

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

**Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 6:15 P.M.
Roy H. Wilfong Boardroom, Education Centre
1994 Fisher Drive, Peterborough, Ontario**

ATTENDANCE

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

Regrets: Trustee Steve Russell (Chairperson of the Board).

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

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

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

2. **IN-CAMERA SESSION**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Kitney
Seconded by: Trustee Conway

(23-102) That the Board move into In-camera Session (6:14 p.m.).

CARRIED

The Open Session of the meeting resumed at 6:59 p.m.

3. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Trustee P. Brown 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.

Trustee introductions were provided for guests attending the Board meeting.

5. **CHARACTER ATTRIBUTE – STUDENT TRUSTEE**

Student Trustee Kelly Mitchell spoke to this month's character attribute, Integrity.

ACCOLADES PRESENTATIONS

Vice-chairperson of the Board, Trustee Klassen Jeninga, spoke to the Accolades Program, noting this is an opportunity for the Board of Trustees to honour the significant contributions of KPR students, staff and community members and is a great honour to have each of the Accolade recipients attend. Director Russo welcomed all recipients and family members.

A brief profile was provided for each recipient along with a framed Accolade Certificate and photo opportunity.

Rowyn Doyle, Baltimore Public School, Grade 6 Student

Tristen Wong, Hastings Public School, Grade 7 Student
Isaac Rinsma, Hastings Public School, Grade 8 Student

Ahmed Ali, Courtice Secondary School
Alaa Gehani, Courtice Secondary School
Ayesha Iqbal, Courtice Secondary School
Farrah Kherani, Courtice Secondary School, Teacher
Munawara Mazlomyar, Courtice Secondary School
Shafin Shaw, Courtice Secondary School
Neela Soleiman, Courtice Secondary School

Nate Bennett, East Northumberland Secondary School
Elena De Luca, East Northumberland Secondary School
Ava Trefiak-Thomas, East Northumberland Secondary School
Anne Falla, East Northumberland Secondary School, Teacher

The meeting recessed at 7:33 p.m.
The meeting reconvened at 7:41 p.m.

6. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Abraham
Seconded by: Trustee Flynn

(23-103) That the agenda be adopted to include the following topics under Board Member Additions:

- Longworth Loves Landing
- North Shore Public School Pow Wow
- KPR Elevate

CARRIED

7. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

8. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

8.1 **Special Board Meeting – Tuesday, April 18, 2023**

It was,

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

(23-104) That the minutes for the Special Board meeting held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, be adopted as recorded.

CARRIED

8.2 **Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday, April 25, 2023**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Conway
Seconded by: Trustee Abraham

(23-105) That the minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, be adopted as recorded.

CARRIED

8.3 **Special Board Meeting – Wednesday, April 26, 2023**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee T. Brown
Seconded by: Trustee Flynn

(23-106) That the minutes for the Special Board meeting held on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, be adopted as recorded.

CARRIED

8.4 **Special Board Meeting – Tuesday, May 2, 2023**

It was,

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

(23-107) That the minutes for the Special Board meeting held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, be adopted as recorded.

CARRIED

9. **EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

Nil.

10. **DELEGATIONS**

10.1 **DELEGATIONS (10 minutes)**

10.1.1 **Tenzin Shomar** – Dependent Care Amendment

Tenzen Shomar, spoke to his delegation noting he is a resident of Clarington region of the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board jurisdiction and former Student Trustee. T. Shomar stated he is opposed to the amendment to Administrative Regulation BA-4.9.1, Expenses and Reimbursements for Trustees, noting the amendment does not align with what trustees were elected for. Through the past campaign, many whom he visited did not know enough about the trustee role and chose to focus on the mayor position and not vote at all for a School Board Trustee.

T. Shomar stated the amendment specifies restrictions for use and exempts most expenses which can be submitted, questioning the equity and dismantling of barriers when there is little to no access for use.

