

RENFREW COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD ON APRIL 26, 2022
at 3:27 p.m.

Chairperson B. Morris in the Chair.

TRUSTEES

Present: M. Adam; L. Boland; N. Edge; M. Guenette; S. Humphries; D. Shields;
T. Novosedlik (Student Trustee)

TRUSTEES

Absent (With Regret): D. Kaiser; J. Abbott (Student Trustee)

STAFF:

P. Buffone; J. Poirier; R. Cousineau; S. McIntyre; H. MacMillan; P. Burnette; P. Cudmore;
M. Brohart

STAFF

Absent (With Regret): J. Barnes; D. Jenkins

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson B. Morris called the meeting to order.

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chairperson B. Morris read the Territorial Acknowledgement.

3. INVOCATION

The invocation was read by Trustee Susan Humphries.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY D. SHIELDS seconded by M. Guenette that the Renfrew County District School Board approves the agenda order for today's meeting.

The motion was CARRIED

5. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Chairperson B. Morris asked for declarations of conflict. None were forthcoming.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY L. BOLAND seconded by S. Humphries that the Renfrew County District School Board confirms the minutes of the Board Meeting on March 22, 2022.

The motion was CARRIED

7. PRESENTATION – vLearning in RCDSB

Superintendent J. Poirier introduced Peter Burnette (Leader of Experiential Learning and eLearning), Peter Cudmore (Teacher at ADHS) and Mike Brohart (TeLT-C) whose presentation was an opportunity to elaborate on vLearning in RCDSB. They "turned the board room into a classroom" and demonstrated how a vLearning class operates. Participating teacher, Peter Cudmore, is an experienced vLearning teacher who connected to the board room from his classroom and lead those present in the board room through a brief activity to demonstrate how the students receive instruction from and interact with a teacher in another school in real time.

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

Committee of the Whole Open Session Report – April 26, 2022

S. Humphries, Acting Chairperson of Committee of the Whole, presented the Open Session Report of Committee of the Whole from today's meeting.

MOVED BY S. HUMPHRIES, seconded by D. Shields that the Renfrew County District School Board receives the Open Session Report of the Committee of the Whole meeting.

The motion was CARRIED

Equity & Inclusion Committee

Trustee D. Shields, Chairperson of the Equity & Inclusion Committee, presented the Open Session Report of the Equity & Inclusion Committee meeting held on April 12, 2022.

MOVED BY D. SHIELDS, seconded by M. Adam that the Renfrew County District School Board receives the Open Session Report of the Equity & Inclusion Committee meeting held on April 12, 2022.

The motion was CARRIED

Finance & Resources Committee

Trustee L. Boland, Chairperson of the Finance & Resources Committee, presented the Open Session Report of the Finance and Resources Committee meeting held on April 12, 2022.

MOVED BY L. BOLAND, seconded by M. Guenette that the Renfrew County District School Board receives the Open Session Report of the Finance and Resources Committee meeting held on April 12, 2022.

The motion was CARRIED

Special Education Advisory Committee

Trustee M. Guenette presented the Reports of the Special Education Advisory Committee meetings held on March 23 and April 20, 2022.

MOVED BY M. GUENETTE, seconded by S. Humphries that the Renfrew County District School Board receives the Reports of the Special Education Advisory Committee meetings held on March 23 and April 20, 2022.

The motion was CARRIED

9. **UPDATES**

(a) Director

Director of Education P. Buffone presented his Director's Report. See Appendix "A".

(b) Chair

Board Chairperson B. Morris presented his Chair's Report. See Appendix "B".

(c) Student Trustees

Student Trustee T. Novosedlik presented the Student Trustees Report. See Appendix "C".

(d) OPSBA

None to report.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None to report.

11. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Director of Education P. Buffone presented Superintendent Jacqueline Poirier with a certificate and pin for marking 25 years of service with the District. Congratulations and thank you Jacqueline!

