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The January 24, 2017 **Public Session Meeting** of the Near North District School Board was held at 6:00 p.m. at the Head Office of the Near North District School Board, 963 Airport Road, North Bay, ON P1C 1A5

**Trustees Present:**

David Thompson, Chair  
Michelina Beam  
Al Bottomley  
Harry Fry  
Paul Moffat  
Louise Sargent  
Ty Meighan – Student Trustee

**Administrative Staff Present:**

Jackie Young, Director of Education  
Liz Therrien, Superintendent of Business  
Roz Bowness, Superintendent of Schools  
Amanda Meighan, Acting Superintendent of Support Services  
Gay Smylie, Acting Executive Officer  
Carrie Girard, Executive Assistant

**Trustees Present in Parry Sound:**

Corine Green

**Administrative Staff Present in Parry Sound:**

Tim Graves, Superintendent of Schools  
Melanie Gray, Acting Executive Officer

**Trustees Present by Teleconference:**

Jim Beatty – Vice Chair

**Administrative Staff Present in Almaguin:**

Craig Myles, Superintendent of Student Success  
Steve Tompkins

**Trustee Regrets:**

**Administrative Regrets:**

**Trustees Absent:**

Carol Stevens

**Public (North Bay)**

Parker Robinson  
Lyne Kelly  
Glenn Morrison  
Barb Laverock

**Public (Parry Sound)**

Glen Hodgson  
Dave Bartlett

**Public (Almaguin)**

Judy Arai

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**Call to Order**

Chair Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

**Attendance**

Attendance indicated that 8 Trustees plus the Student Trustee were present for this meeting.

**Approval of the Agenda**

17-01-08 Moved by Al Bottomley, seconded by Louise Sargent

**That the Board approve the agenda as amended for the Public Session meeting of January 24, 2017.**

CARRIED

*Under agenda item Royal Bank of Canada – Borrowing Credit Facilities was modified to read “August 31, 2017” under bullet 1.*

**Conflict of Interest**

None declared.

**Minutes from Previous Meetings of Near North District School Board**

17-01-09 Moved by Harry Fry, seconded by Corine Green

**That the Board approve the minutes as presented for the meetings held:**

- **December 20, 2016 Annual Organizational Meeting**
- **December 20, 2016**

CARRIED

**Celebrating Near North District School Board Success:**

Gala for a Cure – Widdifield Secondary School Students Alex Labelle and Dylan Schofield and Teacher Stan Gough

Students Alex Labelle and Dylan Schofield presented their culminating business project which grew into a well-attended community fundraiser *Gala for a Cure* raising over \$2,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society.

Both students have been affected by cancer in a personal way, which is why they chose this very important cause. The Gala was a formal evening of live entertainment and a three-course meal. MP Anthony Rota attended.

The students were responsible for everything from the accounting and sponsorship to media. They applied learned skills to a real-life experience and were congratulated on their success.

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### FIRST Lego Teams Selected for Provincials

#### Ice Falcons (Ferris Glen)

On behalf of their larger team, two students demonstrated how humans and beavers share the environment and often come into conflict with each other. They developed a solution to help called a “Beaver Leaker.”

#### Arctic Squares (Chippewa)

This team shared their light traps as a solution to local shadfly issues. They collected shad flies from stores according to their business plan to use for compost and pet stores.

#### Brain Freeze (Sunset Park)

Although this team was unable to attend, a video about their work was shared.

Congratulations to all of the teams.

### **Student Achievement and Well Being:**

#### School Effectiveness Framework – Superintendent Graves and Acting Executive Officer Gray

The School Effectiveness Framework (SEF), which is a self-assessment tool for schools, is tied heavily to the Board’s Multi-Year Plan and to the Province’s Renewed Math Strategy. The purpose of the District Process is to promote a culture of reflection, collaborative inquiry and shared responsibility both at the board and at the schools. The 2017-2020 SEF cycle will focus on curriculum, teaching and learning.

Results from the District Process are analyzed to determine trends and patterns to inform: board improvement planning and capacity building needs, the allocation of resources to schools for the next school year through the board’s budget process, and expectations and supports for coaching and monitoring. An example of a school goal is drilling down in JK/SK what are the 5 or 6 components that students need to go through to learn how to count. It is a specific step to get to a bigger goal (such as to improve EQAO scores by 8%).

There is a similar School Effectiveness Framework which covers the same literacy and numeracy pathways as the elementary framework, with a few modifications.

This is a great example of how we are carrying out the objectives in the Board’s Multi-Year Plan in the classroom.

### **Information/Discussion Items:**

- School Energy Coalition Summary Status Report September 30, 2016
- Monthly Tender Report – December 12, 2016-January 18, 2017
- 2016 B19 Ministry of Education Memo - Request for School Consolidation Capital Funding Submissions, December 1, 2016
- Information Privacy Commissioner of Ontario Letter to Ontario School Boards – Privacy Concerns with Online Educational Services, January 4, 2017

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- Invitation to City of North Bay to Appoint Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) Representative, January 17, 2017
- Revised Administrative Guideline Student Registration Form (Elementary) – January 2017

It was verified that the Board is purchasing 2 tractors for field maintenance and ground maintenance.

**Meeting Dates:**

The following meeting dates were added to the calendar:

- Multi-Year Planning Committee Meeting – *March 2017*, at the call of the Committee Chair

**Question Period:**

N/A

**Presentations by Public:**

N/A

**Committee Reports:**

- Capital Planning Meeting Minutes (Private and Public) – December 13, 2016
- Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting Minutes – December 15, 2016

Previous Referrals:

*Terms of Reference for the Committee of the Whole – referred April 26, 2016*

*Pending - Terms of Reference for the Trustee Initiative Fund –April 26, 2016 referred to 2017 budget discussions*

**OPSBA Reports – Trustee Michelina Beam**

Director Young, along with Chair Thompson and Trustee Beam attended the Public Education Symposium in early January 2017. The Ministry of Education hosted a session on the importance of multi-year planning and will provide more information to Boards in the future. Other sessions focused on: how employers and post-secondary institutions are now using social media to research prospective candidates, and how a change in municipal law may affect school boards.

