

Agenda

Regular Meeting of the Board

January 24, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Bluewater District School Board Education Centre, Chesley

- A-1 Call to Order
- A-2 Approval of Agenda
- A-3 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest
- A-4-a
 - i) Approval of Regular Meeting of the Board Minutes – December 20, 2022
 - ii) Approval of Committee of the Whole Board Minutes – January 10, 2023
- A-4-b Business Arising from the Minutes
- A-5 Excellence in Education – Student Forum with Unlearn
- A-6 Delegations
- B. REPORTS**
- B-1 **Committee of the Whole Board Reports**
- B-1-a Recommendations from Committee of the Whole Board – January 10, 2023
- B-1-b Business Committee of the Whole Board – January 10, 2023
- B-2 **Report from Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera – January 24, 2023**
- B-3 Notice of Motion
- B-3-a Notices of Motions brought forward by Trustee Janice Kaikkonen on January 10, 2023
- B-4 Committee Establishment and Appointments
- C. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**
- C-1-a Student Senate Report
- C-2 **Staff Reports**
- C-2-a Supporting Multilingual Learners in Bluewater District School Board
- D. COMMUNICATIONS**
- D-1 Correspondence
- D-2 Communications and Announcements – Student Trustees / Trustees / Staff / Ministry of Education / OPSBA
- D-3 Director / Trustee – Conferences / Conventions / Out-of-District Meetings
- D-4 Trustee Calendar of Events
- E. ADJOURNMENT**

As a courtesy to your colleagues, you are reminded to use fragrance free products

Excellence in Education

Student Forum with Unlearn

A student forum for secondary students was held on November 24, 2022 at the Bluewater District School Board Education Centre to hear first-hand from students, about the student experience and challenges faced in our schools. Unlearn, an external organization, co-created the day with the input of central staff and student senators, then facilitated the day. The event had representation from each secondary school with 73 students and a student success contact teacher or guidance teacher from each school.

Part of Unlearn's vision is to inspire people to see the humanity in everyone. Bringing this lens to the forum, Unlearn created a safe, accepting space where students felt comfortable sharing their authentic selves and the barriers they face within their educational experiences that affect their learning, safety, and identity.

Students were actively engaged in the forum experience networking with others across the district, sharing ideas, and resources to help support student learning and experiences attending school. An essential component of our priority to enhance community engagement within the organization is to actively seek input from students on matters of achievement and well-being. This forum was an excellent opportunity for students to engage in this process.

To encourage the forum participants to be leaders in their school, Unlearn posters were provided to each secondary location with thought-provoking graphics to continue reducing barriers. Additional forums are planned for the spring of 2023 to provide similar inspiring and engaging experiences to additional students.

Recommendation:

That Bluewater District School Board receive the 'Student Forum with Unlearn' report for information.

Submitted to
Bluewater District School Board
January 24, 2023

For further information, please contact
Keith Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BOARD MEETING Tuesday, January 10, 2023

Present:

Trustees: Tracy Lynn Atkinson, Michael Craig, Jan Johnstone (Vice-Chair), Janice Kaikkonen, Derrick Long, Katie Lutz, Marilyn McComb, Fran Morgan, Jane Thomson (Chair)

Administration: Lori Wilder, Director of Education; Rob Cummings, Superintendent of Business Services and Treasurer; Keith Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education; Melissa McEwen, Superintendent of Education; Lauren Penner Lipsett, Superintendent of Education; Andrea Tang, Superintendent of Education; Bev Sims, Recording Secretary

Student Senators: Ethan Enns, JDSS; Cole Hamill, BPDS; Lauren McKibbin, OSDSS; Chelby Morris, SDSS; Jaykob Thompson, GHSS; Marshall Wilson, GBCS

ABA Representative: Hugh Morrison

Absent:

Student Trustees: Rose Kewageshig, SDSS; Eve Snobelen, KDSS

Student Senators: Sophia Hepburn, PSDS; Emma Snyder, WDCS; Molly Solomon, PSDS

RECOMMENDATIONS coming forward for approval from the Committee of the Whole Board Meeting held on January 10, 2023:

J. Johnstone/

That Bluewater District School Board approve that Bruce Peninsula District School students participate in the Specialist High Skills Major Senior Science Killarney Acid Lake Rebound Study, September 25 to 29, 2023.

