

SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



Videoconference Site Locations

1.0 Roll Call

8.0 Approval of Agenda

29/09

Moved by: *Trustee J. Sparrow*

Seconded by: *Trustee C. Brown*

That, the agenda for the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2009/02 Regular Board Meeting, January 19, 2009 be accepted and approved as amended to change presenter for Item 12.1 to Marlene Stefak and add Item 12.4 Presentation by Wayne Gates on Defibrillators in Schools.

Carried

9.0 Disclosures of Interest re: Open Session

Trustee J. Sparrow declared in reference to the presentation by Wayne Gates regarding Item 12.4 Defibrillators in Schools.

10.0 Minutes

10.1 Board Meetings:

10.1.1 2009/01 Organizational and Regular Board – December 1, 2009

30/09

Moved by: *Trustee K. Notwell*

Seconded by: *Trustee C. Brown*

That the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting be adopted:

- 2009/01 Regular Board, Monday, December 1, 2008

Carried

10.2 Statutory Committee Meetings

No Report

10.3 Standing Committee Meetings

No Reports

11.0 Business Arising Out of the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

12.0 Delegations and/or Presentations

12.1 Excellence in Education: MTPS: Math-PLC (Junior/Intermediate Division)

31/09

Moved by: *Trustee D. Keenan*

Seconded by: *Trustee B. Bartlett*

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information the verbal report by Teacher Marlene Stefak regarding the Math Professional Learning Community (Junior / Intermediate Division) at Margaret Twomey Public School.

Carried

Teacher Marlene Stefak provided a detailed report regarding the Math Professional Learning Community at Margaret Twomey Public School. She explained how a new approach to problem solving is having a positive impact on students. The concept of Bansho is a mathematics instructional strategy borrowed from the Japanese that provokes students' mathematical thinking. Students solve problems through the organization, illustration and discussion of everyone's work. This inclusionary approach shows more student engagement as the input from all students wherever their point of entry in solving the problem may be included and considered.

12.2 Pathway Framework: GOPS: Big Idea - Kindness and Compassion

32/09

Moved by: Trustee C. Brown

Seconded by: Trustee C. Fisher

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information the verbal report, Framework Pathways from Nicole Morden-Cormier.

Carried

School Effectiveness Leader, Nicole Morden-Cormier provided an update on Framework Pathways and the success of a recent theme in George O'Neill, Red Rock and Dorion Public School where a classroom program was entitled Big Ideas-Kindness and Compassion. Students were well engaged in the program which saw an integration of the math, social studies and literacy areas.

12.3 Update: Student Trustees

33/09

Moved by: Trustee C. Brown

13.0 Reports of the Director of Education

Superintendent of Education Colleen Kappel provided an overview of eleven initiatives that are in place or in the development stage at Superior-Greenstone DSB. These programs support staff members and are aimed at improving student achievement and engagement. A discussion concerning PLC and student success ensued particularly about the strategies for student engagement with the new full-day JK program beginning in September 2009.

Trustee K. Notwell advised that she intended to go to the Canadian Association for Young Children, Ontario Reggio Association Conference on February 28 in Toronto. Given its relation to the student achievement, she requested board consideration to approve her attendance at the conference with expenses paid as per board policy.

14.1.1 Canadian Association for Young Children

Trustee K. Notwell requested permission to attend this conference,

39/09

Moved by: Trustee J. Sparrow

Seconded by: Trustee B. Bartlett

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approves the attendance of Trustee K. Notwell at the Canadian Association for Young Children, Ontario Reggio Association Conference on February 28 in Toronto and that her expenses be paid according to board policy.

Carried

14.1.2 Board Policy re Trustee Attendance at Conferences

Trustee B. Bartlett noted that the policy concerning this issue requires review as per discussion at the December board meeting. Director P. Pella advised that as the Board directed, a review is scheduled for the Trustees' Spring Professional Development Session in April.

Vice-Chair Cindy Brown requested feedback on this subject from all trustees. The input submitted by trustee stakeholders to C. Brown will go to the Board Policy Review Committee (BPRC) at its next meeting. Thereafter, all the feedback offered by trustees would be vetted by the board during its spring session. The results then are routed back to the BPRC to be processed in the same way that all board policies and reviews are treated.

14.2 Report No 07: Native Studies and Language

40/09

Moved by: Trustee C. Brown

Seconded by: Trustee K. Notwell

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No 07: Special Funding for Native Language and Native Studies Courses as presented.

Carried

Valerie Newton, Student Success Leader provided an overview of the report. She reported 5(c)-sc -0.00260 TdTiS

15.0 Reports of the Business Committee

(Business Chair: J. Turner)

Superintendent of Business: B. Rousseau

15.1 **Report No 08: Revised Estimates 2008-2009
42/09**

Moved by: Trustee C. Brown

Seconded by: Trustee D. Keenan

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No 08: Revised Estimates-2008-2009 as presented.

Carried

C. Tsubouchi reported that the Government of Ontario is in the final stages of Provincial Land Tax reform. As a result, effective January 1, 2009, we no longer collect taxes in our unorganized area.

16.0 Matters for Decision

Board Chair: M. Mannisto

16.1 Report No.: 12: Disbursements – November 2008 & December 2008

48/09

Moved by: Trustee C. Brown

Seconded by: Trustee K. Notwell

That, Superior-Greystone DSB receives as information Report No 11: Disbursements for November and December 2008.

Carried

2009 Board Meeting Schedule

2009 Dates

