Schools Branch at 416-325-7645 or [Debbie.Thompson@ontario.ca](mailto:Debbie.Thompson@ontario.ca).

Thank you for supporting the health and safety of Ontario's students.

Sincerely,

Nancy Naylor  
Deputy Minister

DSB Ontario North East

\$11,200.00



**From:** "Ministry of Education (EDU)" <[MinistryofEducation@ontario.ca](mailto:MinistryofEducation@ontario.ca)>

**Date:** October 26, 2018 at 4:36:15 PM EDT

**To:** "Ministry of Education (EDU)" <[MinistryofEducation@ontario.ca](mailto:MinistryofEducation@ontario.ca)>

**Subject:** Proposed Changes to the *Ontario College of Teachers Act, 1996* (OCTA), the *Early Childhood Educators Act, 2007* (ECEA), the *Teaching Profession Act* (TPA) and the *Education Act*

I am writing to you to let you know that, yesterday, the government proposed a number of changes to the OCTA, the ECEA, the TPA and the *Education Act* as part of the *Safe and Supportive Classrooms Act, 2018*.

The proposed legislative amendments include the following:

### **Provisions Related to the Sexual Abuse of Students and Children**

As you know, currently, the OCTA and ECEA require a member's certificate of registration be revoked when the member is found guilty of an act of professional misconduct consisting of, or including, specified acts of sexual abuse of a student/child or a prohibited act involving child pornography.

The government's proposed changes to the OCTA and ECEA go further than the current statutory provisions in order to help protect children and students. If passed, the amendments proposed today to the OCTA and ECEA as part of the *Safe and Supportive Classrooms Act, 2018*, would ensure that teachers and early childhood educators (ECEs) who are found guilty by the Discipline Committees of the Colleges of any act of "sexual abuse" — not just specified acts — would be subject to mandatory revocation of their certificates of registration.

In addition, if the proposed amendments are passed, members found guilty by the Discipline Committees of a prescribed sexual behaviour that is prohibited under the *Criminal Code* (Canada), would also be subject to mandatory revocation of their certificates of registration. To that end, the Lieutenant Governor in Council would be authorized to prescribe such behaviours.

There are additional, complementary amendments being proposed:

The OCTA, ECEA, and TPA would include provisions that acknowledge that educators may need to speak about physical health, which may include speaking about sex or remarks that are pedagogically appropriate. Additionally, the Acts would be amended to address touching of children/students that is appropriate in the course of an educator's professional duties. To this end, the OCTA, ECEA and TPA would all set out that "sexual nature" does not include touching or behaviours that are necessary for the purpose of diapering, toileting, washing, or dressing as part of an early childhood educator's or teacher's professional responsibilities.

### **Funding for Counselling and Therapy for Students and Children**

Existing provisions in the OCTA and ECEA would come into force on January 1, 2020, that will require the Colleges to establish and administer a program to provide funding for therapy and counselling for children who have alleged that they were the subject of sexual abuse or a prohibited act involving child pornography committed by a member at the time the member supervised or was responsible for the student/child in the course of the member's practice.

An effective date of January 1, 2020, would allow the Ontario College of Teachers (OCT) and the College of Early Childhood Educators (CECE) to set up the new program, including an application process, and prepare for implementation of the new funding program for counselling/therapy.



Leading up to the effective date, the government will be developing Lieutenant Governor in Council (LGIC) regulations governing funding under the program required under section 58.1 of the OCTA and section 59.2 of the ECEA, including regulations which would prescribe:

- the maximum amount, or a means of establishing the maximum amount, of funding that may be provided for therapy/counselling; and
- the period of time during which funding may be provided for a person in respect of a case of sexual abuse or a prohibited act involving child pornography.

The government may also develop LGIC regulations with respect to:

- additional purposes for which funding may be provided under the program the Colleges are required to maintain under section 58.1 of the OCTA and section 59.2 of the ECEA.
- additional persons or classes of persons to whom funding may be paid for the purposes of providing therapy/counselling.

### **Mandatory Mathematics Requirement for Teacher Registration**

For the past five years, there has been an overall decline in Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) math scores.

Proposed amendments to the OCTA, if passed and upon proclamation, would specify that applicants for a certificate of qualification and registration from the OCT must successfully complete a math content knowledge test or equivalent. The government would develop the LGIC regulation to prescribe the form, content and provision of the test, and any exemptions from such test. The OCT would be responsible for communicating the new registration requirement to prospective members.

The government has committed to supporting teachers to be better prepared to teach the fundamentals of mathematics. These changes would help ensure that Ontario students are better prepared for success.

If passed, the amendments relating to the mathematics proficiency test would come into force on a day to be proclaimed by the Lieutenant Governor.

### **Next Steps**

The proposed legislative changes are subject to the approval of the Legislature.

The proposed legislative amendments will be available on the [Ontario Legislative Assembly website](#) shortly. Please visit the website to view the proposed legislative amendments to the OCTA, the ECEA, the TPA and the *Education Act*.

The Ministry of Education will also offer technical briefings to interested parties. Details around these briefings will be communicated at a later date.

I encourage you to provide comments and suggestions on the proposed bill as the legislative process gets underway.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication to students and children. We look forward to continuing to work with you to foster safe, inclusive and welcoming environments for Ontario's children and youth.

Thank you,

Nancy Naylor, Deputy Minister

c: Martyn Beckett, Assistant Deputy Minister  
Shannon Fuller, Assistant Deputy Minister

Student Achievement Division, EDU  
Early Years and Child Care Division, EDU