J. Johnstone/

That Bluewater District School Board approve that Bruce Peninsula District School students participate in the Fall Hike – Outers Program, October 25 to 27, 2023; Winter Camp – Outers Program, February 21 to 23, 2024; and Algonquin Outers Canoe Trip, May 16 to 23, 2024.

J. Johnstone/

That Bluewater District School Board approve that Georgian Bay Community School students participate in the Pursuits Program field trips, Bruce Trail/Cyprus, May 2 to 5, 2023; Ontario Recreational Canoeing and Kayaking Association (ORCKA) Training, May 9, 12, and 25, 2023; Beaver Crawl, May 16 to 18, 2023; Massasauga, May 30 to June 2, 2023; and Temagami, June 13 to 26, 2023.

J. Johnstone/

That Bluewater District School Board approve that John Diefenbaker Senior School students participate in the New York Arts Appreciation Trip, May 18 to 21, 2023.

J. Johnstone/

That Bluewater District School Board approve that Amabel-Sauble Community School participate in the Alberta Exchange Trip, May 14 to 20, 2023 in Alberta.

J. Johnstone/

That Bluewater District School Board approve that Alexandra Community School students participate in the Alexandra – New Brunswick Exchange from May 28 to June 3, 2023.

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For further information, please contact
Jan Johnstone, Vice-Chair, or
Lori Wilder, Director of Education

Report

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BOARD

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

- Trustees:** Fran Morgan (Chair), Tracy Lynn Atkinson, Michael Craig, Jan Johnstone, Janice Kaikkonen, Derrick Long, Katie Lutz, Marilyn McComb, Jane Thomson
- Student Senator:** Jaykob Thompson, GHSS
- Absent:** Andrea Tang, Superintendent of Education
- Staff:** Lori Wilder, Director of Education; Rob Cummings, Superintendent of Business Services and Treasurer; Keith Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education; Melissa McEwen, Superintendent of Education; Lauren Penner Lipsett, Superintendent of Education; Janette Scott, Recorder

Items for Information

1. 2022-23 Interim Report No. 1

The committee received the 2022-2023 Interim Report No. 1 that outlined revenues and expenditures, with a comparison to the approved budget.

2. 2023-24 Budget Timelines

The committee received a report outlining the timeline for the 2023-24 budget.

3. 2023-24 Pre-Consultation

The committee received a report and presentation on items for consideration in the 2023-24 budget.

4. Facility Planning – Saugeen Shores and Area Schools

The committee received a report outlining the next steps in preparing a new business case for elementary students in the Saugeen Shores area.

Information on the January 10, 2023 Business Committee package can be found at the following:
[http://www.bwdsb.on.ca/about us/board meetings](http://www.bwdsb.on.ca/about_us/board_meetings). Click on the appropriate meeting date.

Recommendation:

That Bluewater District School Board receive the report of the Business Committee of the Whole Board meeting held on January 10, 2023 for information.

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For further information, please contact
Fran Morgan, Committee Chair, or
Rob Cummings, Superintendent of Business
Services and Treasurer

Notice of Motions

Notice of Motions brought forward by Trustee Janice Kaikkonen at the January 10, 2023 Committee of the Whole Board meeting for consideration at the January 24, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Board

1. That Bluewater District School Board extend and promote the offer of remote learning and e-learning consortium opportunities free of charge to every eligible student, including homeschoolers, students in the Mennonite and Amish communities and any and all other alternative learning and schooling communities residing within the Bluewater District School Board geographic jurisdiction, and that the term eligible be defined as parents of students who designate the public school system for property tax purposes.
2. That the baseline for student standardized testing results for Bluewater District School Board remain pre-covid so parents, guardians and education stakeholders have an accurate measure for assessing how students were impacted by covid mandates, and as well, researchers studying the academic priorities of the Bluewater District School Board against student performance, curriculum outcomes and overall achievement can determine how student learning outcomes can be improved going forward to meet and exceed the testing results of student peers in other school board jurisdictions within the Province of Ontario.
3. That the same student demographic census disseminated to students in 2022 be completed by all employees of the Bluewater District School Board, including employees within the education centre in Chesley and all trustees that authorized and approved the distribution of the census to minors under the age of 18, and that the criteria for completion be completely voluntary and without coercion (with 100 extra copies of the census mailed to specific households) and that the return rates and the final statistics be published on the Bluewater District School Board website, along with return rates for these stakeholder populations in March 2023.

