

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 2007/06

6:30 p.m. (Committee of Whole Board)

7:00 p.m. (Regular Board Meeting)

MINUTES

Tuesday, May 22, 2007

1.0 Roll Call

The Board Chair Designate Mark Mannisto conducted roll call at 6.34 p.m. Members were present as noted above

PART II: *Committee of the Whole Board Section (A)*

In-Camera Session 1: (Closed to Public): 6:34 p.m.

2.0 Disclosure of Interest: re Closed Session

There were no disclosures of interest in regard to the closed session.

3.0 Committee of the Whole Board

3.1 Agenda: Committee of the Whole Board

123/07

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee D. Keenan

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB go into Co

12.0 Delegations and/or Presentations

12.1 Delegation: Township of Schreiber Council Input re 2007-2008 Board Budget Process
Board Chair Designate Mark Mannisto welcomed a delegation from the Township of Schreiber and their spokesperson, Mayor Madge Richardson. In her address, Mayor Richardson shared her council's concern about the proposed 2007-2008 Board Budget that would see a reduction in the teaching complement in the school. She provided a synopsis of what the Schreiber Council views as positive signs of an economic turnaround in the community. She requested the Board reconsider its position on reducing the Schreiber Public School teaching staff and commit to maintaining current staff levels at the school for the next two years.

12.2 Excellence in Education: Manitouwadge HS – SCWI (Dual Credit)
Manitouwadge High School Principal Andy Graham provided a comprehensive presentation on the school's Northern Studies Program, a Dual Credit Program developed and implemented under the School/College Work Initiative. The program is tied to the Tourism and Travel Adventure and Ecotourism Program at Confederation College. Students enrolled acquire two credits in TA 104-Outdoor Pursuits. In-class study components include subjects such as stream study, fish stocking and global positioning system mapping. Students also complete the requirements for a number of certificates. Among these are: Fur Management, Basic and Wilderness First Aid, GPS Greencheck, Restricted Radio Licenses and Fire Extinguisher training. The program is unique to MNHS and addresses the needs of many students who are not in the university stream. Rather, they are interested in working in local industry where it is imperative they receive training and the skills necessary to succeed.

Mr. Graham advised that the program helps to address student success, and in particular, contributes to the retention and training for at-risk students. He commended teachers and staff including Dan Fairservice, Gord Martin, Yvonne MacNeill and Diane Aguiar for the fine work they have done to bring the course to fruition.

12.3 Update from Marissa Asperjan: Student Trustee
Student Trustee Marissa Asperjan reported that the Young Women's Conference held in April where she was both a participant and facilitator was very successful.

She also noted that she would be assisting in orientation of the three new student trustees during a session planned in August.

13.0 Reports of the Director of Education

(Director: Lise Haman)

13.1 Report No.: 34: 2006-2007 School Graduation Schedule
Lise Haman noted the Graduation Schedule gives an overview of event dates and times. Trustees are encouraged to call their local schools to advise of their attendance or respond to invitations they may have already received.

13.2 Correspondence, May 3, 2007: Minister of Education K. Wynne
Lise Haman advised that Minister Wynne had responded to the Board's correspondence of April 16, 2007 wherein it submitted Resolution No. 120/07 requesting consideration to have the province implement one publicly funded school system. The minister cited the Constitution and the British North America Act as documents that guarantee the right to a Catholic education. In summary, the minister advised that the province has no plan to adopt a single school system.

Ms. Haman noted that Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) President Rick Johnson, who received a copy of the letter, has advised that the motion, as articulated by the board did not accurately reflect the OPSBA position on one publicly funded system. That is, OPSBA supports one publicly funded system of education for each of Canada's official languages. The board will revisit this topic at an upcoming meeting in order to amend Resolution 120/07.

13.3 OSSTF Awards of Excellence Banquet

Superintendent of Education Colleen Kappel reported that she, Bette Bartlett and Marissa Asperjan attended the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation Awards of Excellence Banquet on May 12, 2007 in Thunder Bay. Students from all area high school received awards. Ms. Kappel extended thanks to OSSTF President Buzz Grebenc and OSSTF EA President Sandra Corrigan for their work in organizing the event for SGDSB.

14.0 Reports of the Education Committee

(Education Chair: K. Notwell)

Superintendent of Education:

14.1 Report No. 35: 2007-2008 Young Women's Conference
132/07

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee D. Keenan

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No. 35: 2007-2008 Young Women's Conference as presented.

Carried

Colleen Kappel provided a brief overview of the purpose of the Young Women's Conference (YWC) that held its inaugural event in April 2007. The event was successful and plans are underway for the 2nd Annual YWC. The focus of the conference is to develop understanding about the issues facing young women today and their impact on the lives of students, teachers, administrators and school communities.

133/07

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee D. Keenan

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB support the initiative for a 2007-2008 Young Women's Conference by contributing \$14,000 toward the costs of planning and conducting a successful event.

Defeated

14.2 French as a Second Language Program

Colleen Kappel provided an update on French as a Second Language programs in SGDSB. The Ministry of Education requires Boards to ensure that students graduate from grade 8 with a minimum of 600 hours of French instruction. At the present time, there is no consistency in the delivery model across element

15.0 Reports of the Business Committee

(Business Chair: J. Turner)

Superintendent of Business: B. Rousseau

15.1 Report No. 36: Plant Department Update

134/07

Moved by: Trustee D. Keenan

Seconded by: Trustee J. Turner

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information Report No. 36: Plant Department Update.

Carried

Wayne Chiupka, Manager of Plant introduced the Plant Coordinator Mark Paris. Mr. Paris presented a comprehensive update on a myriad of projects that have been completed and those that are ongoing in the plant and operations area of the schools. The information provided illustrated the extent to which savings in energy, capital and maintenance practices have benefited the board.

15.2 Report No. 37: Summer Break Security Precautions

135/07

Moved by: Trustee D. Keenan

Seconded by: Trustee J. Sparrow

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information Report No. 37: Summer Break Security Precautions.

Carried

Wayne Chiupka reported on the extra safety precautions to be implemented during the summer break in cooperation with the school administration.

15.3 Report No. 38: Partial Roof Replacement at NRHS

136/07

Moved by: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded by: Trustee D. Keenan

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No. 38: Partial Roof Replacement at NRHS as presented.

Carried

Wayne Chiupka reported that the roof replacement at Nipigon Red Rock DHS is part of the Capital Renewal Five-Year Plan. Tenders advertised for the project brought several bids, one of which was on target with the budget proposed.

137/07

Moved by: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded by: Trustee C. Brown

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approves the tender for Partial Roof Replacement at Nipigon Red Rock District High School to be awarded to Cardinal Roofing in the amount of \$ 218,112.00 (GST extra).

Carried

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