

RENFREW COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 10, 2024

4:00 PM

Vice-Chairperson S. Humphries in the Chair.

TRUSTEES Present: D. Dobson; K. Dougherty; M. Guenette; D. Kaiser; J. Primeau (departed early); K. Rajamani; C. Ruddy; G. Ding & S. Dougherty (Student Trustees)

TRUSTEES Absent (With Regret): L. Boland

STAFF: K. Niemi; J. Poirier; J. Smith; C. Kronwald; S. Nichol; S. McIntyre

STAFF Absent (With Regret): J. Barnes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairperson S. Humphries called the meeting to order.

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Territorial Acknowledgement was read by Trustee K. Rajamani.

3. INVOCATION

The invocation was read by Trustee J. Primeau.

4. ATTENDANCE

Attendance for today's meeting was recorded.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY K. RAJAMANI seconded by K. Dougherty that the Renfrew County District School Board approves the agenda for today's meeting.

The motion was CARRIED.

6. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Vice-Chairperson S. Humphries asked for declarations of conflict. None were forthcoming.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY M. GUENETTE seconded by D. Dobson that the Renfrew County District School Board confirms the [minutes](#) of the Board Meeting on November 26, 2024.

The motion was CARRIED.

8. PRESENTATION - Glimpse into French Programming at Mackenzie Community School

Superintendent J. Smith introduced MCS Principal Megan Robillard and French Teacher Corisa McIntyre who showcased the expanding French Program and shared some of the learning from MCS staff and students along the way.

9. **RCDSB ANNUAL REPORT**

Director K. Niemi presented the [RCDSB Annual Report for 2023-2024](#).

MOVED by K. RAJAMANI, seconded by K. Dougherty THAT the Renfrew County DSB receive the 2023-2024 RCDSB Annual Report.

The motion was CARRIED.

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS TO THE BOARD – STATUTORY COMMITTEES**

Audit Committee

None to report.

Parent Involvement Committee Meeting - December 2, 2024

Director of Education K. Niemi presented the Open Session Report of the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) meeting held on December 2, 2024.

MOVED by D. KAISER, seconded by M. Guenette that the Renfrew County District School Board receives the Report of the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) meeting held on December 2, 2024.

The motion was CARRIED.

Special Education Advisory Committee

Trustee M. Guenette presented the [Open Session Report](#) of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting held on November 27, 2024.

MOVED by M. GUENETTE, seconded by K. Rajamani that the Renfrew County District School Board receives the Report of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting held on November 27, 2024.

The motion was CARRIED.

Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL)

None to report.

Discipline

None to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS TO THE BOARD – STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee of the Whole

None to report.

Policy Review

None to report.

Director's Review

None to report.

Indigenous Education Advisory

None to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS TO THE BOARD – OTHER COMMITTEES

Student Senate

Trustee D. Dobson presented the Open Session Report of the Student Senate meeting held on November 28, 2024.

MOVED by D. DOBSON, seconded by K. Dougherty that the Renfrew County District School Board receives the Report of the Student Senate meeting held on November 28, 2024.

The motion was CARRIED.

Student Trustees Update – December 10, 2024

Student Trustees G. Ding and S. Dougherty presented their [Student Trustees Update for December 10, 2024](#).

Calendar

Superintendent J. Poirier gave an update on the Calendar Committee meeting on November 26, 2024. The committee will present a report to Board in January.

Ontario Public School Board Association (OPSBA)

Vice-Chair S. Humphries and Trustee K. Rajamani provided an update of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA). Highlights from the recent Board of Directors meeting included updates on the Education Program Work Group, Policy Development Work Group, Local School Board Governance initiatives, the upcoming Public Education Symposium, and a proposal regarding health insurance for trustees. A summary of the Board of Directors meeting will be shared with Trustees for further review.

MOVED by K. RAJAMANI, seconded by S. Humphries that the Renfrew County District School Board receives the Ontario Public School Board Association report.

The motion was CARRIED.

Renfrew County Joint Transportation Consortium (RCJTC)

None to report.

11. STAFF REPORTS TO THE BOARD – CLOSED SESSION

A motion to move into Closed Session was moved by K. DOUGHERTY seconded by K. Rajamani.

The motion was CARRIED.

A motion to move out of Closed Session was moved by D. KAISER seconded by M. Guenette.

The motion was CARRIED.

STAFF REPORTS TO THE BOARD – OPEN SESSION

Director of Education K. presented a report on [Social Media Litigation](#).

The following recommendation was moved by S. HUMPHRIES seconded by K. Dougherty:

That the Renfrew County District School Board of Trustees endorse RCDSB's participation in the mass tort litigation against social media companies.

The motion was carried.

Board Action Plan for French as a Second Language 2023-2024

Superintendent C. Kronwald and Principal of Curriculum K-12 S. MacPhee presented the [Board Action Plan for French as a Second Language 2023-2024](#).

12. CORRESPONDENCE

None to report.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

Director of Education K. Niemi shared an update about the school holiday events taking place in December, noting that the schedule had been distributed to Trustees and Senior Staff. The Director invited everyone to attend these

celebrations, emphasizing their importance in fostering community spirit. Trustees also shared their positive experience attending recent school holiday events, commending the enthusiasm and creativity of the students. Student Trustees G. Ding & S. Dougherty highlighted the vibrant school spirit displayed during these events, expressing pride in how students come together to celebrate.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY M. GUENETTE seconded by K. Rajamani that the Renfrew County District School Board Meeting of December 10, 2024 be adjourned. Time: 6:04 PM

The motion was CARRIED.