Director Buffone shared that he received a letter from the Terry Fox Foundation advising that RCDSB staff and students have contributed more than \$500 million to date over the years to the Terry Fox Foundation.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY D. SHIELDS seconded by L. Boland that the Renfrew County District School Board meeting of April 26, 2022 be adjourned. Time: 4:30 PM

The motion was CARRIED

RENFREW COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
OPEN SESSION REPORT
April 26, 2022**

TRUSTEES: S. Humphries (Acting Chair); M. Adam; L. Boland; N. Edge; M. Guenette; B. Morris; D. Shields;
(Present) J. Abbott & T. Novosedlik (Student Trustees)

TRUSTEES: D. Kaiser
(Regrets)

STAFF: P. Buffone; J. Poirier; R. Cousineau; S. McIntyre; H. MacMillan; P. Burnette; T. Hoffman
(Present)

STAFF: J. Barnes; D. Jenkins
(Regrets)

The Committee of the Whole of the Renfrew County District School Board met on April 26, 2022 and discussed the following items in Open Session:

1. Use of Ontario eLearning Consortium and vLearning within RCDSB;
2. Budget 2022-2023.

No recommendations were made.

I move that the Board receives this report.

S. Humphries
Acting Chairperson

ADOPTED - April 26, 2022

EQUITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE

Open Session: **x**

Closed Session: _____

REPORT TO BOARD

April 12, 2022

PRESENT:

Committee Members:		D. Shields (Chair), M. Adam, S. Humphries, B. Morris, L. Boland, J. Abbott (Student Trustee), T. Novosedlik (Student Trustee)
Administration:		P. Buffone, R. Cousineau, J. Poirier, J. Barnes, D. Jenkins, S. McIntyre, S. McCafferty
Guests:		M. McCaw, M. Knockleby, J. Smith
		D. Kaiser, M. Guenette, N. Edge

ABSENT: (With Regrets)

The Equity and Inclusion Committee met on Tuesday April 12, 2022 to discuss the following item:

1. Student Support Fund - Report

No recommendations were made.

D. Shields
Chairperson

ADOPTED - April 26, 2022



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FINANCE AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Open Session: X

Closed Session: _____

REPORT TO BOARD

April 12, 2022

PRESENT: Committee Members: L. Boland (Chair), M. Adam, S. Humphries, B. Morris, D. Shields, J. Abbott and T. Novosedlik (Student Trustees)

Administration: P. Buffone, J. Barnes, R. Cousineau, D. Jenkins, J. Poirier, S. McIntyre, T. Hoffman, S. Halliday, J. Smith, M. Knockleby

Guests:

ABSENT: (With Regrets) N. Edge, M. Guenette, D. Kaiser, H. MacMillan

The Finance and Resources Committee met on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 to discuss the following item(s):

1. Health & Safety Update;
2. Budget 2022-2023; and
3. Aspiring Leaders Update.

No recommendations were made.

L. Boland
Chairperson

ADOPTED - April 26, 2022



SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Open Session: X
Closed Session:

REPORT TO BOARD March 23, 2022

PRESENT: Committee Members: B. Morris, M. Guenette, A. MacKenzie, A. Bergeron, N. Tabbert, D. Lacombe, A. Deerochers

ADMINISTRATION: B. Smith, L. Rigby, C. Barber, S. Smith, M. Ingram, A. MacDougall-Popke, A. Hilts

ABSENT: (With Regrets) J. Poirier

GUESTS: N. Innes, A. Mathews

The Special Education Advisory Committee met on Wednesday March 23, 2022 and discussed the following:

1. Staff Update
Presentation by RCDSB Speech and Language Pathologists
2. Report from the Board
3. Association Report

No recommendations were made.

Amy MacKenzie,
Chairperson

ADOPTED - April 26, 2022



SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Open Session: X
Closed Session:

REPORT TO BOARD

April 20, 2022

PRESENT: Committee Members: B. Morris, M. Guenette, A. MacKenzie, A. Bergeron,
N. Tabbert, D. Lacombe, A. Deerochers

ADMINISTRATION: B. Smith, J. Poirier, L. Rigby, C. Barber, S. Smith,
M. Ingram, A. MacDougall-Popke, A. Hilts

ABSENT: (With Regrets)

GUESTS:

The Special Education Advisory Committee met on Wednesday April 20, 2022 and discussed the following:

1. Staff Update
 - Presentation on Executive Functions by RCDSB Elementary Special Education Consultant S. Smith
2. Report from the Board
3. Association Report

No recommendations were made.

