



KDSB Board of Directors Meeting

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At its regular board meeting on Thursday, March 26, 2015, the KDSB Board of Directors:

- Affirmed the Kenora District Services Board's 2015-2019 Strategic Plan as approved and adopted by the Board of Directors on August 14, 2014.

The Board of Directors were presented with the 2015-2019 Strategic Plan; which included a review, background and process employed in the development of the Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan answers the imperative questions about where the KDSB, as an organization, is going and why; and sets timelines and actions needed in order to get there using the organization's core values as its guiding principles.

Copies of the Strategic Plan can be found on the KDSB's web site: www.kdsb.on.ca

- Supported and authorized Henry Wall, Chief Administrative Officer, to accept a position on the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's (AMO) Affordable Housing and Homelessness Task Force. AMO has established the Task Force for the express purpose of guiding development and implementation of an advocacy strategy and communication plan regarding affordable housing and homelessness policies in Ontario. The Task Force will also serve to inform AMO on its response to the Ontario government's renewed Poverty Reduction Strategy and the updating of Ontario's Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy.
- Received the 4th Quarter Variance report and preliminary 2014 year end summary from the Director of Finance and Asset Management. The report highlighted the difficulties that staff have had with SAMS and reconciling the yearend for Ontario Works with the Province. Staff estimate that the KDSB will have a total surplus of \$432,491 for the 2014 year.
- Approved the Employee Group Benefits Program with Sirius Benefit Plans as the Third Party Administrator, with coverage for Extended Health Care, Dental and Travel continuing to be provided by SSQ and coverage for Life, Accidental Death and Dismemberment, Short-term Disability and Long-term Disability to be provided by Manitoba Blue Cross.
- Received an update on the KDSB's MicroFIT Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Systems Power Generation projects. Between 2011 and 2013, the KDSB installed nine different MicroFIT Solar PV projects throughout the Kenora District. Through the use of renewable energy, these projects will allow the



KDSB to utilize its Social Housing and Land Ambulance facilities as investment instruments whereby they will help generate additional revenues for future investments in Social Housing and other projects.

- Received the 4th Quarter Report on Integrated Social Services Program – Early Learning and Care. The KDSB continues to work with the Municipalities, Non-Profit and For-Profit Operators and School Boards to monitor and mitigate the impacts of Full Day Kindergarten Programs.

On March 27 and 28, 2015, the Aboriginal Advisory Group of the Kenora District Best Start Network is planning on a two day cultural gathering for early years' service providers and families in Dryden. The topics that will be explored and shared are specific to working with First Nations, and Metis children and families. The cultural training opportunity is specific to the Kenora District with the teachings being provided by local experts and community Elders.

In partnership with the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board and the Child Care Operators; on May 29, 2015 a “How DOES Learning Happen?” training event will take place. This event will bring together Service Providers and Child Care Operators from across both districts and will provide a training opportunity for all program staff in supporting the implementation of the “How DOES Learning Happen?” at a local, program level.

- Received the 4th Quarter Report on Integrated Social Services Program – Ontario Works. The current focus of the KDSB and the Ontario Works Program continues to be with the implementation of SAMS. The number of tickets and issues being tracked has been declining, considerably. The majority of ongoing issues seem to be occurring when working with converted data. Data that was originally input in SDMT, the old system. The Province continues to work out solutions for these issues. New Clients to SAMS seems to have minimal issues. On March 19, 2015, the KDSB received confirmation that it will receive an additional \$58,100 in funded to help with the SAMS implementation; this will bring the KDSB's additional funding for the SAMS implementation to \$174,300.
- Received the 4th Quarter Report on Integrated Social Services Program – Social Housing. The report provided the Board of Directors with an update on the District's housing arrears and on the Turnover and Vacancy trends.
- Approved and endorsed the KDSB's support for the Ontario Provincial Police's (Ignace) funding application under the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services grant program 2015-2016 Proceeds of Crime Front-Line Policing.
- Received the 4th Quarter Land Ambulance (EMS) statistical report for 2014. The total call volume for



2014 was 11,789 calls compared to 10,607 in 2013, which represents an 11.1% increase in call volume. Most of the increase in call volume was in Sioux Lookout and Kenora.

- Authorized the Chief Administrative Officer to sign and execute the Land Ambulance Services Grant (LASG) Service Plan and Final Report.
- Received the 2014 EMS Response Time Performance Report. Every ambulance service provider in Ontario must prepare and submit an annual Response Time Performance Plan for the following calendar year to the Emergency Health Services (EHS) Branch of the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) by March 31. The Response Time Performance Plans for all ambulance service providers in the Province can be viewed on the MOHLTC website.

Barry Baltessen, Chair

Henry Wall, CAO