T. Shomar provided the following points:

- does not align with the intentions of the trustees who recommended it
- underrepresented groups hear of this amendment to improve equity, only to learn it can be rarely used
- if schoolboards across Ontario were more engaged in the elections, they could improve diversity and break down the information barrier; a better-informed electorate will lead to better outcomes
- remaining status quo for trustee expense works well and is aligned with what a trustee does and school board policies across Ontario
- the work trustees do to serve their respective communities does not require further creation of expense categories
- under the Education Act, trustees are provided an honorarium for the work they do

In closing T. Shomar urged Board members to not vote in favour of the proposed amendment.

Questions of clarification were asked by Board members and addressed by Delegate T. Shomar.

10.2 **DELEGATIONS** (3 minutes)

10.2.1 **David Berger** – Results of Province-wide Violence in Schools Survey

David Berger, 1st Vice-president at KPR Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO), spoke to the interview with Global News on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 where the results of the Province-wide Violence in Schools Survey were presented, stating 77% of the nearly 25,000 educators (ETFO and Early Childhood Educators (ECEs)) from across the province, have personally experienced violence or witnessed violence against another staff person. When comparing to five years ago, things have only gotten worse stated D. Berger.

From September 2022 to March 2023, KPR had 2,866 reports of violence submitted and in most cases this number is under reported. The survey was province-wide and the results show that violence is a provincial issue. In the elementary panel, the issue is being seen with the most vulnerable students, those just starting Kindergarten and into Grade 1. D. Berger noted this is not a surprise, as students have not been in school due to the pandemic and have missed out on the crucial socialization skills.

In Clarington region there is a huge fail to fill jobs for support staff. Eight of ten support staff vacancies in this region are not being filled and when this occurs, everyone (principals and teachers) is acting as a Child and Youth Worker (CYW) or Educational Assistant (EA) or ECE.

Since the last round of budget announcements, there have been over 7,000 educational worker cuts across the province and in the last five years, the per-pupil funding has decreased by \$1,200 per student.

Board members heard that when an increase in investments of funding for students is stated, this is in the context of an increase in enrolment within the system hence more funding to support.

Questions of clarification were asked by Board members and addressed by D. Berger.

10.3 **DISPOSITION OF DELEGATION CONCERNS**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee D. Lloyd
Seconded by: Trustee Kitney

(23-108)

That the presentations by delegates Tenzin Shomar and David Berger, be received for information and with thanks.

CARRIED

11. **DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**

Director Russo noted how proud she was of all of the accolade recipients this evening. KPR schools are filled with incredible students and staff that are making a difference every day. Schools are vibrant places of learning in the last six weeks left in the school year. From athletic events to arts opportunities, students are immersed in rich learning experiences both inside and outdoors. R. Russo stated how very pleased she is to hear the stories and to see the social media feeds of many of KPR schools showcasing the rich opportunities the staff offer the students and families, and the Director expressed her gratitude to all KPR staff for their efforts.

Provincial primary and junior division assessments of reading, writing and mathematics through the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) are taking place across KPR schools from May 10 to June 14, 2023. Congratulations to KPR students who have completed the assessments and best wishes to those who have yet to write.

R. Russo stated she was pleased to report that KPR Strategic Priorities consultations continue and are being met with much success. The student trustees along with student leaders and staff from a number of KPR high schools met today to share their insights and perspectives on what the board is doing well and what the board needs to do to better serve students in relation to learning and wellness and belonging. Their voice and participation in this important process is truly valued.

KPR invites everyone to share their voices to help build a new strategic plan. The strategic planning process involves engagement and collaboration with students, staff, families and communities, to ensure KPR is creating inclusive spaces that meet the unique and diverse needs of all and help everyone experience success. The public can share their voice through the ThoughtExchange platform that remains open until the end of May 2023, or may join a consultation group in-person or online. The next engagement session is Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at the Port Hope High School library and at 2:00 p.m. at the Brighton Public School library. Wednesday, May 31, 2023 there will be two further opportunities, one at Kirby Professional Learning Centre in Clarington at 10:30 a.m. and another online opportunity from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

In closing, Director Russo shared that the written strategic monitoring report will be available in the June 20, 2023 Board Meeting package. Senior administration continues to make progress with the implementation of the goals and objectives in the Board Action Plan and looks forward to sharing the progress with the Board.

12. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Nil.

