



## INITIAL/INAUGURAL MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 16, 2022

### PUBLIC MEETING

#### Roll call:

Trustees:	Staff:
J. Brown G. Elliott B. Godkin (Vice-Chair) R. Hutcheon (Chair) T. Lloyd K. Maracle K. McGregor J. Neill J. Morning S. Ruttan M. Elshrief (Student Trustee) E. Jackson (Student Trustee) J. Kolosov (Student Trustee)	K. Burra, Director of Education M. Crothers, Communications Officer J. Douglas, Communications Officer S. Gillam, Superintendent of Education P. Gollogly, Associate Superintendent S. Hedderson, Associate Superintendent A. McDonnell, Superintendent of Education S. McWilliams, Superintendent of Human Resources S. Sartor, Associate Superintendent J. Silver, Superintendent of Education C. Young, Superintendent of Business Services
Guests:	Recorder:
Liv Rondeau – Vice-Principal of Indigenous Education LCVI Student Performers	S. Mitton, Executive Assistant to the Director and Trustee Liaison

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Director Burra stated “In accordance with Section 208 of The Education Act, and LDSB By-Laws Article II, and IV, and under the authority invested in me as the Secretary of the Board, it is my privilege to welcome special guests, [family and friends] to the Initial Meeting of the Limestone District School Board for 2022. Tonight’s meeting is an important occasion for Trustees of the Board as they begin a new term of office. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to each and every one of you for the important contributions you will make to this worthy endeavor. And with that, and as the presiding officer of this Initial, Inaugural

Meeting, pending the election of the Chair of the Board, I now call this meeting to order. I shall be the presiding officer of this Annual Meeting, pending the election of the Chair of the Board, and therefore call this meeting to order.”

## **2. OPENING**

Director Burra invited Liv Rondeau, Vice-Principal of Indigenous Education to provide an opening address.

## **3. OPENING GREETING AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Director Burra stated “Good evening Trustees and the viewing public. I am very pleased to share this very auspicious occasion with you as we start a new four-year term.

With the recent municipal elections that have led us to this evening and the formation of this new Board, I would also like to acknowledge the service of LDSB educator Robert Kiley who served a term as a counselor in the city of Kingston and chose not to run again. In addition, I would also like to acknowledge and extend congratulations to LDSB educator Wendy Stephen who was elected as a counselor for the city of Kingston last month.

Moving back to this table and new Board, I would like to extend congratulations to each of you for earning the position you now hold. All around this table we have considerable privilege in holding the positions we have, we also hold tremendous responsibility to the students, families and staff we serve. In the field of education, our work is never done, and improvements or growth are always possible, and in many cases needed. Our focus and reason for being must always be focused on the students we serve. This focus will help guide our discussions and decisions. Education is a critical service and greatly matters to all those we serve, and we have important work ahead of us as we continue to navigate this pandemic and labour challenges, but also creating and shaping the next strategic plan for Limestone that will guide our path ahead. While there may be disagreements at times, we must hold space for dialogue and ensure we consistently model civil discourse. I know I speak for all senior staff in saying we greatly look forward to working with you in serving the wider Limestone community.

Director Burra called the roll:

**Representing the Townships of Central Frontenac, Addington Highlands, and North Frontenac: Karen McGregor**

Representing the Town of Greater Napanee: Tiffany Lloyd

Representing the Townships of Loyalist and Stone Mills: Robin Hutcheon

Representing the Township of South Frontenac: Suzanne Ruttan

From the City of Kingston:

Representing Pittsburgh and King's Town Districts & the Frontenac Islands: Bob Godkin

Representing Districts of Portsmouth & Sydenham: Joy Morning

Representing Kingscourt-Rideau & Countryside Districts: Jim Neill

Representing Loyalist-Cataraqui, Collins-Bayridge, Meadowbrook and Strathcona Districts  
Districts: Judith Brown

Representing Trillium and Lakeside Districts: Garrett Elliott

Indigenous Trustee: Kelly Maracle

Indigenous Student Trustee: Julia Kolosov

Rural Student Trustee: Elayna Jackson

Urban Student Trustee: Mohammed Elshrief

With the beginning of a new term office, Director Burra expressed his appreciation to Trustees for the important contributions and decisions they will make to support student achievement and well-being while ensuring the Board fulfills its duties under the Education Act.

#### **4. STUDENT PERFORMANCE**

Director Burra welcomed the students and staff of LCVI and a performance from their school production *Mamma Mia*.

#### **5. A) DECLARATION FOR QUALIFICATION**

Under section 209 (1) of the Education Act, all trustees, elected, appointed, or acclaimed, are required to swear the declaration before they begin their term. In addition, under section 209 (3), every trustee, elected, appointed, or acclaimed, before entering on their duties as a board member, may take an oath or affirmation of allegiance to the reigning British sovereign.

Director Burra invited Trustees to the podium to make their Declaration for Qualification, and the option of the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance.

## **B) DECLARATION OF INVOLVEMENT**

Trustees of the Limestone District School Board are committed to accountability and transparency. The Trustee Code of Conduct states: “Trustees shall declare any conflict of interest or involvement, financial or otherwise, between their personal life and/or business interests and their position of the Board.” In support of this, Trustees annually declare their ongoing involvement with agencies, boards, and committees in organizations outside the Limestone District School Board and declare verbally at the Initial Board Meeting.

Trustees read their Declaration of Involvement with respect to what other community organizations they are members or volunteers.

Director Burra stated: “With the completion of these declarations, and the powers vested to me under the Education Act, I hereby declare the Board of Trustees for Limestone District School Board to be legally constituted under the relevant sections of the Ontario Education Act for the period of November 16, 2022 to November 14, 2026.”

## **6. ELECTION OF THE CHAIR**

Director Burra called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Board.

Trustee Neill nominated Trustee Hutcheon and seconded by Trustee Godkin.

Trustee Hutcheon accepted the nomination.

Trustee McGregor nominated Trustee Ruttan and seconded by Trustee Brown.

Trustee Ruttan accepted the nomination.

Director Burra called for nominations two additional times. Hearing none, he stated that nominations would be closed.

Both candidates addressed the Board and thanked their colleagues for the nomination.

Trustees voted on their selection of the Chair of the Board. Superintendent McWilliams and Superintendent Young counted the votes. The vote resulted in an equality of votes. Under section 208, subsection 8 of the Education Act states: “In the case of an equality of votes at the election of a chair or vice-chair, the candidates shall draw lots to fill the

position of chair or vice-chair, as the case may be.”

Student Trustee Elshrief made the selection. Director Burra congratulated Trustee Hutcheon on being the Chair of the Limestone District School Board for the session November 16, 2022 to November 14, 2023.

Trustee Hutcheon assumed the Chair.

## **7. ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIR**

Chair Hutcheon called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Board.

Trustee Elliott nominated Trustee Godkin and seconded by Trustee Neill. Trustee Godkin accepted the nomination.

Trustee McGregor nominated Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Ruttan. Trustee Brown accepted the nomination.

Chair Hutcheon called for nominations two additional times. Hearing none, she stated that nominations would be closed.

Both candidates addressed the Board and thanked their colleagues for the nomination.

Trustees voted on their selection of Vice-Chair of the Board. Superintendent McWilliams and Superintendent Young counted the votes. Chair Hutcheon congratulated Trustee Godkin on being voted Vice-Chair of the Limestone District School Board for the session November 16, 2022 to November 14, 2023.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

*MOVED BY: Trustee Neill and seconded by Trustee Hutcheon that the meeting adjourn. Carried.*

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.