

# DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ONTARIO NORTH EAST

**MINUTES** of the Regular Meeting of District School Board Ontario North East held at 5:45 p.m. in the boardroom of the Schumacher Board Office, 153 Croatia Avenue, Schumacher, on **November 4, 2008**.

## **TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

Saunders Porter (Chair)  
Rosemary Pochopsky (Vice-Chair )  
Heather Bozzer  
Bill Brookfield  
Dennis Draves (at 7:00 p.m. via telephone)  
Richard Knowles  
Tom Henderson  
Juergen Leukert  
Peter Osterberg  
Albert Schaffer

## **STUDENT TRUSTEE**

Todd Dufresne - Timiskaming District Secondary School

## **TRUSTEES ABSENT**

Howard Archibald

## **ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:**

Linda Knight - Director of Education  
Barry Peterson - Superintendent of Business and Finance  
Jo-Anne Plaunt - Assistant to the Director  
Michelle Leigh - Assistant to the Director  
Steve Pladzyk - Superintendent of Schools  
Ken Ryan - Superintendent of Human Resources

## **GUESTS:**

Alex Crump - Principal, Smooth Rock Falls Schools – via videoconference  
Community members from Smooth Rock Falls

## **RECORDING SECRETARY:**

Janice Sharpe

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Saunders Porter, Chair of the Board at 5:45 p.m.

## **Conflict of Interest**

There was no Conflict of Interest declared.

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (IN-CAMERA):**

### **3497-08 POCHOPSKY/SCHAFFER:**

**THAT** this board resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, (In-Camera).

CARRIED.

**3498-08 OSTERBERG/DRAVES:** **THAT** this board reconvene in regular session.

CARRIED.

## **REGULAR SESSION**

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**3499-08 SCHAFFER/OSTERBERG:** **THAT** the Agenda for the regular Board Meeting dated November 4, 2008 be approved as printed:

CARRIED.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 2008**

**3500-08 BOZZER/HENDERSON:** **THAT** the minutes of the regular board meeting dated October 21, 2008 be approved.

CARRIED.

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**3501-08 KNOWLES/POCHOPSKY:** **THAT** we reconsider motion 3495-08 regarding the playground at New Liskeard Public School.

CARRIED.

**3502-08 BROOKFIELD/DRAVES:** **THAT** the playground at NLPS should be open to public use after school but all children must have adult supervision. Modifications should be made to child proof the gate to prevent young children from entering, or leaving the playground on their own.

DEFEATED.

Discussion was held regarding motion 3495-08. It was agreed that the Community Use of School Facilities Policy, a policy promoted by the Ministry of Education which allows organizations sole use of school facilities, is being followed as written.

**3503-08 KNOWLES/BOZZER:** **THAT** Motion #3407-08 be held in abeyance and the Accommodation Review for Smooth Rock Falls be postponed at this time in order to give the Town more time to seek remedies to its present situation, that we request that the Town keep us informed of their results, and that we seek Government guidance as to the affects of school closing on communities such as smooth Rock Falls.

CARRIED.

All Trustees spoke about the Accommodation Review process and its effect on the communities that are being reviewed, as well as the committees doing the reviews. It was felt that very little direction or support was being given to the Board by the Ministry of Education regarding Accommodation Review.

### **PRESENTATION - PRIMARY LITERACY INTERVENTION FRAMEWORK**

Jo-Anne Plaunt, Assistant to the Director, gave those present an overview of the Primary Literacy Intervention Framework in place at District School Board Ontario North East. Jo-Anne highlighted the three tiered system which includes 1) *Sound Classroom Instruction*, which is facilitated by the classroom teacher, 2) *Support*, which is facilitated by the Classroom Teacher and SERT and 3) *External Support*, which is facilitated by the Classroom Teacher, SERT and District SERT.

Jo-Anne outlined progress of the CODE Special Education Initiative which is now to be sustained as the funding has ended. Jo-Anne shared information that will be presented by a Board Team at the CODE Summit in Toronto.

**3504-08 SCHAFFER/HENDERSON:**           **THAT** the Presentation titled “Primary Literacy Intervention Framework” be received.  
CARRIED.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**Freedom of Information and Right to Privacy Policy**

**3505-08 LEUKERT/HENDERSON:**           **THAT** the Freedom of Information and Right to Privacy Policy receive 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.  
CARRIED.

**Private Property Policy**

**3506-08 POCHOPSKY/HENDERSON:**       **THAT** the Private Property Policy receive 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.  
CARRIED.

**Emergency Response and Evacuation Plan Policy**

**3507-08 HENDERSON/LEUKERT:**           **THAT** the Emergency Response and Evacuation Plan Policy receive 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.  
CARRIED.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**3508-08 LEUKERT/SCHAFFER:**           **THAT** the following Correspondence be received:  
a) Wendy Conroy – Stepping Stones Day Care  
b) 17 Letters from Stepping Stones Day Care Parents  
CARRIED.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

**3509-08 SCHAFFER/LEUKERT:**           **THAT** we do now adjourn.  
CARRIED.

**SECRETARY OF THE BOARD**

**CHAIR OF THE BOARD**