**Trustee Comments:**

Student Trustee Ty Meighan:

- Student councils and staffs at our schools are supporting students by providing exam support, after school study sessions, and opportunities to share their worries and any anxiety they are feeling with a peer or councilor.

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- Many students are participating in boys' and girls' hockey, boys' basketball and girls' volleyball and in some schools, they have begun preparing for their upcoming Spring play.
- Schools have hosted orientation nights for incoming grade 6 and 8 students and their parents.
- Student councils have been holding spirit days to raise money for charities.
- Our schools will be participating in Bell's Let's Talk initiative to bring awareness to mental health and support our peers that are currently struggling with mental health issues.
- This month Student Senate met on January 17 by teleconference, focusing on the life literacy initiative.

Trustee Sargent:

- Trustee Sargent enjoyed attending an FNAC meeting and she looks forward to attending more.
- At the end of a school year, or in December, it was suggested by Trustee Sargent that we use that time to remember staff who had an impact on our system and have passed away.

Trustee Moffat:

- No comments.

Trustee Fry:

- Noted he continues to attempt to get out as many SAC meetings as he can.
- Plans on attending the upcoming Dreamcoat production.

Trustee Stevens:

N/A

Trustee Green:

- No comments.

Trustee Beatty:

- No comments.

Trustee Bottomley:

- No comments.

Trustee Beam:

- Trustee Beam highlighted the Dreamcoat production schedule, which run through this week. She made special mention that the director of the show, who is now an occasional teacher with our Board, began with Dreamcoat when she was just 7 years old.

Chair Thompson:

- Mayor of Mattawa Dean Backer passed along his thanks for the Board's communication efforts around capital planning.
- Noted some issues that other Boards are dealing with regarding school closures.
- Chair Thompson shared his belief that the Minister of Education is hearing the voices of Northern boards, and OPSBA's awareness around the issues is helping with this.

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**Director's Report: Director Jackie Young**

- You may have heard us on the radio over the past few weeks, as we kicked off our kindergarten registration campaign to welcome new families and students into all of our schools for September 2017. In May, families will be invited to attend Welcome to Kindergarten sessions.
  - Early French Immersion parent information session dates for Alliance and Sunset Park will be announced very soon.
  - Extended French parent information sessions will happen later this Spring.
- Yesterday, students from West Ferris Secondary School's STEAM program visited Vincent Massey to demonstrate new and fun ways to learn math and technology with elementary students. West Ferris students will visit more elementary schools: next is Woodland, and then M.T. Davidson and Sunset Park.
- Widdifield teacher Todd Andrews and his team of students, along with Alliance students and East Ferris Bus Lines are working together to produce a series of bilingual transportation safety videos. The first video focuses on emergency preparedness and safe driving tips. The video is available on the Transportation Consortium's website.
- Accommodation Review meetings for the North Bay Planning Area are rapidly approaching. On February 1, we will be meeting with our co-terminus boards/municipalities/community partners at 9:00 a.m. to seek feedback on the staff recommendation in the Initial Staff Report. The ARC Orientation session will also happen on Feb 1. The following week we are meeting with staffs of affected schools followed by our first public meeting on February 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Widdifield. There will be many opportunities for all of our stakeholders to get involved. Stay tuned for more details!
- As a result of a joint effort between local school boards and community partners in the City of North Bay, four learning sessions to share knowledge and understanding to work towards reconciliation will take place during February. Together, we will explore culture, history and celebration. The second session, presented by George Couhie, Nipissing First Nation Member and Cultural Teacher will take place on February 8 from 7-9 p.m. at Widdifield.
- Recently met Canadore to explore opportunities for partnership in Parry Sound and North Bay and with the Georgian Bay Biosphere group. With both groups, there were great initial discussions and more will be brought forward to the Board in the future.

**Items for Decision:**

**EL#7 Financial Condition**

17-01-10 Moved by Al Bottomley, seconded by Louise Sargent  
**That the Board approve EL#7 Financial Condition as presented on January 24, 2017.**

CARRIED

**Royal Bank of Canada – Borrowing Credit Facilities – enclosures**

17-02-11 Moved by Michelina Beam, seconded by Harry Fry  
**That the Board approve each of the following Borrowing documents as attached:**

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1. **Form 345 Resolution re: Borrowing for Current Expenditures and Debt Charges and Temporary Financing in the amount of \$20,000,000 payable no later than August 31, 2017; and**
2. **Form 351 Statement by Treasurer (or Secretary-Treasurer) re: Borrowing for Current Expenditures.**

CARRIED

These resolutions are standard and are required by the bank and Ministry for operating credit should we need to use it.

Notice of Motion:

Public Question Period:

The Board returned to Private Session at 8:07 p.m.

**Ratification of Business Transacted in Private Session**

17-01-12 Moved by Harry Fry, seconded by Louise Sargent

**That the Board ratify the following items from Private Session:**

- **Personnel**
- **Property**

CARRIED

**Motion to Adjourn**

17-01-13 Moved by Al Bottomley, seconded by Harry Fry

**That the Board meeting of January 24, 2017 adjourn at 8:38 p.m.**

CARRIED

David Thompson  
Chair

Jackie Young  
Director of Education