

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

**Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 6:15 P.M.
Roy H. Wilfong Boardroom, Education Centre
1994 Fisher Drive, Peterborough, Ontario**

ATTENDANCE

Present: Steve Russell (Chairperson of the Board), Jaine Klassen Jeninga (Vice-chairperson of the Board), Cathy Abraham, Paul Brown, Terry Brown, Sean Conway, Kathleen Flynn, Rose Kitney, Angela Lloyd, Diane Lloyd and Student Trustees Maria Mahfuz and Kelly Mitchell.

Trustee Cyndi Dickson attended via the Webex platform.

Also Present: R. Russo, D. McNaughton, J. Brake, J. Ford, A. Foster, S. Gohil, M. Loya, J. Maliha; A. Anirud, D. Fitzgerald, G. Kidd, G. Payne, D. Swift; and L. Burton.

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

2. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Conway
Seconded by: Trustee P. Brown

(23-070) That the Board move into Committee of the Whole, In-camera (6:13 p.m.).

CARRIED

The Open Session of the meeting resumed at 7:04 p.m.

3. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Greg Kidd, Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs, respectfully acknowledged the Board was meeting on the traditional territory of the Mississauga First Nations.

4. **NATIONAL ANTHEM AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

The meeting was opened with the singing of the National Anthem followed by a Moment of Silence.

Chairperson S. Russell noted a change to the agenda which will have the Accolades for Courtice Secondary School (SS) staff member and students move to the May 23, 2023 Board meeting.

5. **CHARACTER ATTRIBUTE – STUDENT TRUSTEE**

Student Trustee Maria Mahfuz spoke to this month's character attribute, Responsibility.

ACCOLADES PRESENTATIONS

Volunteer Recipients:

Associate Director D. McNaughton spoke to the Accolades for the month of April, noting the week of April 24-30 is Volunteer Week and it is a pleasure to speak to numerous volunteers across the board. Each volunteer shows dedication, commitment, and passion for bettering our school communities.

A brief profile for each of the recipients was provided along with a framed Accolade Certificate being handed out at the time of recognition and picture taking.

Cassie Connell
Charles Bowman PS

Lea Cooke
Courtice North PS

Corinne Lessif
Dr. Ross Tilley PS

Deb Hoogwerf
Brighton PS

Shelise Morgan
Burnham PS

Kelly Glover
Colborne PS

Alec Reid
Adam Scott CVI

Denise Dunford
Apsley Central PS

Mary Coulas
Edmison Heights PS

6. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Conway
Seconded by: Trustee A. Lloyd

(23-071) **That the agenda be adopted to include the following topics under Board Member Additions:**

- **May The 4th Be With Us**
- **In Memory**
- **Terry Fox Run**
- **C.R. Gummow Public School Call to Recycle**
- **Poet Laureate**
- **To Honour and Respect Exhibition**

CARRIED

7. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

8. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

8.1 **Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday, March 28, 2023**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Abraham
Seconded by: Trustee P. Brown

(23-072) **That the minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 be adopted as recorded.**

CARRIED

9. **EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

Nil.

10. **DELEGATIONS**

10.1 **DELEGATIONS (10 minutes)**

Nil.

10.2 **DELEGATIONS (3 minutes)**

Nil.

10.3 **DISPOSITION OF DELEGATION CONCERNS**

Nil.

11. **DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**

School visits and community events have been a big part of the senior leadership team's focus this month. All superintendents of schools have been visiting schools with a very clear focus on school improvement. Many members of the senior leadership team were also present at the Al Rayan Islamic Centre on April 11, 2023 for a very special Iftar dinner where they were welcomed into the mosque by Imam Juma and where there was an opportunity to learn about Ramadan from Dr. Zaihan Rashid. Many members of the Courtice Secondary School staff were in attendance along with students and local trustees. It was a lovely event that demonstrated the importance of relationship between schools and their local communities.

Director Russo stated she was also pleased to share that she had the opportunity to bring greetings and a welcome to the Annual Environmental Symposium hosted by Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board (KPR) and Peterborough Victoria Northumberland Clarington Catholic District School Board (PVNC). On April 20, 2023, over 3500 students, staff and community partners

registered across both boards to participate in this one-day event. The theme was Inspiring Hope and activities for all grade levels (Kindergarten-Grade 12), were available all day and all classes were encouraged to participate in an outdoor activity. It is an individual and collective responsibility to protect and preserve the environment. Thanks was extended to educators who registered their classes to participate in the symposium.

