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David Thompson, Chair

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The February 28, 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:

Jim Beatty – Vice Chair
Corine Green
Carol Stevens

Administrative Staff Present in Parry Sound:

Melanie Gray, Acting Executive Officer

Administrative Staff Present in Almaguin:

Craig Myles, Superintendent of Student Success
Steve Tompkins

Trustees Present by Teleconference:

Administrative Regrets:

Tim Graves, Superintendent of Schools

Trustee Regrets:

Trustees Absent:

Public (North Bay)

Parker Robinson
Glenn Morrison
Ian Mizzi
Rocco Frangione (106.3 Moose FM)
Tammy Martel
Karin Podlatis-Brown

Public (Parry Sound)

Glen Hodgson

Public (Almaguin)

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Call to Order

Chair Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Attendance

Attendance indicated that 9 Trustees plus the Student Trustee were present for this meeting.

Approval of the Agenda

17-02-05 Moved by Harry Fry, seconded by Corine Green

That the Board approve the agenda as presented for the Public Session meeting of February 28, 2017.

CARRIED

Conflict of Interest

None declared.

Minutes from Previous Meetings of Near North District School Board

17-02-06 Moved by Michelina Beam, seconded by Harry Fry

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

- **January 24, 2017**

CARRIED

Celebrating Near North District School Board Success:

International Baccalaureate

Presenters Lucio Pavone (Principal at Chippewa), Judy Smith (IB Coordinator) and Kim Larivee (IB teacher) attended the meeting.

Most IB schools in Canada reside in British Columbia or Ontario. There are a few different IB programs that schools can offer such as the Middle Years program and the Primary Years program. At Chippewa, the IB Diploma program is offered. The closest IB Diploma program is offered in Sudbury and the local French public board is looking into offering the Middle Years program in North Bay.

The ExcelleRAIDER program at Chippewa prepares grades 9 and 10 students for IB program expectations.

Should the North Bay high schools consolidate, the IB program would continue to be offered as it would complement other existing programs in the high schools.

It was noted that next year an IB Business credit will be pursued.

It was noted that resources and knowledge is shared with other non-IB schools in the Board.

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Student Achievement and Well Being:

N/A

Information/Discussion Items:

- New Administrative Guideline: Health Support Services – Physical and Medical Procedures, November 22, 2016

The Board is seeing an increased range of students with complex physical and health related needs. This trend is happening across the province. This new guideline is a supportive document to guide safety in schools and is in response to PPM 81. Specialists and external agencies were consulted in the development of the guideline.

Training is usually provided by external agencies with expertise and is student specific. The cost of training to the Board is usually only in the way of release time for staff.

Meeting Dates:

- Special Board Meeting (teleconference) – *tentative date* - Friday, March 3, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.
- A workshop to discuss the Director's appraisal – March 23, 2017 - 5:00 p.m.

Question Period:

N/A

Presentations by Public:

N/A

Committee Reports:

- Monthly Tender Report – January 18, 2017 – February 20, 2017
- Multi-Year Planning Committee Minutes – January 12, 2017
- First Nations Advisory Committee (FNAC) Committee Minutes – January 12, 2017
- Transportation Appeals Committee Meeting Minutes (Private) – January 16, 2017
- Capital Planning Minutes (Private and Public) – January 17, 2017
- Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Minutes – January 19, 2017
- Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2017

Upcoming Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) symposiums will be open to all families, educators and trustees.

The website tender has not yet been awarded. It was suggested that the dollars allocated to this project could be included in upcoming budget discussions.

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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

A Board of Directors meeting is taking place this coming weekend and the Labour Relations Conference is April 6-7, 2017.

Trustee Comments:

Student Trustee Ty Meighan:

- Students are organizing events for Valentine's Day, sports are wrapping up and new classes for Semester 2 have begun.
- Many students competed at DECA this year, an annual business competition. Tracy Wang (grade 10) placed 8th overall out of the nearly 8000 students.
- Students are looking forward to the Robb Nash presentation.
- The last Student Senate meeting was held on February 13 and focused on Life Literacy planning. Each Student Senator is tailoring their planning to meet the unique student needs at their school but they are sharing ideas and best practices with each other. Sandee Guindon from the Health Unit spoke to Senate about healthy schools funding they can receive for this initiative.
- He travelled down to Ottawa for OSTA – AECO's BCC's (Board Council Conference). There were some amazing speakers at the conference and Student Trustee Meighan had the opportunity to meet his French counterparts.

Trustee Sargent:

- Trustee Sargent has been attending recent ARC meetings as the Trustee representative on the committee as well as recently attending an FNAC meeting hosted by Shawanaga First Nations. She is looking forward to attending the next meeting which will be hosted by Dokis First Nations.