13. **STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT**

Student Trustee Marie Mahfuz spoke to the month of May stating this month symbolizes a time of renewal and growth. It is an exciting time for some students as they approach graduation ceremonies and the beginning of summer holidays.

M. Mahfuz spoke to the recent Chairpersons' Committee meeting where she and Student Trustee Mitchell presented a report requesting support of the Board in renaming the Student Leadership Group to Student Senate. Changing the name can lend more legitimacy and enhance the visibility and influence within the school community. M. Mahfuz noted it may generate more interest and participation among students, leading to a more diverse range of perspectives in student leadership. With the approval of the name change, Student Trustees can begin to develop a constitution for the group and create formalized roles for the members to increase student engagement.

The Board heard one of the biggest challenges KPR students faced was resuming pre-COVID-19 activities and events. Many student organizations struggled to plan and execute events due to lack of experience and difficulties adjusting to new safety protocols. Some students felt less inclined to socialize and participate in extracurricular activities. The Student Leadership Group has organized a student leadership retreat called the KPR Elevate which will demonstrate how they can execute various initiatives at their schools.

As the school year draws to a close, Student Trustees Mahfuz and Mitchell have been working on a smooth transition for the incoming Student Trustees by staying in contact with them and introducing them to their roles. The past weekend, student trustees had the opportunity to attend the OSTA-AECO Annual General Meeting in Toronto where they could connect with other student trustees from across the province and have valuable information shared regarding their new roles.

As their term quickly draws to an end, Student Trustees Mahfuz and Mitchell plan to make the most of their last month together by continuing to develop their plans to make lasting, positive changes at KPR.

Congratulations was provided to the Student Trustees for the work they are doing.

14. **DECISION ITEMS**

14.1 **COMMITTEE DECISION REPORTS**

14.1.1 **Resource Committee Report**

Trustee Abraham stated the committee met on May 3, 2023 where they reviewed several policies, heard information on surplus property and the Second Quarter Financial Variance report, along with an update on the Northglen neighbourhood school accommodation plan and boundary adjustments for Bowmanville area schools.

C. Abraham noted that Board Policies ES-2.1, Emergency Preparedness, ES-3.14, Student Activity Fees and BA-6.3, School Playground Equipment have been reviewed and the policies have been revised to include updated language and current practices.

C. Abraham noted the committee reviewed three potential surplus properties within the board and stated that according to Ontario Regulation 444/98 the property must be declared surplus by the Board prior to its disposal. Following discussion on the three properties, a motion was made that the Westwood property, located at 699 Westwood Drive and 687 Burwash Street, Cobourg, Ontario be deemed surplus to the Board and disposed of in accordance with Ontario Regulation 444/98, Disposition of Surplus Real Property and Acquisition of Real Property, and Board Policy BA-6.5, Surplus Board Real Estate – Disposal/Rental.

A question of clarification and concern was asked by a Board member and addressed by Superintendent Foster.

C. Abraham stated the committee heard an update on the 2022-2023 Second Quarter Financial Variance Report, with preliminary October 31, 2022 enrolment, projected March 31, 2023 enrolment, and six months' financial activity, ending February 28, 2023. Although the enrolment is increasing, so are the expenses. The projected 2022-2023 Capital spending is forecasted to be \$10.4M higher than budget.

Glen Payne, Executive Officer, Facilities Services, provided an update on the Northglen neighbourhood school accommodation planning, stating the board continues to meet with Infrastructure Ontario and has heard from the Ministry of Education that there has been a delay due to the unforeseen circumstances (supply and labour shortages). Following talks with the Ministry of Education May 23, 2023, the new anticipated school opening date

will be in 2025. It was noted the Municipality of Clarington views this as a high priority project and continues to work with KPR to move the project along.

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

C. Abraham stated a review of boundary adjustments for the Bowmanville area schools was provided and is included within the agenda package.

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

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Abraham

Seconded by: Trustee T. Brown

(23-109)

That Board Policy ES-2.1, Emergency Preparedness, be approved as revised.

CARRIED

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Abraham

Seconded by: Trustee P. Brown

(23-110)

That Board Policy ES-3.14, Student Activity Fees, be approved as revised.