With the release of the Grant for Student Needs and the many education funding announcements made this month, the finance and budget teams under the leadership of Superintendent Foster are working diligently to prepare for the upcoming budget sessions in May and June. The primary goal is to ensure that funding dollars are maximized to best serve all KPR students.

Each month the Director's update intentionally focuses on a particular area of the Strategic Priorities. This month's focus is on Enriching Communities.

There are three strategic priorities under the Enriching Communities pillar:

SP-EC 1: Develop collaborative and strategic partnerships with parents and stakeholders focused on student success.

SP-EC 2: Cultivate leadership in our students, staff, schools and communities, particularly in the areas of environmental stewardship, instructional technology and innovation.

SP-EC3: Focus on continuous improvement, service excellence and accountability in our organization.

The accolade recipients this evening are evidence of SP-EC 1 and SP-EC 2 and KPR is very proud of their contributions in enriching their communities.

The Board Action Plan continues to guide work in this area. Director Russo highlighted the important work that Superintendents Brake and Maliha and members of their respective teams have led to support System Action - Enrich Communities 1: Engage and empower students and community to share their voice and experience in education. Through their leadership they constituted a Census Advisory Committee to bring voice and lived experience to the 2018-2019 school census data. To do this, they held six, two-hour meetings with students, staff and community partners. These voices and the data are being collated and will be presented in June. The team is eager to release these curated data sets as 'Census Portraits' that will help the board understand where the gaps are in academic achievement and well-being and identify what more can be done to remove barriers to educational equity and best support the needs of these groups of students.

The Director informed trustees that a final written report of progress on the Board Action Plan 2022-2023 will be presented at the May Board meeting.

12. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Nil.

13. **STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT**

Student Trustee Kelly Mitchell spoke the report for April stating it has been a month which has rejuvenated students due to the spring season. Many holidays were celebrated throughout the month of April and all students were able to learn and share in all celebrations.

The Student Leadership Group (SLG) held a meeting with a main focus on equity and inclusion in late March. A presentation from the Courtice Muslim Students Association (MSA) was gratefully received. During this event there was an informative question period which allowed students to get more details on how the Courtice MSA is operated.

The Board heard that members of the Student Leadership Group (SLG) have shared information regarding how schools are working to create events and initiatives which are inclusive to all. Schools are hopeful to receive more resources to help streamline the process of creating these equity groups.

K. Mitchell stated both she and M. Mahfuz continue to strive to use their Student Trustee positions to ensure KPR is achieving the goals of the Board Action Plan, specifically SP-EC2, cultivate leadership in our students, staff, schools and communities and SA-EC1, engage and empower students and community to share their voices and experience in education. The Student Trustees are striving to achieve these goals through the changes to student leadership in KPR. The reconstruction plans for the SLG have been shared with other student trustees, inviting feedback. The hope is to rejuvenate the student leadership in KPR and to ensure the student voice will be better amplified.

K. Mitchell noted that many KPR schools have started the Relay for Life (Canadian Cancer Society) fundraiser. Student involvement in planning will help student leaders cultivate the necessary skills to fundraise and create events to further cancer research. Recently Relay for Life hosted a Relay University, where schools collaborated with each other across the province in order to share ideas, strategies and information to enhance the running of Relay for Live events. At this event, two KPR schools were recognized. Courtice Secondary School winning the Most Spirited Award and Adam Scott Collegiate Vocation Institute earning a Five-year Dedication Award.

With the end of the school year drawing close, the Student Trustees encouraged all in KPR to use April as a time of reflection and peace and to continue to strive for excellence in daily life.

Chairperson Russell commended the Student Trustees for their continued efforts.

14. **DECISION ITEMS**

14.1 **COMMITTEE DECISION REPORTS**

14.1.1 **Chairpersons' Committee Report**

Committee Chairperson and Chairperson of the Board, S. Russell spoke to the report stating the committee met on March 29, 2023 where several policies and correspondence from the Council of the Municipality of Clarington were reviewed, and an in-depth discussion on the creation of an Equity Fund took place.

