

RENFREW COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 23, 2022
at 4:13 PM

Chairperson B. Morris in the Chair.

TRUSTEES

Present: M. Adam; L. Boland; N. Edge; M. Guenette; D. Kaiser; S. Humphries; D. Shields;
T. Novosedlik & A. Beggs (Student Trustees)

TRUSTEES

Absent (With Regret):

STAFF: P. Buffone; J. Barnes; R. Cousineau; J. Smith; K. Riddell; S. McIntyre; H. MacMillan;
R. Coleman

STAFF

Absent (With Regret): J. Poirier

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 Student Trustee Taylor Novosedlik.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY D. SHIELDS seconded by N. Edge 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 L. BOLAND seconded by M. Guenette that the Renfrew County District School Board confirms the minutes of the Board Meeting on June 14, 2022.

The motion was CARRIED

7. PRESENTATION – INTRODUCTION OF 2022-2024 STUDENT TRUSTEE AVA BEGGS

Chairperson B. Morris introduced Ava Beggs who is our incoming Student Trustee from Madawaska Valley District High School. Ms. Beggs' two-year term is for the 2022-2024 school years. Ms. Beggs took the Oath of Office for Student Trustees Declaration before Director of Education P. Buffone. A warm welcome was extended to Student Trustee Beggs on behalf of the Board of Trustees and current Student Trustee Taylor Novosedlik.

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

Committee of the Whole Open Session Report – August 23, 2022

Vice-Chairperson D. Kaiser, Chairperson of Committee of the Whole, presented the Open Session Report of Committee of the Whole from today's meeting.

MOVED BY D. KAISER, seconded by M. Guenette that the Renfrew County District School Board receives the Open Session Report of the Committee of the Whole meeting.

The motion was CARRIED

Committee of the Whole Closed Session Report – August 23, 2022

Vice-Chairperson D. Kaiser, Chairperson of Committee of the Whole, presented the Closed Session Report of Committee of the Whole from today's meeting.

MOVED BY D. KAISER, seconded by M. Adam that the Renfrew County District School Board adopts the Closed Session Report of the Committee of the Whole meeting.

The motion was CARRIED

Special Education Advisory Committee

Trustee M. Guenette presented the Report of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting held on June 15, 2022.

MOVED BY M. GUENETTE, seconded by L. Boland that the Renfrew County District School Board receives the Report of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting held on June 15, 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 Trustees T. Novosedlik & A. Beggs presented the Student Trustees Report. See Appendix "C".

(d) OPSBA

Trustee S. Humphries advised that OPSBA's Executive will be meeting next week. The next Board meeting is scheduled at the end of September.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Director of Education P. Buffone referenced a copy "The Future of Educational Leadership: Five Signposts" that was shared with the Board of Trustees.

11. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Trustees M. Adam and L. Boland gave an overview of the Indigenous Summer Learning Program they attended. Approximately 40 students from the RCDSB and the RCCDSB participated in the program.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY L. BOLAND seconded by D. Shields that the Renfrew County District School Board meeting of August 23, 2022 be adjourned. Time: 4:49 PM

The motion was CARRIED

RENFREW COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
CLOSED SESSION REPORT
August 23, 2022**

TRUSTEES: D. Kaiser (Chair); M. Adam; L. Boland; N. Edge; M. Guenette; S. Humphries; B. Morris;
D. Shields; T. Novosedlik & A. Beggs (Student Trustees)

TRUSTEES:
(Regrets)

STAFF: P. Buffone; R. Cousineau; J. Barnes; J. Smith; K. Riddell; S. McIntyre; H. MacMillan

STAFF:
(Regrets) J. Poirier

The Committee of the Whole of the Renfrew County District School Board met on August 23, 2022 and discussed the following items in Closed Session:

1. Negotiations Update;
2. Petawawa Easement;
3. Follow-up to Director of Education's Performance Appraisal.

(1) Trustee N. Edge declared a conflict of interest therefore vacated the room during item #1.

As per Board Policy 24, Student Trustees are excluded from a closed session meeting of the Board when the subject matter under consideration involves Section 207 of the Education Act. As such, the Student Trustees also vacated the room.

(2) Staff and Student Trustees vacated the room during item #3.

The following recommendation was made:

Petawawa Easement

THAT the Renfrew County District School Board adopt a resolution that the Board does not require for its purposes the interest that the easement would create, that is, 9 m wide and centered on the as-constructed location of the water main located at Pine View Public School.

I move that the Board adopts this report.

D. Kaiser
Chairperson

ADOPTED - August 23, 2022

RENFREW COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
OPEN SESSION REPORT
August 23, 2022**

TRUSTEES: D. Kaiser (Chair); M. Adam; L. Boland; N. Edge; M. Guenette; S. Humphries; B. Morris;
D. Shields; T. Novosedlik & A. Beggs (Student Trustees)

TRUSTEES:
(Regrets)

STAFF: P. Buffone; R. Cousineau; J. Barnes; J. Smith; K. Riddell; S. McIntyre; H. MacMillan;
R. Coleman

STAFF: J. Poirier
(Regrets)

The Committee of the Whole of the Renfrew County District School Board met on August 23, 2022 and discussed the following items in Open Session:

1. Introduction of New Supervisory Officers – Jenny Smith and Kristin Riddell;
2. Proposed Plan for Alternate Work Environments;
3. Vision Exercise: Site-based Consultations for the Secondary School Review;
4. Letter to the Ministers of Education & Finance.

No recommendations were made.

I move that the Board receives this report.

D. Kaiser
Chairperson

ADOPTED - August 23, 2022



SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Open Session: x

Closed Session:

REPORT TO BOARD

June 15, 2022

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

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

ABSENT: (With Regrets) B. Morris, A. Deerochers

GUESTS:

The Special Education Advisory Committee met on Wednesday June 15, 2022 and discussed the following:

1. Staff Update
2. Report from the Board
3. Association Report

No recommendations were made.