Amy MacKenzie,
Chairperson

ADOPTED - April 26, 2022



Board Meeting
Director's Update - Pino Buffone
26 April 2022

Our dedicated and diligent staff in schools and central departments throughout the system continue to adapt operational aspects in order to ensure that students remain safe and schools/workplaces remain open for our communities. Their efforts have been sound and steadfast... and I am tremendously grateful for their incredible leadership. For the spring season, health and safety measures have highlighted:

- a renewed series of recommendations from the Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU);
- the ongoing implementation of a multi-stage protocol to manage absences;
- the continued installation of ventilation units throughout the District; and,
- an emphasis on the outdoors if/as feasible as a result of the warmer weather.

Members of our senior staff will continue to monitor operational aspects day-to-day for additional support if/as required. We will continue to focus on kindness, care and compassion in regards to both our individual choices and comfort level of others, in the move forward... we're all in this together!

Aspiring Leaders Dinner - Monday 11 April 2022

On the evening of April 11th, members of senior staff and a number of our principals and vice-principals, relatively new and relatively seasoned, held a session entitled "What it's all about!" for aspiring leaders. It was a wonderful event... full of thoughtful perspectives, as well as an insightful exchange of queries and responses regarding positions of added responsibility in the District. My sincerest thanks to Superintendent Jenkins for coordinating this very important leadership, mentorship and succession planning event!

School Visits - Spring 2022

It has been such a pleasure and privilege to resume my school visits this term! I have been inspired by the warm and welcoming, engaging and exciting teaching and learning environments of our schools each and every time I set foot inside our sites! I look forward to the continued visitations, including those with our trustees and senior team, as they take place this spring season!



Board Meeting
Chair's Update - Bryon Morris
26 April 2022

I had the pleasure of attending the Student Senate this month and watching the representatives of our high schools make reports and debate issues made me feel exceptionally proud. Renfrew County students are among the very best and will make their mark in this world! This month's meeting featured the election of a new Student Trustee for 2022-2024. There were three outstanding candidates and the winner was Ava Beggs from Madawaska Valley District High School. Congratulations Ava! We look forward to having you bring 'student voice' to our meetings at the Board.

On April 11th there was an information session for 'aspiring leaders' held at Fellowes High School. It was well attended and participants had the opportunity to hear current school administrators as well as central staff discuss what it's like to be an administrator and promote this as a career path. It was an outstanding evening.

At the Equity and Inclusion Committee meeting of April 12 Trustees had a report from Mary McCaw about the Student Support Fund. This Fund provides much needed support for financially disadvantaged students through small grants/in kind gifts. The goal is to reduce barriers to education and promote inclusion for all students. Thanks to staff who donate to the Fund, approximately \$150,000 has been raised since the Fund began in 2016.



Student Trustees' Report for Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Report Prepared By:

Jazzlyn Abbott and Taylor Novosedlik

On April 14th we had our first in-person Student Senate which was a huge success - we were able to have full seats and participation. At the same time we did elect a new Student Trustee for the 2022-2024 term who's name is Ava Beggs from Madawaska Valley District High School. She's enthusiastic, hardworking and excited for this position.

Other than that, we did have a few items to go over which were the upcoming Mental Health Week and our Elementary reach out. We were able to sit and have an open discussion about each schools plans for Mental Health Week, and build on each others ideas which was a new experience. With that, we were able to set a timeline of having everyone's plans finalized for next week, and put it out there that Jazzlyn and I are always available to help.

Regarding our Elementary reach out, every school seems very excited for the opportunity to lead a group and express their thoughts on high school life. The goal of this session is to answer any questions students may have for coming into high school and to make some experiences known to them like clubs, new courses available, teachers etc. this also will give students a familiar face when some are welcomed next September.

Lastly, before everyone left we quickly talked about the importance of trying to set up elections for new Senators before the school year ends, as we are trying to have everything already set in place before next September. Though we are aware that sporadic and last minute moves happen, and new students are always coming into schools who might be interested and we will assess and cross that bridge if we have to in September.