CARRIED

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Abraham

Seconded by: Trustee Kitney

(23-111)

That Board Policy BA-6.3, School Playground Equipment, be approved as revised.

CARRIED

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Abraham

Seconded by: Trustee Conway

(23-112)

That the Westwood property, located at 699 Westwood Drive and 687 Burwash Street, Cobourg, Ontario, be deemed surplus to the Board and disposed of in accordance with Ontario Regulation 444/98, Disposition of Surplus Real Property and Acquisition of Real Property, and Board Policy No. BA-6.5, Surplus Board Real Estate – Disposal/Rental.

CARRIED

14.1.2 **Chairpersons' Committee Report**

Trustee Klassen Jeninga, Committee Vice-chairperson and Vice-chairperson of the Board, noted the committee met on May 16, 2023.

J. Klassen Jeninga noted the Director's Update provided information on the Strategic Plan renewal and included information on the regional focus groups, the online Town Hall and the ThoughtExchange platform.

At the January 24, 2023 Board meeting, Board Policy B-3.4 Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities was passed. Included in this policy under Section 5.1.3 is the expectation to appoint at least one trustee to attend all Accessibility Advisory Committee meetings. With this new policy, there is the need to revise Board Policy B-2.2, Annual Meetings and Committees of the Board.

It was,

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

(23-113)

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

CARRIED

J. Klassen Jeninga noted the committee heard from G. Kidd, Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs, that Board Policies B-1.8, Parental and Public Concerns, B-1.9, Flag Display and ES-3.2, Political Activity in Schools were reviewed and revised with minor language updates.

Board members asked questions of clarification which were addressed by G. Kidd.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Klassen Jeninga
Seconded by: Trustee Abraham

(23-114)

That Board Policy B-1.8, Parental and Public Concerns, be approved as revised.

CARRIED

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Klassen Jeninga
Seconded by: Trustee A. Lloyd

(23-115) **That Board Policy B-1.9, Flag Display, be approved as revised.**

CARRIED

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Klassen Jeninga

Seconded by: Trustee T. Brown

(23-116) **That Board Policy ES-3.2, Political Activity in Schools, be approved as revised.**

CARRIED

Director Russo spoke to Administrative Regulation BA-4.9.1, Expenses and Reimbursements for Trustees stating following the April 25, 2023 Board meeting discussion, a trustee asked that language be written to include dependent care within the regulation. Another trustee asked that further information be provided surrounding criteria and an understanding of where the funds for this expense would come from be presented at this meeting.

Director Russo provided a review of the amendments noting the language and changes are reflective of the language within the Broader Public Sector and Ontario Public Sector guidelines. R. Russo noted the amount recommended is \$1,500 per budget year per trustee, expenses must meet the criteria listed in the revised administration, would require prior approval, and would be compensated through the mileage expense budget line. R. Russo noted no additional funding will be added to the trustee budget line. Following a review of past years mileage expenses, R. Russo noted there would be allowable space for the additional expenses.

Board members engaged in an in-depth conversation, each taking the time to speak to the amendments with questions of clarification being addressed by Director Russo.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Klassen Jeninga

Seconded by: Trustee Flynn

(23-117) **That Administrative Regulation BA-4.9.1, Expenses and Reimbursements for Trustees, be approved as revised.**

A Board member requested a recorded vote.

Trustee Name	Recorded Vote	
	Supporting the Motion	Against the Motion
Abraham, C.	X	
Brown, P.	X	
Brown, T.		X
Conway, S.	X	
Dickson, C.		X
Flynn, K.	X	
Kitney, R.		X
Klassen Jeninga, J.		X
Lloyd, A.		X
Lloyd, D.		X
Russell, S. (Regrets)		
Mahfuz, M. (non-binding)	X	
Mitchell, K. (non-binding)	X	
Total	4 2 (Non-binding)	6

The motion was.....**DEFEATED**

Student Trustee Maria Mahfuz spoke to the proposed name change for the Student Leadership Group (SLG) to Student Senate stating both she and K. Mitchell are looking for ways to strengthen and amplify the voices of KPR students. The name Student Senate will be an improved representation of the role of the current SLG. Several benefits to making this change include increased recognition and legitimacy, improved communication with school administration, greater accountability, enhanced leadership opportunities, and increased student engagement within the board. The name Student Senate is often associated with official bodies that hold decision-making power such as secretary and treasurer. Using this name, the Student Senate may be seen as a more formal and legitimate group, which will help increase its visibility and influence within the school community.

