



**Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**  
**March 23, 2017 – 5:00 p.m.**  
**North Bay and Parry Sound Boardrooms**  
**963 Airport Road, North Bay/111 Isabella Street, Parry Sound**

**Trustees Present:** Committee Chair David Thompson, Vice Chair James Beatty, Trustees Michelina Beam, Harry Fry, Corine Green, Louise Sargent, Al Bottomley

**Administrative Staff Present:** Marjorie Campbell, Administrative Assistant

**Regrets:** Jackie Young, Paul Moffat, Carol Stevens

**Call to Order**

Chair Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**Adoption of the Agenda**

The Committee approved the agenda as presented for Public Session meeting of March 23, 2017.

**Committee of the Whole Terms of Reference**

Chair Thompson referred the committee to the draft terms of reference and the by-laws that were included in their package.

The committee members discussed the terms under the Authority section and agreed to remove the wording Decisions and change will to may. Recommendations may be made by members of the committee. All trustees are welcomed to participate in the discussions.

A discussion was held on the name of the committee. It was agreed that the name would remain the same.

The committee decided that as this is not an ad hoc committee, there are no specific deliverables required. They are a standing committee that just deals with issues that arise.

Chair Thompson advised that it is already there under meeting requirements.

It was decided that a quorum is not required as this committee will only be making recommendations.

The terms of reference were accepted, with changes as presented.

## **Approval of the draft Multi-Year Plan**

Chair Thompson met with Trustee Moffat to discuss the Multi-year Plan Committee. Trustee Moffat had agreed that we don't need the Multi-year plan committee anymore.

The committee held a discussion about removing the Draft from the Multi-Year Plan document.

It was decided to change the wording in the draft, page 6, to:

When we all work together, we will know, honour, and support our students, families and staff.

The committee expressed some concerns with the wording in the document and requested that the Director's office staff wordsmith the document.

Chair Thompson will make the recommendation at the 25 April 2017 Board meeting that the Multi-year committee be disbanded.

## **Trustee Initiative fund**

Trustee Bottomley provided the history of the Trustee Initiative fund. It is a fund to help students that affected the whole Board. Something that brings the whole Board together. He believes that the first things were robotics and track and field. He mentioned that over the years, they have also discussed things like sending a band to a competition. The student senate was included in the Trustee Initiative Fund at one time. It is to be Board wide and support all the kids.

A discussion was held on the budget of \$55,000.00. Questions were raised about the amount being lowered from \$80,000.00 to \$55,000.00.

Chair Thompson mentioned that they would bring this up at the next budget committee meeting.

Chair Thompson read through Trustee Moffatt's notes.

Discussion was held regarding criteria for selection. The following considerations were noted:

- Keeping the criteria that it benefits all kids. We can't overcome our geography.
- It shouldn't be separated by areas. Supporting events where all of our schools are involved makes more sense.
- The Parry Sound Festival of Sounds, affects all the schools in Parry Sound.
- Teams that are trying to advance to a Provincial event shouldn't qualify because we are limiting funds to a specific team.
- The track and field meets that bring all of our schools together are a good thing.
- Board wide programs, there may be one offs, but they may not be approved.

Discussion was held about promoting the Trustee Initiative Fund. The following considerations were noted:

- Send out the application in early Sep and if funds remain, send again in January.
- Ask how it will be a value to us and our objectives.
- Request a report back from the recipients illustrating how the event went, and let us know how the money was of value, what they might do next year to leverage the dollars.

- How many students benefit from the event?
- Fund recipients to submit a report within 60 days of the completion of the event.
- On the back of the application form, indicate 60 days final submission, what were the funds used for, etc.
- The amount of the fund will be determined in conjunction with the budget, not to exceed \$100,000.00

Trustee Thompson will make the changes to this guideline and bring it to the Board.

### **Adjournment**

The Committee of the Whole meeting of March 23, 2017 adjourned at 6:10 p.m.