Review of Board Policy B-2.1, Board and Committee Meetings, is before Board members for review after numerous updates. Several policies will be rescinded as they are now embedded within current policy.

Correspondence from the Municipality of Clarington was reviewed by the committee. Through discussion, it was decided that letters would be sent to the Council of the Municipality of Clarington, Member of Provincial Parliament Piccini and Minister of Education Lecce, thanking each for their support.

Considerable discussion occurred on the creation of an Equity Fund. The committee received information from the Director and discussed the issue of dependent care.

A Board member noted in light of current legislation in the province, it is more important than ever promote advocacy for the issue.

Trustee Angela Lloyd wished to have it be noted that she was in attendance via Webex.

S. Russell reviewed the background on the request to create an Equity Fund. The Director was asked to draft revisions to Administrative Regulation B-4.9.1, Trustee Expenses and Reimbursements, to address allowable expenses for dependent care which the Ontario Public Service and Broader Public Sector allow for. A further request was made to have the Director provide information which will encompass the estimated costs to the Board and the impact to the budget.

Questions of clarification were asked by Board members which were addressed by fellow trustees and Superintendent Foster.

A review of the Trustee Budget was provided, and a brief discussion was held regarding the upcoming Annual General Meeting for Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) and the Canadian School Boards' Association conference.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Russell

Seconded by: Trustee Flynn

(23-073)

That Board Policy B-2.1, Board and Committee Meetings, be approved as revised.

CARRIED

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Russell

Seconded by: Trustee Abraham

(23-074)

That Board Policy B-1.6, Legal Matters, be rescinded.

CARRIED

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Russell

Seconded by: Trustee A. Lloyd

(23-075)

That Board Policy B-4.1, Association Membership, be rescinded.

CARRIED

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Russell

Seconded by: Trustee Kitney

(23-076)

That Board Policy B-7.4, Advocacy, be rescinded.

CARRIED

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Russell

Seconded by: Trustee P. Brown

(23-077)

That Board Policy B-2.2, Annual Meetings and Committees of the Board, be approved as revised.

CARRIED

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Russell

Seconded by: Trustee Flynn

(23-078)

That the Board send a letter to the Council of the Municipality of Clarington thanking them for the support through Resolution #C-053-23 of a new school build in the Clarke High School region of Clarington.

CARRIED

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Russell

Seconded by: Trustee P. Brown

(23-079)

That the Board send a letter to Minister of Education Lecce and Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) Piccini expressing the Board's support of the Council of the Municipality of Clarington's resolution and thanking them for their attendance at Clarke High School and The Pines Senior Public School.

CARRIED

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Russell

Seconded by: Trustee A. Lloyd

(23-080)

That the Chairpersons' Committee Report, dated April 25, 2023, be received for information.

CARRIED

14.1.2 **Audit Committee Report**

Committee Chairperson, P. Brown, spoke to the report stating the committee met on April 3, 2023 and received an Internal Audit update, a report of the External Auditors, information on Audit Services and an asset retirement obligations summary.

P. Brown stated the update from the Internal Auditors informed the committee that a selection of schools will be visited by the Regional Internal Audit Team who will provide management with an independent and objective assessment of the collection and use of the School Generated Funds during the 2022-2023 school year.

Superintendent Foster spoke to the competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) which was issued in October 2018 for Audit Services for a period not to exceed five years, beginning with the fiscal period ending August 31, 2019. The firm of Baker Tilly KDN

LLP was appointed auditor for the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board, for a term of five years, through to the fiscal year September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023, and has fulfilled their contractual obligations in a timely and efficient manner. Administration supports the recommendation for reappointment.

The committee received a presentation on the Asset Retirement Obligations Summary. Superintendent Foster spoke to this stating that the Education Act requires school boards to prepare their financial statements in accordance with the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) standards. The Asset Retirement Obligations are a new standard and is required under the PSAB. Questions of clarification were asked by the Board members and were addressed by Superintendent Foster.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee P. Brown

Seconded by: Trustee T. Brown

(23-081) That the 2023 External Audit Plan be approved.

CARRIED

It was,

Moved by: Trustee P. Brown

Seconded by: Trustee T. Brown

(23-082) That Baker Tilly KDN LLP be appointed auditor for Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board for the fiscal year September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023.

