



# 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".*

## Regular Board Meeting 2022/09

### MINUTES

Monday, September 19, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.

**Videoconference & Teleconference**

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**Board Chair:** Pinky McRae

**Director:** Nicole Morden Cormier

VC Sites: Closed. Videoconference & Teleconference available due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

Recorder: G. Christianson

PART I: Regular Board Meeting

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

PART II: Committee of the Whole Board

Section (B) In-Camera: – (closed to public) 8:39 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			x			Nesbitt, Jason			x		
Groulx, Michael			x			Jarvis, Allison			x		
Major, Christine				x		Pristanski, Kal			x		
Mannisto, Mark			x			Cheyenne Nieman (Student)			x		
McIntyre, Margaret			x			Grace Molinski (Student)			x		
McRae, Pauline (Pinky)			x								

<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>			x		
Fredrickson, Eric: <i>Superintendent of Education</i>			x		
Goodman, William: <i>Superintendent of Education</i>			x		
Marton, Alex: <i>Superintendent of Business</i>			x		
Harris, Brent: <i>Manager of Financial Services</i>			x		
Muir, Gordon: <i>Manager of Plant Services/Transportation</i>					x
Grecica, Jason: <i>Team Lead - Business Services</i>			x		
Dee, Christine: <i>Team Lead – Payroll Services</i>			x		
Nault, Denis: <i>Manager of Human Resources</i>			x		
Lucas, Jay: <i>Coordinator of Information Technology Services</i>			x		
Kitchener, Nick: <i>Manager of Information Technology</i>			x		
Renaud, Deana: <i>Mental Health Manager</i>			x		
Bartlett, Shy-Anne: <i>Manager of Indigenous Education</i>					x
Christianson, GerriLynn: <i>Executive Assistant &amp; Communications</i>			x		

## **Land Acknowledgement**

Board Chair Pinky McRae provided a land acknowledgement for the Ancestral and Traditional Territories of the Indigenous people on whose lands we are gathering today. We recognize and honour the contributions of the Indigenous peoples for they hold the knowledge, traditions, and history of the land.

PART I: *Regular Board Meeting*

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

### **2.0 Oath of Office: 2022-2024 Student Trustee**

#### **2.1 Cheyenne Nieman: (Geraldton Composite High School)**

Cheyenne Nieman, appointed to fill the Student Trustee role for the 2022-2024 term, recited the Declaration of Office and took her seat as a member of the Superior-Greenstone District School Board.

### **3.0 Regular Meeting Call to Order**

**92/22**

*Moved by: Trustee M. Groulx*

*Second: Trustee M. McIntyre*

*✓ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB Regular Board Meeting on Monday, September 19, 2022, be called to order at 6:36 p.m.*

*Carried*

### **4.0 Approval of Agenda**

An error was made on the agenda under item number 9.1.1. There is no attachment for this agenda item and the statement “sent under separate cover” will be removed from the agenda. Trustee Pristanski will be providing a verbal report.

**93/22**

*Moved by: Trustee J. Nesbitt*

*Second: Trustee A. Jarvis*

*✓ That, the agenda for the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2022/09 Regular Board Meeting, September 19, 2022 be accepted and approved as amended.*

*Carried*

### **5.0 Disclosures of Interest re: Open Session**

There were no disclosures of interest offered at this time.

### **6.0 Minutes: Board Meetings and Board Committee Meetings**

#### **6.1 Board Meetings**

**94/22**

*Moved by: Trustee M. Groulx*

*Second: Trustee A. Jarvis*

*✓ That, the minutes of the following Board meeting be adopted:*

- 1. Regular Board Meeting 2022/08: August 29, 2022.*

*Carried*

### **7.0 Business Arising Out of the Minutes**

Nil.

### **8.0 Delegations and/or Presentations**

#### **8.1 Showcasing Learning: SGDSB: Launching the 2022-2023 School Year**

Director of Education Nicole Morden Cormier provided introduction for the video. The presentation was created to showcase the learning, joy and transition activities that have happened during the first weeks of school to support inclusion and foster a positive sense of belonging. The link to the presentation will be shared with the Trustees after the meeting to provide more time to view the video.

Note: Trustee Pristanski joined the meeting via teleconference at 6:43 p.m.

