

SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



Mission Statement



*In partnership with the students, the home and the community,
Superior-Greenstone District School Board will address individual students' needs by providing:
a diverse education that prepares for and honours their chosen path for success,
avenues that foster a love of learning, and
the means to honour varied learning styles.*

Videoconference Site Locations

Superior-Greenstone District School Board ... (SGDSB) 12 Hemlo Drive, Marathon, ON
 Manitouwadge High School (MNHS) 200 Manitou Road W., Manitouwadge, ON
 Marathon High School (MRHS) 14 Hemlo Drive, Marathon, ON
 Lake Superior High School (LSHS) Hudson Drive, Terrace Bay, ON
 Nipigon-Red Rock District High School (NRHS) 20 Frost Street, Red Rock, ON
 Geraldton Composite High School (GCHS) 500 Second Street West, Geraldton, ON

Regular Board Meeting 2008/10

Committee of Whole Board (Closed In-Camera)
6:30 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting: (Open to Public)
Follows conclusion of In-Camera

MINUTES

Monday, October 20, 2008

Designated Site: Geraldton Composite High School, Geraldton, ON

Board Chair: Mark Mannisto

Director: Patti Pella

VC Sites at: BRD / LSHS / MNHS / NRHS

Teleconference Moderator: RM. Joannette

PART I: Committee of Whole Board
 PART II: Committee of Whole Board
 PART III: Regular Board Meeting
 PART IV: Committee of Whole Board

Section (A): In-Camera – (closed to public) 6:38 p.m.
Section (B): In-Committee – (open to public): N/A
Section (C) : – (open to public): 7:00 p.m.
Section (C): In-Camera – (closed to public) 8:35 p.m.

Attendance

<u>Trustees</u>	<i>Attendance: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)</i>									
	OS	TC	VC	A	R	OS	TC	VC	A	R

228/08

Moved by: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded by: Trustee J. Sparrow

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

Carried

Framework Leader Nicole Morden-Cormier provided an update. She reported that a Framework Pathways newsletter is under development and will be shared via e-mail. One copy of the item will be available for each school staffroom. Information about role and responsibility of the framework leadership, news about schools' professional learning communities and strategies to target student achievement will be incorporated into the newsletter.

12.2 Update: Student Trustees

229/08

Moved by: Trustee T. Simmons

Seconded by: Trustee B. Bartlett

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information the verbal reports from Student Trustees Lisa Marszowski, Kayla Richard and Kayla Kjellman.

Carried

Trustee L. Marszowski provided an update on events at GCHS. She noted that the B.A. Parker Replacement Project that would see the elementary school appended to GCHS is being well received by high school students. Students at GCHS are aware that they have an opportunity to offer input, comments and concerns for the project steering committee to take under advisement in the current planning stage of the project.

Trustee K. Kjellman reported on the presentation of Rachel's Challenge presented at NRHS on September 29, 2008. Rachel Scott was the first student killed during the Columbine School tragedy. After her death, her family found Rachel's diaries and documents focusing on the challenge that one act of kindness can start a chain reaction. Her family has turned Rachel's challenge into an international movement to stem bullying in schools and help create safer school environments. Ms. Kjellman noted that the positive response to presentation at her school warrants exploring the sponsorship of the event for all of the other high school communities in our board. Information regarding sponsorship will be brought to the board to review the feasibility of presenting Rachel's Challenge in other board schools.

Trustee K. Richard reported that a student of École Secondaire Cité-Supérieure housed in the Marathon High School building was killed in a train accident. The formation of a Marathon Student Council is delayed as a teacher mentor has yet to be found.

12.3 Special High Skills Major Credit: GCHS

Geraldton Composite High School Principal Al Luomala reported on the introduction of the SHSM credit at the school. The SHSM is a Student Success Initiative that allows for learning in the economic sector while meeting requirements for a high school diploma. The GCHS course in Communications and Information Technology sees students learn skills in media communication, specifically television where the student's production of the Knightline program counts for credit.

230/08

Moved by: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded by: Trustee K. Notwell

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information the verbal report Geraldton Composite High School Principal Al Luomala regarding the Specialist High Skills Major Course at GCHS.

Carried

13.0 Reports of the Director of Education

(Director: Patti Pella)

13.1 Board of Trustees: Fall Retreat

P. Pella noted that two weekend dates are available for trustee professional development. After polling trustee available, the dates of Friday/Saturday, November 21-22, 2008 were selected. The event will take place at the Marathon Administration Office (Board Meeting Room).

13.2 Student Trustees' Training

(P. Pella-Verbal)

Students trustees were polled as noted at Item 13.1. They will attend professional development in along with colleagues on November 21-22, 2008.

13.3 Release of 16-Month School Year Calendar

(P. Pella-Verbal)

P. Pella reported that the board calendar with student artwork has been distributed. Reviews thus far are excellent. Each student of SGDSB received a calendar. Artistic contributors will be acknowledge in a letter by P. Pella and one extra copy of the calendar will be enclosed for student keepsake.