CARRIED

It was,

Moved by: Trustee P. Brown

Seconded by: Trustee Flynn

(23-083) That the Audit Committee Report, dated April 25, 2023, be received for information.

CARRIED

14.2 DECISION REPORTS

14.2.1 Campbellford District High School Renovations and Roof Replacement Tender

Superintendent Foster spoke to the report noting Board Policy BA-5.1, Purchasing procedures, requires Board approval for capital project tenders and consulting services in excess of \$2,000,000 or expenditures which exceed the budgeted amount

by 10% and \$200,000. On October 25, 2022 the Board approved capital expenditures for Maintenance and Program Enhancements to schools and included in the project approved was Campbellford District High School Renovations and Roof Replacement. A tender for the project was issued on February 14, 2023 and on March 7, 2023. The tender results were reviewed with Board members. G. Payne, Executive Office, Facilities Services, provided an overview of the work taking place at Campbellford District High School. The board is seeing higher costs for labour and materials. This will be taken into consideration moving forward with construction and maintenance.

Questions of clarification were asked by Board members and addressed by Superintendent Foster and G. Payne.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee T. Brown

Seconded by: Trustee A. Lloyd

(23-084)

That the Campbellford District High School Renovations and Roof Replacement Tender be awarded to Anacond Contracting Inc. in the amount of \$2,671,484.00 including net taxes (2.16%).

CARRIED

14.2.2 **Norwood District High School Renovations and Roof Replacement Tender**

Superintendent Foster spoke to the report noting Board Policy BA-5.1, Purchasing Procedures, requires Board approval for capital project tenders and consulting services in excess of \$2,000,000 or expenditures which exceed the budgeted amount by 10% and \$200,000. On October 25, 2022 the Board approved capital expenditures for Maintenance and Program Enhancements to schools. Included in the projects approved was Norwood District High School Renovations and Roof Replacement with a tender for the project was issued on February 23, 2023 and closed on March 16, 2023. The tender results were reviewed with Board members.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee T. Brown

Seconded by: Trustee Abraham

(23-085)

That the Norwood District High School Renovations and Roof Replacement Tender be awarded to Anacond Contracting Inc. in the amount of \$2,958,553.60 including net taxes (2.16%).

CARRIED

14.2.3 Awards and Scholarships – Cobourg Collegiate Institute

Superintendent Brake spoke to the report stating Board Policy ES-4.2, Recognition of Student Success, indicates that Board approval, consistent with its values, purposes, and mandate, will be necessary for the initial offerings at graduation ceremonies of any bursary, scholarship, or other incentive with a monetary value.

The Rotary Club of Cobourg would like to establish an award, known as the Rotary Environment Award, in the amount of \$400 per year to a graduating student of Cobourg Collegiate Institute. Selection of the successful applicant will be made by the Awards Committee at Cobourg Collegiate Institute.

The award will be presented at the commencement ceremony annually until the donor and school mutually agree to terminate the award.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee T. Brown
Seconded by: Trustee Klassen Jeninga

(23-086)

That the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board approve the establishment of the Rotary Environment Award to be awarded annually in the amount of \$400 to a graduating student of Cobourg Collegiate Institute who has met the award criteria.

CARRIED

14.2.4 Awards and Scholarships – Cobourg Collegiate Institute

Superintendent Brake spoke to the report stating Board Policy ES-4.2, Recognition of Student Success, indicates that Board approval, consistent with its values, purposes, and mandate, will be necessary for the initial offerings at graduation ceremonies of any bursary, scholarship, or other incentive with a monetary value.

The Rotary Club of Cobourg would like to establish an award, known as the Rotary Indigenous Achievement Award, in the amount of \$400 per year to a graduating student of Cobourg

Collegiate Institute. Selection of the successful applicant will be made by the Awards Committee at Cobourg Collegiate Institute.

The award will be presented at the commencement ceremony annually until the donor and school mutually agree to terminate the award.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Klassen Jeninga

Seconded by: Trustee T. Brown

(23-087)

That the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board approve the establishment of the Rotary Indigenous Achievement Award to be awarded annually in the amount of \$400 to a graduating student of Cobourg Collegiate Institute who has met the award criteria.