- 8.2 Excellence in Education: SGDSB System Presentation - MYSP Growth: A System Perspective  
The Director introduced the multimedia presentation that featured audio recordings from multiple System Leads who provided overview of their programs. The presentations featured evidence of the implementation of the Multi-Year Strategic Plan. Topics included student achievement, de-streamed math, Indigenous education, special education, and other multi-disciplinary updates.

The presentation was shortened for the meeting in the interest of time, however, the full copy will be forwarded to Trustees within the week. Trustee P. Cormier expressed gratitude for the information provided regarding the de-streamed math curriculum and the need for curriculum resources from the Ministry. He requested that the presentation be provided to incoming Trustees, as the presentation provides an excellent overview of what system leads manage within their roles.

- 8.3 Report No. 65: Student Trustee Report: September 2022  
Student Trustees Grace Molinski and Cheyanne Nieman provided a presentation of their report. The Student Senate welcomed Cheyanne to her new roles on the Student Senate and for the Student Trustee 2022-2024 term. Student Trustee Molinski attended the August Board meeting and was featured in a radio interview on CFNO as part of the “Onward and Upward” series, a weekly radio broadcast featuring student interviews that showcase how SGDSB is reimagining learning.

The Student Trustees have begun planning for the first Student Senate meeting scheduled for October and setting the annual goals which include building stronger relationships, creating a sense of community for everyone and advocating on societal and personal issues impacting students. The Director advised that a new student committee is being created in order to facilitate student consultation regarding equity and belonging. The committee will meet quarterly and will provide feedback on board initiatives. Trustees requested a follow up report on the new student committee work be presented at the June board meeting.

## **9.0 Reports and Matters for Decision**

- 9.1 Board Committee Reports: (Statutory / Standing / Ad Hoc)

9.1.1 Board Audit Committee

Trustee Kal Pristanski provided a verbal review of the 2022 activities of the Board Audit Committee. The Committee held 3 meetings; the most recent meeting was held on June 16, 2022. The activities included the recommended approval of the Financial Statements, RFP for external audit services, the completion of a self-assessment for the Audit Committee members and the finalization of a Committee Terms of Reference. The Committee met with internal auditors and received reports on current audits that are underway and completed follow up audits. The next meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

9.1.2 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Trustee Margaret McIntyre provided a review of the September 13, 2022, SEAC meeting. The Committee finalized their Terms of Reference document. At the meeting, the Superintendent lead a discussion regarding the duties of SEAC and posed several questions to the Committee to discuss how to meet the needs of all students and support Truth and Reconciliation. A report was provided that outlined the learning objectives of the school year and how the board focus will be to meet students where they are at in their learning, as opposed to “catching up” on learning as a result of the pandemic. The next meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

## **10.0 Reports of the Business / Negotiations Committee**

*Superintendent of Business: Alex Marton  
Business /Negotiations Chair: Mark Mannisto*

10.1 Report No. 66: 2021/2022 Interim Reports No. 2 & No. 3  
Manager of Finance, Brent Harris presented the 2021/2022 Interim Reports No. 2 and No. 3. A detailed review of Interim Report No. 3 was provided as it contained the most recent financial data. He advised that the school board is currently forecasting a slight surplus due to PPM grants received and an increase in student enrollment.

10.2 Bylaw 153 – 2023 Tax Levy:  
The Manager of Finance provided a review of the Bylaw 153 as included in the agenda package.

**95/22**

*Moved by: Trustee K. Pristanski*

*Second: Trustee M. Groulx*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approves Bylaw No. 153 being a bylaw to levy taxes for 2023 as per the attached.

Carried

10.4 Report No. 67: Signing Officers of the Board  
Superintendent of Business Alex Marton reviewed the recommendation for the updating of the signing officers of the board.