Questions of clarification were asked by Board members and addressed by the Student Trustees.

Vice-chairperson Klassen Jeninga put a motion on the table that the proposed name change for the Student Leadership Group be changed to Student Senate.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Klassen Jeninga
Seconded by: Trustee Abraham

(23-118)

That the Student Leadership Group be renamed to Student Senate.

CARRIED

Superintendent Gohil spoke to the department name change for Safe, Caring and Restorative Schools to Safe and Caring Schools. S. Gohil stated that safe and caring schools, both physically and psychologically, are a critical element to successfully nurturing positive student experiences. KPR is committed to creating and sustaining safe and caring schools for the purpose of promoting learning, achievement and well-being. Every student can reach their full potential through a whole school approach to ensuring a positive school climate where all members of the school community feel they are safe, have a sense of belonging, are accepted, supported, cared for and included. S. Gohil stated over time there has been a shift in emphasis from using restorative practices as a focus of resolution to proactively developing healthy relationships using a trauma-informed, culturally responsive approach to support all students within the system. Safe and Caring Schools will be inclusive of individual identities and lived experiences of all students KPR serves.

Questions of clarification were asked by Board members and addressed by Superintendent Gohil.

Director Russo presented the Master Calendar for 2023-2024 noting the document is used as a base document from which all other organizational meetings are planned. R. Russo reviewed the appendix which displayed the symbols used throughout the calendar and stated meetings will not occur on a date which is a Black Diamond Day or Sundown Day. R. Russo reviewed the calendar and stated adjustments to the Master Calendar have been made to be inclusive of a variety of faith days. This will be made available for trustees as well as placed online.

Vice-chairperson Klassen Jeninga reviewed the Trustee Budget Update stating it is currently at 66% spent. The budget will be very close to fully spent if not exceeding the amount allocated following upcoming professional development sessions. The amounts within the document have been updated as requested at the Chairpersons' Committee meeting.

A Board member stated that trustees should be mindful of budget spending moving forward given the upcoming budget restraints.

A review of the Trustee Expenditures to Date – September 1, 2022 to May 3, 2023 was provided by Vice-chairperson Klassen Jeninga.

It was,

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

(23-119)

That the Chairpersons' Committee Report, dated May 23, 2023, be received for information.

CARRIED

The Board recessed at 9:41 p.m.
The Board reconvened at 9:48 p.m.

Student Trustee M. Mahfuz excused herself from the meeting at 9:43 p.m.

14.2 **DECISION REPORTS**

14.2.1 **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.

Community Living Campbellford Brighton would like to establish an award, known as the Community Living Campbellford Brighton Award, in the amount of \$300 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.

A Board member was concerned that the award did not seem equitable to the very students that Community Living is supporting and felt it should be available to community living students. Superintendent Brake noted this is in support of a career path which will support community living programs.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee T. Brown
Seconded by: Trustee A. Lloyd

- (23-120) **That the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board approve the establishment of the Community Living Campbellford Brighton Award to be awarded annually in the amount of \$300 to a graduating student of Cobourg Collegiate Institute who has met the award criteria.**

CARRIED

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

Trustee A. Lloyd, the Board's Delegate Member of OPSBA, stated the Board of Director's meeting was held at the end of April. A. Lloyd shared that Nancy Naylor, Deputy Minister of Education, is retiring and will be missed. Take your MPP to School Day will occur between May 23-25, 2023 where MPPs were encouraged to visit their local schools along with local trustee to experience the wonder of public education firsthand.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is upcoming where A. Lloyd will serve as the voting delegate for KPR. Vice-chairperson Klassen Jeninga is running again for Regional Chairperson for Central East. J. Klassen Jeninga was wished well.

