

## EDUCATION, POLICY AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

### PUBLIC MEETING

#### Roll call:

<b>Trustees:</b>	<b>Staff:</b>
J. Brown G. Elliott L. French T. Gingrich (Vice-Chair) B. Godkin R. Hutcheon (Regrets) K. McGregor J. Morning S. Ruttan (Chair) T. Duncan (Student Trustee) S. Johnson (Student Trustee) (Regrets) B. Roy (Student Trustee)	K. Burra, Director of Education J. Douglas, Communications Officer S. McWilliams, Superintendent of Human Resources A. McDonnell, Superintendent of Education E. Clost-Lambert, Research Analyst L. Gillam, Research Analyst
<b>Guests:</b>	<b>Recorder:</b>
None at this time.	W. Moore, Executive Assistant to the Director and Trustee Liaison

Chair Gingrich stated: “Good evening Trustees, Senior Staff and the viewing public. Welcome to the Limestone District School Board’s Education, Policy and Operations Committee Meeting. My name is Tom Gingrich. I am Vice-Chair of the Board, and act as Chair for this meeting.”

The meeting was conducted and to keep the meeting as efficient as possible, Chair Gingrich will call a speakers’ list for each item for discussion and decision throughout the meeting as required.

Chair Gingrich began the meeting by reading the Acknowledgement of Territory: “The Limestone District School Board is situated on the traditional territories of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee. We acknowledge their enduring presence on this land, as well as the presence of Métis, Inuit, and other First Nations from across Turtle Island. We honour their cultures and celebrate their commitment to this land. I am honoured to call Kingston, formerly known as Cataraqi, my lifelong home. This was home to Huron Wendat and Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe people. I am also thankful for all the Indigenous people that I have had the honour of meeting and have taught me about their culture, beliefs and traditions. With these teachings, I am now more educated, have a better understanding, and most of all a better person.”

#### 1. Call to Order

Chair Gingrich called the meeting to order.

#### 2. Adoption of Agenda

*MOVED BY: Trustee French that the agenda, as presented, be approved. Carried.*

#### 3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Trustee Elliott declared that his wife is an employee of LDSB, and member of ETFO. Trustee Godkin declared that his daughter is an occasional teacher with the LDSB.

#### 4. Reports for Information

##### 4.1 See Yourself in Limestone Student Census 2020

##### Preliminary Report: September 2021

Director Burra stated the report tonight is the first preliminary glimpse into the data that was collected in the student body census that occurred last fall. Trustees will see, not only in this meeting and in this report, but also at future meetings, that there is going to be a process around the release of the data, but then also further discussion about next steps to be taken with the data and working with the community moving forward. Staff is certainly very pleased that this work was able to be done through the pandemic and look forward to sharing more information in the coming months.

Superintendent McDonnell stated there are two presenters who will go through some key points in the descriptive report and then will provide Trustees with an opportunity to ask any questions at the end of this very brief overview. Superintendent introduced Ellyn Clost-Lambert and Laura Gillam both of whom have the role of Research Analyst.

The census was designed to include all students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 and so there were three versions of the survey: Grades 7 to 12, Grades 4 to 6, and Grades K to 3. Students in Grades 4 to 12 completed the survey in class with educators' support, while families of students in Kindergarten to Grades 3 completed the survey at home.

The overall response rate for Grades 4 to 12 was 76 per cent. The overall response rate for Grades 7 to 12 was 72 per cent. The overall response rate for the Board (K-12) was 55 per cent.

The Student Census team has spent a significant amount of time 'cleaning' the data, which means ensuring data is consistent, coding open responses and verifying the format is appropriate for upcoming analysis. A technical advisory group, comprised of LDSB community stakeholders and members of the Student Census team, will be established to support the analysis of the data.

A presentation of the Preliminary Report to Trustees will be conducted at the September Board Meeting.

Chair Gingrich thanked Superintendent McDonnell and presenters Ellyn Clost-Lambert and Laura Gillam, for their report and called upon Trustees for questions.

**5. Reports for Action**

None at this time.

**6. Unfinished Business**

None at this time.

**7. New Business**

None at this time.

**8. Correspondence**

None at this time.

9. **Next Meeting Date**

October 6, 2021

10. **Resolve into Committee of the Whole – Private Session**

*MOVED BY: Trustee McGregor that the meeting adjourn. Carried.*

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.