14.0 Reports of the Education Committee

(Education Chair: K. Notwell)

Superintendent of Education: C. Kappel

14.1 Report No. 62: 2007-2008 EQAO Results
231/08

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee D. Keenan

16.0 Matters for Decision

Board Chair: M. Mannisto

16.1 Report No.: 64: Disbursements – September 2008 **234/08**

Moved by: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded by: Trustee K. Notwell

That, Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information Report No. 64: Disbursements for September 2008.

Carried

16.2 Report No.: 65: Personnel – October 20, 2008 **235/08**

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee T. Simmons

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information, Report No. 65: Personnel dated October 20, 2008

Carried

17.0 New Business

17.1 Board Chair

17.1.1 Danny King of the Basement

Mark Mannisto reported attending at the B. A. Parker PS for a performance of Danny King of the Basement. The play sponsored by the Ministry of Education in conjunction with the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario explores the issue of child poverty in Canada. All Geraldton and area schools, including coterminous board students attended the event. It was also performed at the Red Rock and Margaret Twomey Public Schools.

17.1.2 B.A. Parker PS Replacement Project

M. Mannisto noted that on October 9, 2008 Trustee J. Turner and Director P. Pella were in Geraldton to outline the schedule for the BAPS Replacement Project. Public input into the project was encouraged at that time and another meeting is planned on November 5, to introduce the project architect, discuss stakeholder feedback to-date and introduce the project steering committee.

17.2 Correspondence:

17.2.1 Kathryn Notwell: Full-Day JK

M. Mannisto read from two letters from concerned Terrace Bay Public School Parents. Each expressed concern over the inequities that appear to exist between the public school and separate schools services in the same communities. The parents note that even though enrolment is relatively similar, service and teaching staff levels at the separate school are higher than our schools. Specifically, there is full-day JK offered by the coterminous board, while TPBS has less than a three-hour JK morning class. While our board has triple and quad classes, the coterminous schools offers no more than double grading.

Trustee J. Turner has requested board administration provide report to explain this apparent inequity.

17.3 Future Board Meeting Agenda Items

Trustee K. Notwell requested further investigation of full-day JK for elementary panel. At September board meeting, Trustee C. Brown requested discussion on scheduling for In-Camera closed portion during regular board meeting.

17.4 Miscellaneous

17.4.1 GCHS Professional Learning Communities

GCHS Vice-Principal Eveline Wright provided a report on literacy and numeracy PLC's at the school.

18.0 Trustee Associations and Other Boards

18.1 OPSBA

Trustee D. Keenan will send all trustees an e-mail update regarding the September 28th Director Meeting.

19.0 Observer Comments

There were no comments offered at this time.

PART IV: Committee of Whole Board

Section (C): In-Camera – (open to public): 8:35 p.m.

20.0 Committee of the Whole Board (In-Camera Closed)

20.1 Agenda: Committee of the Whole Board - Closed

236/08

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee T. Simmons

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB go into a Committee of the Whole Board (In-Camera, Session C) at 8:35 p.m. and that this portion be closed to the public.

Carried

20.2 Rise and Report from Closed Session

237/08

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee T. Simmons

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report from the Committee of the Whole Board (In-Camera, Session C) at 9:50 p.m. and that this portion be open to the public.

Carried

21.0 Approval of Committee of the Whole In-Camera (Closed) Report

238/08

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee T. Simmons

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approve the Committee of the Whole Board (In-Camera, Session C) Closed Report.

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Schedule: 2008 Board Meeting

2008 Dates	Time	Location		2008 Dates	Time	Location
January 21	6:30pm	Marathon Board Office		July 21 Cancelled	6:30pm	Marathon Board Office
February 19	6:30pm	Lake Superior HS		August 25 Change from Aug 18	6:30pm	Manitouwadge HS
March 17	6:30pm	Geraldton Composite HS		September 15	6:30pm	Nipigon-Red Rock DHS
April 21	6:30pm	Manitouwadge HS		October 20	6:30pm	Geraldton Composite HS
May 20	6:30pm	Nipigon-Red Rock HS		November 17	6:30pm	Lake Superior HS
June 23	6:30pm	Marathon Board Office		December 1	2:30pm	Geraldton Composite HS

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TOPICS

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PART I: Committee of Whole Board

Section (A): In-Camera – (closed to public) 6:30 p.m

- 1.0 Personnel Report: (Trustee Queries re Personnel Report No. 66) (P.Pella)
- 2.0 Legal Matter (P. Pella)
- 3.0 Update: Negotiations (B. Rousseau)

PART II: Committee of Whole Board

Section (B): In-Committee – (open to public): TBA

- 1.0 No Reports

PART IV: Committee of Whole Board

Section (C): In-Camera – (open to public): TBA

- 1.0 Personnel: Confidential (P. Pella)

In-Committee and Regular Board Meeting 2008/10

Monday, October 20, 2008

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APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2008

SECRETARY

CHAIR