Supporting Multilingual Learners in Bluewater District School Board

Bluewater District School Board (BWDSB) has welcomed many new students from varying linguistic and cultural backgrounds this year. To support our mission to provide a quality education for every student in a safe, accepting, and caring environment, our vision for these students and their families is to develop a culturally diverse learning experience in which students will see, hear, and feel their own languages in their classrooms and school communities.

Initiatives to support this vision include:

- adopting the term multilingual learner (MLL);
- allowing students to use their home language for learning and leveraging technology to communicate;
- creating a representative multilingual library of eBooks and videos to reflect the dynamic population of our board;
- developing a welcome ambassador program in each school;
- supporting ongoing dialogues with community partners to foster welcoming communities; and
- fostering collaborative spaces to discuss multilingual pedagogy so all students feel motivated, valued, and connected.

Recommendation:

That Bluewater District School Board receive the 'Supporting Multilingual Learners in Bluewater District School Board' report for information.

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Keith Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education

TRUSTEE CALENDAR OF EVENTS
2022-2023

DATE	EVENT
January 24, 2023	Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera Meeting – 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting of the Board – 7:00 p.m.
January 26-28, 2023	OPSBA Public Education Symposium (PES)
January 30, 2023	Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting – 9:30 a.m.
February 3, 2023	Professional Activity Day
February 7, 2023	Business Committee of the Whole Meeting – 4:30 p.m. Committee of the Whole Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
February 9, 2023	Central Health and Safety Steering Committee – 10:00 a.m.
February 10, 2023	Indigenous Education Advisory Committee (IEAC) Meeting – 1:00 p.m.
February 21, 2023	Policy Standing Committee Meeting – 4:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera Meeting – 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting of the Board – 7:00 p.m.
February 27, 2023	Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting – 9:30 a.m.
March 7, 2023	Business Committee of the Whole Meeting – 4:30 p.m. Committee of the Whole Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
March 13-17, 2023	March Break
March 21, 2023	Policy Standing Committee Meeting – 4:30 p.m. Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera Meeting – 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting of the Board – 7:00 p.m.
March 27, 2023	Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting – 9:30 a.m.
March 27, 2023	Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
March 29, 2023	Le Concours - French Public Speaking Contest – 6:30 p.m.
April 4, 2023	Business Committee of the Whole Meeting – 4:30 p.m. Committee of the Whole Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
April 13, 2023	Community Planning and Partnership Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
April 18, 2023	Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera Meeting – 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting of the Board – 7:00 p.m.
April 24, 2023	Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting – 9:30 a.m.
April 27, 2023	Central Health and Safety Steering Committee – 10:00 a.m.
April 27-28, 2023	OPSBA Education Labour Relations and Human Resources Conference
April 28, 2023	Professional Activity Day
May 2, 2023	Business Committee of the Whole Meeting – 4:30 p.m. Committee of the Whole Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
May 16, 2023	Policy Standing Committee Meeting – 4:30 p.m. Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera Meeting – 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting of the Board – 7:00 p.m.
May 17, 2023	Union / Trustee / Administration (UTA) Meeting
May 19, 2023	Indigenous Education Advisory Committee (IEAC) Meeting – 1:00 p.m.
May 29, 2023	Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting – 9:30 a.m. Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
June 2, 2023	Professional Activity Day
June 6, 2023	Business Committee of the Whole Meeting – 4:30 p.m. Committee of the Whole Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
June 8, 2023	Central Health and Safety Steering Committee – 10:00 a.m.
June 8-10, 2023	OPSBA Annual General Meeting (AGM) – Blue Mountain
June 20, 2023	Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera Meeting – 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting of the Board – 7:00 p.m.
June 22, 2023	Long Service and Retirement Recognition Reception
June 26, 2023	Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting – 9:30 a.m.
June 30, 2023	Professional Activity Day