**96/22**

*Moved by: Trustee J. Nesbitt*

*Second: Trustee M. McIntyre*

✓ **That**, effective September 19, 2022, signing officers for Superior-Greenstone District School Board be any two of the following:

- *Nicole Morden Cormier, Director of Education & Secretary to the Board*
- *Alex Marton, Superintendent of Business & Treasurer*
- *Eric Fredrickson, Superintendent of Education*
- *Will Goodman, Superintendent of Education*
- *Brent Harris, Manager of Financial Services*

Carried

## **11.0 Reports of the Director of Education**

*Director of Education: Nicole Morden Cormier*

11.1 Report No. 68: Directors Monthly Report: Foundation for the School Year  
The Director's Monthly Report is designed to provide trustees with additional insights into how the Aims of the Multi-Year Strategic Plan are being realized in each of the schools. The report outlined the themes for the monthly reports for the 2022-2023 school year. The report will continue to be presented in the Microsoft Sway program format, as it allows for enhanced communication of the material with stakeholders. Trustee Cormier recommended that this report be shared again with the new Trustees.

### 11.2 Board Meeting Date Revisions

The Director advised that in order to comply with regulatory requirements, the date of the Inaugural/Organizational meeting date must be changed. Therefore, it is recommended to cancel the November 14<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting and change the Inaugural/Organizational meeting to November 21<sup>st</sup>. The Director advised that as per the usual schedule, Trustee professional development will take place in the morning before the meeting and be held at the Marathon Board Office.

**97/22**

*Moved by: Trustee K. Pristanski*

*Second: Trustee J. Nesbitt*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB cancels the Regular Board meeting scheduled on Monday, November 14, 2022, and reschedules the Inaugural/Organizational meeting from Monday, November 28, 2022, to take place at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 21, 2022.

Carried

## **12.0 Reports of the Education Committee**

*Superintendent of Education: Will Goodman*  
*Superintendent of Education: Eric Fredrickson*  
*Education Chair: Allison Jarvis*

12.1 Report No. 69: Virtual Learning 2022  
Superintendents of Education Will Goodman and Eric Fredrickson provided a review of the Virtual Learning report that outlined the various opportunities available to students. The report included the current enrollment numbers and detailed definitions of the various programs available such as E-Learning, TV Ontario courses, Blended Learning and Video Conferencing. Through our

videoconferencing platform and expansion of the laptop initiative, the school board is helping to eliminate barriers and provide access to all learners while expanding the courses available to secondary students. The Board discussed the Ministry initiative of the TV Ontario courses and discussed the limitations of the program. Trustee Paul Cormier discussed the position paper on Virtual Learning that was written by OPSBA that expressed many of the same concerns regarding virtual learning from home. He recommended that the document be provided to incoming Trustees at the start of their term as this is an area where additional advocacy will be required with the Ministry.

### **13.0 New Business**

*Board Chair: Pinky McRae*

#### **13.1 Board Chair**

##### **13.1.1 Update: Minister and Board Chair Teleconference**

Board Chair Pinky McRae discussed the September 13, 2022, Minister of Education and provincial Board Chairs teleconference meeting. At the meeting she had the opportunity to speak with the Minister and request follow up regarding the letters sent to the Minister and his office on April 29, 2022, regarding virtual meetings. The Minister claimed to have not received the letter and requested copies sent to him and agreed to follow up on the matter. School Board administration staff confirmed that the letters were sent and provided proof of receipt from April 29<sup>th</sup>. The letters from both SEAC and the Board were resent to the Minister and his office staff.

During the Board Chair's discussions with the Minister, she explained the geography of the school board and distance in hours of travel to attend meetings to articulate how the flexibility of virtual meetings ensures equity and equality. The Board Chair advised that since the teleconference meeting, she has received several calls from other school boards echoing their support in the matter and how this issue is not isolated to Northern Ontario. The Board Chair shared overviews of her conversations with various OPSBA representatives.

The Board discussed the need for continued advocacy for Northern issues and discussed a need for a collective approach to advocacy at all levels.

#### **13.2 Trustee Associations and Other Boards**

##### **13.2.1 OPSBA Director Update**

Trustee Mark Mannisto advised that he will be attending the September 30<sup>th</sup> meeting and requested copies of the correspondence that was sent to the Minister of Education, for his reference.

##### **13.2.2 Indigenous Trustees Council Update**

Nil.