Trustee Moffat:

- Trustee Moffat commended the presenters from Chippewa on their good work with the IB program
- The enthusiasm of the BLDS team was acknowledged.

Trustee Fry:

- Trustee Fry attended two of the four George Couchie presentations and noted they were very enlightening.
- He attended the Robotics media launch and was impressed.
- He attended the Land of Lakes Naming Committee meeting and will be attending the upcoming Rob Nash presentation at F.J. McElligott.

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Trustee Stevens:

- Trustee Stevens attended two recent Anishinabek events: a meeting on self-government and an Indigenous language workshop in Sudbury.

Trustee Green:

- Trustee Green recently travelled to see the schools involved in the ARC and noted that the Board has some big decisions ahead.
- Parry Sound High School hosted a fundraising dinner for an upcoming French trip.
- Trustee Green was invited to cook at a pancake breakfast at Parry Sound High School.
- Thanked Acting Executive Officer Melanie Gray for her work with the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC).

Trustee Beatty:

- Kudos to the Township of McKellar for involving McDougall School in its Canada150 celebrations.

Trustee Bottomley:

- Trustee Bottomley noted that he hopes that townships in the Almaguin area will come together to continue the discussion on rural education and advocate with the Ministry.
- The Naming Committee for the former Land of Lakes Public School has met and are off to a good start. It is a two-month process and the school will open this September.
- A special mention of the great things happening at Almaguin Highlands's Personal Life Management Program (PLMP). Also, students from Almaguin Highlands have participated in many Special Olympics events including floor hockey, soccer, baseball, skiing, track and cross country – winning some events at the provincial level.

Trustee Beam:

- N/A

Chair Thompson:

- N/A

Director's Report: Director Jackie Young

- A special thank you to all of the trustees who came out to the first public meeting of the ARC Committee. Kudos to Widdifield staff and students for their amazing efforts to host the meeting.
- Mentioned the deep learning that happened at the recent Anishinabek Conference in Toronto.
- Director Young joined in School Effectiveness Framework (SEF) team visits to a few schools and noted that passion of our staffs is amazing.
- On March 9, 2017, a Vimy Ridge remembrance event is planned at the Stockey Centre in Parry Sound.

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Items for Decision:

EL#7 Financial Condition

17-02-07 Moved by Al Bottomley, seconded by Michelina Beam
That the Board approve EL#7 Financial Condition as presented on February 28, 2017.

CARRIED

A capital refund was provided by OSBIE (the insurance company that all Ontario school boards belong to). OSBIE's reserve, which is used to pay claims, has been maintained. The refund is in excess of \$90,000.

Long-Term Financing of Capital Projects – enclosure – Superintendent Therrien

17-02-08 Moved by Paul Moffat, seconded by Harry Fry
That the Near North District School Board approve By-Law Number 17-02-08 “a by-law to authorize a loan from the Ontario Financing Authority in the principal amount of \$ 11,426,092 pursuant to a loan agreement under section 7 of Ontario Regulation 41/10”.

CARRIED

This motion is required for the standard finance for construction of new schools. Moving forward, capital funds will come right from the Ministry to school boards, no longer through the Ontario Finance Authority.

School Year Calendar – enclosure – Acting Executive Officer Smylie

17-02-09 Moved by Al Bottomley, seconded by Michelina Beam
That the Near North District School Board receive the report on the 2017-2018 School Year Calendar as presented and accept the attached school year calendar as determined through consultation (survey) across the four local school boards.

CARRIED

An online survey for staff and parents was open from February 7-13, 2017. Consultation took place with other boards as well as unions/federations to arrive at the recommended option.

It was noted that if the Board did not approve the recommendation, it would go back to the Committee for review. Tight timelines were noted as modified calendars are due to the Ministry for approval by March 1.

Arise from Public Session

17-02-10 Moved by Louise Sargent, seconded by Paul Moffat
That the Board move back into Private Session at 7:30 p.m.

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Return to Public Session

The Board returned to Public Session at 8:15 p.m.

Notice of Motion:

Public Question Period:

Ratification of Business Transacted in Private Session

17-02-14 Moved by Al Bottomley, seconded by Michelina Beam

That the Board ratify the following items from Private Session:

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

CARRIED

Motion to Adjourn

17-02-15 Moved by Al Bottomley, seconded by Michelina Beam

That the Board meeting of February 28, 2017 adjourn at 8:27 p.m.

CARRIED

David Thompson
Chair

Jackie Young
Director of Education