During the funding review it was noted, although the grant for student needs (GSNs) have been received, they have not kept up with inflation, therefore will mean KPR cannot meet the needs as we normally do. A. Lloyd noted that Board members will see the budget numbers at the Budget Committee this coming week.

Trustee A. Lloyd noted OPSBA is working to help the government understand the focus and importance of being able to do accommodation reviews. It is important to have schools where there are children and children where there are schools.

OPSBA has extended a partnership with the Municipalities of Ontario and Trustee Abraham participated in the meeting with the municipalities.

16. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

17. **INFORMATION ITEMS – CONSENT ITEMS**

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Abraham
Seconded by: Trustee Kitney

- (23-121) **That the following agenda items for the Tuesday, May 23, 2023 Board meeting be received for information:**

- **Item 17.1 Special Education Advisory Committee Report**

- **Item 17.2 First Nations Education Services Advisory Committee Report**
- **Item 17.3 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Report**
- **Item 17.4 Program Review Committee Report**
- **Item 17.5 Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee Report**
- **Item 17.6 Parent Involvement Committee Report**

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

- **Item 17.3 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Report**

The motion was **CARRIED**

17.3 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Report

Trustee S. Conway spoke to the report noting the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) is an international human rights covenant that entitles Indigenous peoples to the same rights as all peoples and equitably protects Indigenous-specific rights.

Currently, the Indigenous Education department references UNDRIP in the work of the department, and the concepts held within are reflected in the actions of the work.

The committee was asked for input in proposing that the Board formally adopt UNDRIP as a guiding document, as was done in 2018 with the Final Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada and in 2022 with the Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

Superintendent Brake spoke to a slideshow prepared for the Board where they heard information on the UNDRIP as well as viewed a booklet titled 'United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples'.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Conway
Seconded by: Trustee Flynn

(23-122)

That the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) be adopted as a foundational document of the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board.

CARRIED

18. **BOARD MEMBER ADDITIONS**

Trustee P. Brown provided accolades to the students and staff at Harold Longworth Public School (PS) who raised \$32,000 for a young student who was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer over the March break. The school has rallied together in support of the young boy and brainstormed various ways they could show strength and determination and send this strength and determination his way. The treatment that would be best for him was in the United States which would be financially difficult for the family. The initial aim was to raise \$12,000. Fundraising consisted of student made bracelets, donation tins which were decorated and placed in local establishments, students sold 'Lollipops for Landon', an online auction by the community with other fundraisers which included the staff receiving newly dyed hair, staff receiving hair cuts and beard trims which was followed by the grand finale of students being called up to throw a pie in the face of staff members.

Trustee A. Lloyd spoke to the North Shore Pow Wow which will take place on Friday, June 16, 2023. This Pow Wow is the longest standing Pow Wow from within a school. They celebrated their twenty-fifth year in 2019. A. Lloyd stated that so much work goes into the event, and it is amazing to see the entire school participate and sing in Ojibwe. Trustees are invited and encouraged to experience this great event.

Student Trustee K. Mitchell stated today, Tuesday, May 23, 2023, KPR hosted the KPR Elevate Conference with 75 students from 10 schools in KPR participating in the event. This provided students the ability to participate in team building, working on building relationships, asking questions regarding student leadership and the ability to meet with other student leaders from across the board. A thank you was provided to Superintendent Brake, J. Outram, J. Tomlinson and G. Kidd for their assistance. The 2023-2024 Student Trustees Albatoul Alshraideh and Jillian Thomas attended this great event and had the opportunity to meet the student leaders.

Trustee Dickson provided further information and an update on the young boy from Harold Longworth PS.

19. **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

Vice-chairperson Klassen Jeninga drew attention to the future meeting dates listed in the Board agenda and reviewed important upcoming dates.

20. **QUESTION PERIOD**

Vice-chairperson Klassen Jeninga opened the meeting to questions from the floor.

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

Nil.

22. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was,

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

(23-123) That the meeting be adjourned (10:18 p.m.).

CARRIED

Steve Russell
Chairperson of the Board

Rita Russo
Director of Education
and Secretary of the Board

**Kawartha Pine Ridge
District School Board**