



SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Our Mission:

"In SGDSB we are learners. Everything we do is designed to help all students succeed and make a difference. We build positive places for learning and working... together".

Our Vision:

"Inspiring our students to succeed and make a difference".

Our Motto:

"Small schools make a difference".

Our Values:

"Character, Citizenship, Collaboration, Communication, Creativity and Critical Thinking".

Special Board Meeting 2020/04

A G E N D A

Thursday, July 9, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.

Videoconference & Teleconference

Toll Number: (807) 701-5980, Access Code: 7 6 6 2 0 1 1 5 7 # → [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

Board Chair: Pinky McRae

Director: Nicole Morden Cormier

VC Sites: Closed. Skype and Teleconference available due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

Recorder: G. Christianson

PART I: Special Board Meeting

Section (A): – (open to public): 6:30 p.m.

1.0 Roll Call

<u>Trustees</u>	Attendance: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)										
	OS	TC	VC	A	R		OS	TC	VC	A	R
Cormier, Dr. Paul						Nesbitt, Jason					
Groulx, Michael						Pelletier, Allison					
Major, Christine						Pristanski, Kal					
Mannisto, Mark						Rathwell, Stephanie (Student)					
McIntyre, Margaret						Schwantz, Sydney (Student)					
McRae, Pauline (Pinky)											

<u>Board Administrators</u>	Attendance: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)				
	OS	TC	VC	A	R
Morden Cormier, Nicole: <i>Director of Education</i>					
Tsubouchi, Cathy: <i>Superintendent of Business</i>					
Bishop, Charlie: <i>Superintendent of Education</i>					
Goodman, William: <i>Superintendent of Education</i>					
Harris, Brent: <i>Manager of Financial Services</i>					
Paris, Marc: <i>Manager of Plant Services/Transportation</i>					
Demers, Linda: <i>Coordinator of Business Services</i>					
Nault, Denis: <i>Manager of Human Resources</i>					
Lucas, Jay: <i>Coordinator of Information Technology Services</i>					
Renaud, Deana: <i>Mental Health Manager</i>					
Christianson, GerriLynn: <i>Administrative Assistant to Director/Communications</i>					

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2.0 Special Board Meeting Call to Order

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB Special Board Meeting on Thursday, July 9, 2020 be called to order at _____ p.m.

3.0 Approval of Agenda

✓ **That**, the agenda for the Superior-Greenstone DSB 04-2020 Special Board Meeting, July 9, 2020 be accepted and approved.

4.0 Disclosures of Interest re: Open Session

5.0 Reports from the Director of Education

Director of Education: Nicole Morden Cormier

5.1 Special Board Report No. 50: Proposed School Year Calendar 2020/2021

(Attached - N. Morden Cormier)

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB having received Report No. 50: 2020/2021 Proposed School Year Calendar, accepts the proposed Modified Calendar, and that, Administration is directed to forward the proposed Modified Calendar to the Ministry of Education by July 10, 2020 for its approval.

6.0 Adjournment

6.1 ✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB Special Board Meeting 04-2020 on Thursday, July 9, 2020 adjourn at _____, p.m.

<u>2020 - Board Meetings</u>		
<i>Designate Site: Marathon Board Meeting Room / Time 6:30 p.m.</i>		
Monday, August 24, 2020		
Monday, September 28, 2020	Monday, October 19, 2020 <i>*Designate Site: SGDSB Learning Centre</i>	Monday, November 16, 2020
Monday, November 30, 2020 (1:00 p.m.) <i>*Designate Site: Board Office with tour of Marathon High School</i>		

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Report No.: 50
Date: July 9, 2020

TO: Chair and Members of the
Superior-Greenstone District School Board

FROM: Nicole Morden Cormier, Director of Education

SUBJECT: Revised School Year Calendar 2020-2021

**STRATEGIC
PRIORITY:** Learning and Well-Being

Background:

Regulation 304 of the Education Act required school board to submit proposed modified school year calendars to the Ministry for approval on or before the first day of March. However, in the Ministry of Education Memo dated June 30, 2020, school boards have been advised to revise school year calendars to include three Professional Activity Days (PA Days) prior to the start of student instruction. The three Professional Activity days will be dedicated to preparing staff for the re-entry to school, particularly focusing on topics including Health and Safety, the use of Personal Protective Equipment in the schools, supporting the mental health of students, and school organization. School boards are to submit the revised school year calendars to the Ministry prior to July 10, 2020.

According to Regulation 304, a regular school year is the period between September 1 and June 30. The school year shall include a minimum of 194 school days of which three days must be designated as Professional Activity (PA) days that are devoted to specifically designated provincial education priorities. In addition, school boards may designate up to four days as board designated PA days. The remaining school days shall be instructional days. A school board may designate up to 10 instructional days as examination days for secondary schools.

For the 2020-2021 school year, Labour Day falls on Monday September 7, 2020. To facilitate 194 school days required by the Ministry of Education prior to July 1, 2021, and the Ministry Memo dated June 30, 2020, the SGDSB school year calendar will include three PA days prior to the beginning of student instruction. The previously presented calendar has been modified to reschedule the PA Day originally scheduled for November 20th, to now be held on September 2, 2020. Therefore, within this modified calendar, the school year will begin on Monday August 30, allowing for three PA Days for staff prior to the start of the first instructional day for students on Thursday, September 3, 2020.

The PA dates are to be determined by each Board. Two PA days are to be used for assessment and completion of report cards at the elementary level. Currently, the Ministry of Education is in discussions with unions to determine the agreed upon priorities for the three PA Days at the start of the school year, as well as the remaining two PA Days. No further information is available at this time.

Current Situation:

In January 2020, after initial consultation with representatives for school administrators, local branch affiliates of teachers' federations, unions and our coterminous boards, a proposed school year calendar was made available on the board website to solicit feedback from members of the school communities, including teachers and staff, parents, School Councils and Parent Involvement Committee members.

Since receipt of the Ministry Memo dated June 30, 2020, additional consultation has been conducted with coterminous boards and unions to discuss the requirement for three PA days prior to the beginning of student instruction.

The attached draft modified calendar also takes into consideration the need to coordinate dates that accommodate the following:

- Shared busing with coterminous boards
- A balanced number of days in each semester
- A consistent school year calendar with coterminous boards
- Scheduling of co-curricular activities
- Increased opportunities for professional learning
- Supporting negotiated items in the collective agreement

Administrative Recommendations

That the Superior-Greenstone DSB having received Report No. 50: 2020-2021 Revised School Year Calendar accepts the proposed Modified Calendar, and That, Administration is directed to forward the proposed Modified Calendar to the Ministry of Education by July 10, 2020 for its approval.

Respectfully submitted by:

Nicole Morden Cormier
Director of Education