CARRIED

14.2.5 Awards and Scholarships – Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School

Superintendent Brake spoke to the report stating Board Policy ES-4.2, Recognition of Student Success, indicates that Board approval, consistent with its values, purposes and mandate, will be necessary for the initial offerings at graduation ceremonies of any bursary, scholarship, or other incentive with a monetary value.

The Keene Masonic Lodge would like to establish a bursary, known as the Keene Masonic Lodge Bursary in the amount of \$500 per year to a graduating student of Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School. Selection of the successful applicant will be made by the Awards Committee at Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School.

The award will be presented at the commencement ceremony annually until the donor and school mutually agree to terminate the award.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee A. Lloyd

Seconded by: Trustee Abraham

(23-088)

That the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board approve the establishment of the Keene Masonic Lodge Bursary to be awarded annually in the amount of \$500 to a graduating

student of Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School who has met the award criteria.

CARRIED

14.2.6 Awards and Scholarships – Campbellford District High School

Superintendent Ford spoke to the report stating Board Policy No. ES-4.2, Recognition of Student Achievement, indicates that Board approval, consistent with its values, purposes, and mandate, will be necessary for the initial offerings at graduation ceremonies of any bursary, scholarship, or other incentive with a monetary value.

Percy Agricultural Society would like to establish an award to be known as the Percy Agricultural Society Community and Agricultural Award. This award is to be presented annually in the amount of \$250 to one graduating Grade 12 student at Campbellford District High School. Selection of the successful recipient will be made by the Awards Committee of Campbellford District High School.

This award will be presented at the commencement ceremony annually by the Percy Agricultural Society until the donor and the school mutually agree to terminate the award.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee T. Brown
Seconded by: Trustee Klassen Jeninga

(23-089)

That the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board approve the establishment of the Percy Agricultural Award to be presented annually in the amount of \$250 to one graduating Grade 12 student of Campbellford District High School, who has met the award criteria.

CARRIED

14.2.7 Awards and Scholarships – Peterborough Alternative and Continuing Education

Superintendent Gohil spoke to the report stating Board Policy No. ES-4.2, Recognition of Student Achievement, indicates that Board approval, consistent with its values, purposes, and mandate, will be necessary for the initial offerings at graduation ceremonies of any bursary, scholarship, or other incentive with a monetary value.

The Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough would like to establish an award to be known as the PCVS Legacy Award for

PACE. This award is to be presented annually in the amount of \$250 to two graduating Grade 12 students at Peterborough Alternative and Continuing Education (PACE) at Peterborough Collegiate Vocational School (PCVS). Selection of the successful recipients will be made by the Awards Committee of PACE at PCVS.

This award will be presented at the commencement ceremony annually by Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough until the donor and the school mutually agree to terminate the award.

Trustee Dickson excused herself from the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Kitney
Seconded by: Trustee Flynn

(23-090)

That the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board approve the establishment of the PCVS Legacy Award for PACE in the amount of \$250 to be awarded annually to two graduating students of Peterborough Alternative and Continuing Education (PACE) at Peterborough Collegiate Vocational School (PCVS) who have met the award criteria.

CARRIED

15. **ONTARIO PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARDS' ASSOCIATION (OPSBA) REPORT**

Trustee Angela Lloyd, the Board's Delegate Member of OPSBA, spoke to the upcoming Board of Directors' meeting on Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29, 2023. Updates will be provided at the next Board meeting.

Trustee A. Lloyd spoke to the recent news release of Bill 98, Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act, 2023, stating this will have a significant effect on the board and will touch every aspect of the board including the Board of Trustees, the directors of education and senior administration. Public consultation will take place May 8 and 9, with the website for submissions closing on May 16, 2023. Following discussion, trustees agreed a Special Board meeting would be held to discuss the Bill in a more fulsome manner and to create a submission to the Ministry of Education on behalf of the Board. It is important to protect public education. Those in attendance were encouraged to create a submission.

Questions of clarification were asked by Board members which were addressed by Trustee A. Lloyd or Trustee Abraham.

16. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

17. **INFORMATION ITEMS – CONSENT ITEMS**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee A. Lloyd
Seconded by: Trustee Abraham

(23-091) That the following agenda items for the April 25, 2023 Board meeting be received for information:

- Item 17.1 Student Transportation Services of Central Ontario (STSCO) Governance Committee Report
- Item 17.2 Special Education Advisory Committee Report
- Item 17.3 Program Review Committee Report
- Item 17.4 Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee Report

Requests were made by trustees to pull the following reports for comment and/or discussion:

- Item 17.1 Student Transportation Services of Central Ontario (STSCO) Governance Committee Report
- Item 17.3 Program Review Committee Report

The motion was **CARRIED**

17.1 **Student Transportation Services of Central Ontario**

Committee Chairperson Russell noted they are making progress in lowering the number of bus cancellations. Committee members heard bell time changes are being proposed which should bring even further reductions to the cancellations. Bus driver recruitment is taking place and further information will be provided at the next STSCO meeting.

Board members were informed that Roy Wierenga has been hired to replace Joel Sloggett as Chief Administrative Officer of STSCO effective May 8, 2023.

17.3 **Program Review Committee Report**

Committee Chairperson Kitney spoke to the report stating the committee met on April 4, 2023. The committee had an informative presentation on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and also engaged in discussion regarding the incorporation of the arts, becoming STEAM. Associate Director McNaughton was invited to speak the role of arts within STEM. The committee heard a presentation by the Teaching and Learning consultants who provided examples of the arts tying into STEM. The department will take the information gathered at the meeting, to review how the arts can be further incorporated into STEM.

18. **BOARD MEMBER ADDITIONS**

Trustee Klassen Jeninga spoke to the participation of Hastings Public School (PS) students in a Math Day Celebration on May 4, 2023 called May the 4th Be With Us. This is in celebration of the International Online Math Contest which took place on World Math Day, March 8, 2023. A Grade 7 student, Tristen Wong, placed first in Canada and eighteenth in the world and another student, Isaac Rinsma, Grade 8, placed thirteenth in Canada and 303 in the world. The school will celebrate the May the 4th be With Us on May 4, 2023 with a full day of math fun. This is an exciting time for the school and community.

Trustee Klassen Jeninga acknowledged a school community who is mourning the loss of a Kindergarten student. Darsh Sajith (aka Happy) passed away on Monday, April 10, 2023 after a very brief illness with strep. Hastings PS staff and students were affected very deeply by this loss. Trustee Klassen Jeninga acknowledged the work that KPR does when a situation such as this occurs.

Trustee Klassen Jeninga spoke to C.R. Gummow PS students who participated in the Terry Fox Run fundraising placing twenty-third in the province and in the top 50 in Ontario for fundraising raising \$12,682.55 of the \$969,688 raised in total. This is very exciting news for the Terry Fox Foundation.

Trustee T. Brown stated both he and Trustee Klassen Jeninga were fortunate to be invited to the C.R. Gummow PS Call to Recycle and the Earth Rangers event. Minister of the Environment Piccini was also in attendance. The school is in competition with other schools within the province on the collection and recycling of batteries. Students learned about the minerals in the batteries and how they are recycled. A brief slideshow was displayed for Board members showing animals which were available for the students to view and ask questions about.

Trustee Kitney spoke of Ziysah von Bieberstein who is a part of the King George PS community, was on the Accommodation Review team for Armour Heights PS and is currently still very involved with Kaawaate East City PS. Ziysah was presented the Peterborough's second Poet Laureate title and will hold the title from April 2023 to September 2024. Ziysah recently presented at the Holocaust Educational Event hosted by the Jewish Community of Peterborough.

Trustee Conway noted he had the honour to attend the Honour and Respect Exhibition on Saturday, April 22, 2023. He encourages other trustees and Board members to view this at the local Peterborough Museum.

19. **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

Chairperson Russell drew attention to the future meeting dates listed in the Board agenda.

A discussion regarding the need to move the June 27, 2023 Board meeting due to Commencement scheduling conflicts was held. The June Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023.

20. **QUESTION PERIOD**

Chairperson Russell opened the meeting to questions from the floor.

21. **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN-CAMERA SESSION**

Nil.

22. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee T. Brown

Seconded by: Trustee Flynn

(23-092) That the meeting be adjourned (8:55 p.m.).

CARRIED

Steve Russell
Chairperson of the Board

Rita Russo
Director of Education
and Secretary of the Board