##### **13.2.3 Discussion: Supporting Board Rep on Trustee Associations**

As requested at the June board meeting, Trustees were asked to bring ideas to the September Board meeting regarding ways to support Board representatives on Trustee Associations. The Board Chair invited the sharing of ideas and the suggestions brought forward included the Director providing a write up regarding areas of concern and celebration, System Leads providing suggestions for areas where advocacy is needed, Board review of the OPSBA meetings agendas in advance of their meetings, advocacy as a standing agenda item, and a collective approach to topics and regularly identifying challenges and areas for needed advocacy. Trustees requested increased orientation to the role of the OPSBA Director position to help provide new Trustees with a better understanding of the larger picture of their role. The Board Chair expressed her gratitude to Trustees for their ideas and rich conversations on the matter. She advised that a report will be presented at the October Board meeting with a proposed plan to support Board representatives on Trustee Associations.

#### **13.3 Trustee Activities**

Trustee Allison Jarvis attended the grand opening ceremony of the Geraldton Day Care Centre.

Trustee Mark Mannisto was invited to Greenstone Gold as a representative of the school board to provide feedback regarding human rights. The guided conversation focused on equality vs. equity. Trustee Mannisto advised that Greenstone Gold representatives were interested in the information Trustee Mannisto shared regarding presentations given by the board's Equity and Human Rights Advisor. Trustee Mannisto will follow up with the Director regarding the meeting.

13.4 Future Board Meeting Agenda Items

Trustee Kal Pristanski advised of an error in the meeting minutes of August 29, 2022, and noted that the recorded vote was not properly documented. The minutes will be amended and presented again at the next regular meeting.

13.5 Board Meeting Evaluation Summary: August 29, 2022

The Board Chair reminded Trustees to please complete the Board Meeting Evaluation form at the end of the meeting. Responses will be evaluated before the end of this term.

**14.0 Notice of Motion**

Nil.

**15.0 Observer Comments**

Nil.

PART II: Committee of the Whole Board

Section (B) In-Camera: – (closed to public) 8:39 p.m.

**16.0 Committee of the Whole Board (In-Camera Closed)**

16.1 Agenda: Committee of the Whole Board – Closed

**98/22**

Moved by: Trustee J. Nesbitt

Second: Trustee K. Pristanski

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB go into a Committee of the Whole Board Section B (Closed Session) at 8:39 p.m. and that this portion be closed to the public.

Carried

16.2 Rise and Report from Closed Session

**99/22**

Moved by: Trustee J. Nesbitt

Second: Trustee M. Groulx

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report from the Committee of the Whole Board Section B (Closed Session) at 9:22 p.m. and that this portion be open to the public.

Carried

**17.0 Report of the Committee of the Whole Closed Section B**

17.1 **100/22**

Moved by: Trustee M. Mannisto

Second: Trustee K. Pristanski

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB Committee of the Whole, In-Camera Section B (Closed) Reports be adopted including the confidential minutes from the meeting held as:

1. Regular Board 2022/08: August 29, 2022

Carried

17.2 Other Recommendations from Committee of the Whole Closed Session

Nil.

**18.0 Adjournment**

**101/22**

Moved by: Trustee J. Nesbitt

Second: Trustee P. Cormier

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2022/09 Regular Board Meeting, Monday, September 19, 2022 adjourn at 9:23, p.m.

Carried

<p><b><u>2022 - Board Meetings</u></b></p> <p><i>Virtual Meeting - Time 6:30 p.m.</i></p>
<p>Monday, October 17, 2022</p>
<p>Monday, November 21, 2022 (1:00 p.m.)</p>

**SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

**Regular Board Meeting 2022/09**

Committee of the Whole Board: Closed Session.

Monday, September 19, 2022

Videoconference and Teleconference

**TOPICS**

**Board Chair:** Pinky McRae

**Director:** Nicole Morden Cormier

VC Sites: Closed - Videoconference & Teleconference available due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

Recorder: G. Christianson

PART II: Committee of Whole Board – Closed

Section (B): In-Camera 8:39 p.m.

- 1.0 Disclosure of Interest: re Closed Session
  
- 2.0 Approve Agenda: Committee of the Whole In-Camera (Closed)
  
- 3.0 In-Camera (closed) Meeting Minutes
  - 1. Regular Board Meeting 2022-08: August 29, 2022
  
- 4.0 Update:
  
- 5.0 Personnel Item:
  
- 6.0 Personnel Item:
  - 6.1 Item A
  
  - 6.2 Item B

**Regular Board Meeting 2022-09**

Monday, September 19, 2022

**MINUTES**

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

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SECRETARY

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CHAIR