

## Education, Policy and Operations Committee Meeting Minutes – October 1, 2025

### PUBLIC MEETING

#### Roll Call:

| Trustees:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Staff:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| G. Elliott<br>B. Godkin (Vice-Chair)<br>R. Hutcheon<br>T. Lloyd<br>J. Maracle<br>K. McGregor (Chair)<br>J. Morning<br>J. Neill (approved absence at the October 29 Board Meeting)<br>S. Ruttan<br>C. Scott<br>M. Comeau (Student Trustee)<br>R. Kolosov (Student Trustee) (regrets)<br>S. Ismail (Student Trustee) | K. Burra, Director of Education<br>A. McDonnell, Superintendent of Education<br>T. McKenna, Associate Superintendent of Education<br>C. Young, Superintendent of Business Services<br>A. Grange, Communications Consultant<br>M. Crothers, Communication Consultant |
| Guests:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Recorder:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | S. Mitton, Executive Assistant to the Director and<br>Trustee Liaison                                                                                                                                                                                               |

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Godkin welcomed everyone to the meeting and called upon Trustee Hutcheon to provide the Land Acknowledgement: “The Limestone District School Board is situated on the traditional territories of the Anishinaabek 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. On behalf of the School Board, we express our sincere gratitude for sharing this land with us and continue our reconciliation efforts. We honour their cultures and celebrate their commitment to this land.”

### 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

*Trustee McGregor requested a private session following adjournment of the meeting to be reported out at the October 29 Regular Board Meeting.*

*MOVED BY: Trustee McGregor that the agenda as amended be approved. Carried.*

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### **3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There were no conflicts declared.

### **4. REPORTS FOR ACTION – None at this time.**

### **5. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

#### **5.1 Update on Administration of See Yourself in Limestone Student Census 2025**

Superintendent McDonnell provided an update on the administration of the "See Yourself in Limestone Student Census 2025," emphasizing its critical role in collecting demographic data. This data will help the district better understand student backgrounds and support the creation of inclusive and equitable learning environments.

A timeline for the Student Census 2025 was reviewed, outlining the consultation process and key milestones. Notably, Superintendent McDonnell stated that Census Week has been scheduled for November 24 to 28, during which students will be invited to complete the survey.

Superintendent McDonnell shared details of the survey, including that it will be voluntary, confidential, and conducted online. There will be two versions of the survey tailored to different age groups—one for students in Grades 4 to 6 and another for those in Grades 7 to 12. The decision to focus on Grades 4 to 12 was made following extensive consultation and thoughtful reflection.

To support educators, Superintendent McDonnell introduced a resource package that will assist with the implementation of the census. This resource will include information on the survey's purpose, question domains, accessibility features, the consent process, and teaching materials to help guide classroom discussions.

Superintendent McDonnell highlighted some key dates, including October 10, when educator guides and family information will be released. This date marks the beginning of consistent communication efforts leading up to Census Week to ensure all interest groups are informed and prepared.

An overview of the question domains was provided, with the Superintendent McDonnell stressing the importance of consultation feedback in shaping the final survey content. These domains aim to reflect the diverse experiences and identities of students across the district.

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Superintendent McDonnell reiterated that participation in the census is entirely optional. Students may opt out at any time, and that parents have until November 10 to opt their children out of the survey, ensuring that consent and choice remain central to the process.

Finally, Superintendent McDonnell acknowledged the valuable input received from students during the development of the survey. Student voices played a key role in shaping the questions and approach, reinforcing the importance of youth engagement in district initiatives.

Chair Godkin thanked Superintendent McDonnell and called upon Trustees for questions.

## **5.2 Update on Junior Elementary Sports**

Associate Superintendent McKenna began her presentation by sharing the history of Limestone Elementary School Athletic Association. She emphasized the important role athletics play in supporting student engagement, promoting well-being, and ensuring inclusive opportunities for all students.

Associate Superintendent McKenna shared that the sports calendar for the current school year includes a variety of events such as cross-country, volleyball, basketball, soccer, and track and field. While some venues are still to be confirmed, planning is underway to ensure equitable access to all scheduled activities.

Associate Superintendent McKenna addressed several challenges impacting the delivery of junior sports programming, including equipment replacement costs, reliance on volunteer support, and ongoing budget pressures. She stressed the importance of maintaining a balance between competitive and non-competitive opportunities to ensure broad student participation. A focus on intramural programming was also highlighted, with an emphasis on encouraging broad-based class participation. Associate Superintendent McKenna reiterated the importance of inclusive practices that allow all students to engage in physical activity, regardless of skill level or background.

In closing, Associate Superintendent McKenna acknowledged the collective effort required to sustain junior elementary sports and expressed appreciation to staff, volunteers, and families for their continued support and contributions to the success of these programs.

Chair Godkin thanked Associate Superintendent McKenna for her presentation and called upon Trustees for questions.

## **6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None at this time.

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## 7. NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

None at this time.

## 9. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

December 3, 2025

## 10. ADJOURNMENT AND MOVE INTO PRIVATE SESSION

*Moved by Trustee Lloyd that the meeting adjourns. Carried.*

*The Meeting Adjourned at 6:22 p.m.*

## PRIVATE SESSION

### Roll Call:

| Trustees:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Staff:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | S. Mitton, Executive Assistant to the Director and Trustee Liaison                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

## 11. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Godkin called the meeting to order.

## 12. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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Vice-Chair Godkin asked Trustees if they had a conflict of interest to declare with any of the agenda items. There were no conflicts declared.

### **13. ACTION ITEMS**

None at this time.

### **14. FOR INFORMATION**

- 14.1. Safe Schools Update
- 14.2. Personnel Update
- 14.3. Labour Update
- 14.4. Legal
- 14.5. Property Update
- 14.6. OPSBA Update – Trustee McGregor provided an OPSBA Update.

### **15. REPORT TO PUBLIC SESSION**

Vice-Chair Godkin called for a motion for the Board to rise and report at the October 29, 2025, Regular Board Meeting.

*MOTION: That the Board rise and report.*

*MOVED by: Trustee Scot. Carried.*

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.