Amy MacKenzie,
Chairperson

ADOPTED - August 23, 2022



Board Meeting
Director's Update - Pino Buffone
23 August 2022

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome - and welcome back - all members of the Board of Trustees, as well as Senior Staff, for the start of the new school year! As we prepare for the return of our students and staff across the District, there are a number of key highlights that are worthy of mention...

- first and foremost, on Monday 25 July 2022, the provincial government of Ontario announced a 'Plan to Catch Up' for the 2022-2023 school year, squarely focused on the following five key components: integration of students back into classrooms for a full school experience; continuation of tutoring programs to support gaps in learning; preparation of students for the jobs of tomorrow; provision of funds to build schools and improve educational programs and/or services; and, facilitation of mental health supports
- in addition, on the advice of the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Ministry of Education released a memorandum on Friday 05 August 2022, outlining its 2022-2023 Health and Safety Measures in Schools... with most health and safety requirements remaining unchanged from the previous school year, including: clarification that masks will not be required for students, staff and visitors in schools, school board offices, or on student transportation, except in cases where staff are required to perform an Aerosol Generating Medical Procedure (AGMP) or required to be in the same room when an AGMP is being performed, for instance, and N-95 respirators (fit-tested) are recommended and will continue to be provided; provision of free high-quality masks for students and staff and eye protection for staff, if they choose to use them; promotion of appropriate hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette in schools and workplaces; procurement of hand sanitizer for school boards through the provincial government's pandemic supply chain; and, continuation of funding for enhanced cleaning standards and temporary additional staffing requirements, as well as ventilation and filtration improvements across all schools
- further, on Friday 15 July 2022, the Ministry of Education also issued a memorandum expanding eligibility for second booster doses to Ontarians aged 18 and over in order to provide an extra layer of protection from the novel coronavirus and its variants to those who may need it

In particular, I wish to acknowledge and extend a special welcome to Superintendents Smith and Riddell - it is wonderful to have you both join the senior team at the District! Superintendent of Education for Program Services-Elementary, Jenny Smith, will oversee School Effectiveness, School Year Calendar, Special Education, Healthy Schools and Positive Mental Health, as well as the Opeongo & Pembroke Family of Schools. Superintendent of Education for Program Services-Secondary, Kristin Riddell, will oversee Student Success, English as a Second Language (ESL) & French as a Second Language (FSL), Environmental Education and Sustainability, and International Education, as well as the Arnprior and Renfrew Family of Schools.

I am also excited to welcome Student Trustee, Ava Beggs, to the table! It is superb to have you with us - lending both student voice and leadership. I know that you will be so aptly mentored by returning Student Trustee, Taylor Novosedlik. Sooo looking forward to working with you both, Taylor and Ava!

And, last but certainly not least, I would like to extend my gratitude to all staff in both Corporate Services (Facilities and Finance Departments) and Employee Services (Human Resource Department) for their dedication and diligence during the summer months, under the leadership of Superintendents Barnes and Poirier, respectively, so that the system is ensured a smooth start-up for September. Your care and commitment is so greatly valued - thank you!

Best wishes to all students, staff and school communities for a terrific start to the upcoming school year! P



Board Meeting
Chair's Update - Bryon Morris
23 August 2022

I join with all the members of the Board of Trustees in welcoming back all staff for another year of doing what we all want to do - working with and for the benefit of all our students.

We have been through almost 2 ½ years of a very serious pandemic which has affected our students and their families in ways we are very familiar with as well as lingering effects we are just beginning to appreciate and grapple with. It has been a tough time but we have risen to the challenge. Thanks to everyone in the organization for all their extraordinary efforts in ensuring that the educational journey of our students continued, whether it be in person or virtually. We are so very proud of you all. Thanks also to our students, parents and community at large for doing what needed to be done. Your resilience and determination was remarkable.

We are starting a new school year. This will not be a 'normal' time; rather it will be a new normal in which we exercise caution (the virus and its variants are still with us) but also in which we proceed with enthusiasm, working with our students as they learn and strive to find their place in the world. I can tell you that the work of the Board has continued over the past couple of years in spite of the pandemic. Exciting days are ahead for all of us as we journey forward together.



Student Trustees' Report for Tuesday, August 23, 2022

Report Prepared By:

Taylor Novosedlik and Ava Beggs

Despite being in summer mode Ava and I have already started making action plans for our upcoming year together. Some goals we've set include setting different committees within our senate, becoming more involved with individual schools by possibly setting up some in person or virtual meetings with each student council, along with wanting to do more personal reaching out when it eventually comes time to present leadership presentations for Student Trustee elections.

We discussed how we would like to become more active on our social media, one plan to do this was by possibly starting monthly student spotlight posts. And lastly a bigger goal we are trying to set is making our schools more eco friendly, we would like to plan how we would like to do this when we get closer to the school year. Already we have lots of plans of the school year and it hasn't even begun, I look forward to working with Ava and on behalf of both of us we're tremendously excited to see what this year has in store for us.

Student Senate

- This past school year we coordinated with our School Councils that going into the 2022-23 school year we would have a senate in place so we could immediately start working together as a team. Before the school year ended a form was made by Ava and I that was sent to each Senator so that we would see what the group overall wanted to accomplish this year. Despite not getting much feedback, we will be sending it out again when the school year begins to try to collect more opinions on what we should do as a group.

OSTA-AECO

- August 1st officially was the start of my term as Media Design Coordinator and Ava's start as the southern regional rep for the public board. We've spent August preparing for our roles and having meetings with our individual teams to plan the year out.