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David Thompson, Chair

Jackie Young, Director of Education

January 23, 2018 – Regular Board Meeting

Public Session – 6:00 p.m.
Near North District School Board
North Bay Board Room

Welcome and Call to Order:

Chair Thompson called the meeting to order at _____

In Camera Items:

That the Board move into Private Session at _____.

Adoption of the Agenda for Public Session meeting:

That the Board approve the Agenda as presented/amended for the Public Session meeting of January 23, 2018.

Attendance:

Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

Minutes from previous meetings of the Near North District School Board – enclosures:

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

- **December 19, 2017 *Annual Organizational Meeting***
- **December 19, 2017 *Regular Board Meeting***

Celebrating Near North District School Board Success:

Student Achievement and Well-Being:

Closing the Gap: Intentional Mathematics Instruction to Support ALL Learners – Acting Principal of Program Chris Walkling

Meeting Dates – February 2018

Committee Reports:

- JK-12 Building Committee Meeting Minutes, December 4, 2017 (Private)
- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes, December 5, 2017 (Private and Public)

Information/Discussion Items:

- Monthly Tender Report – November 21, 2017 – January 15, 2018
- Letter from Festival of the Sound, RE: Music Scores Elementary School Program
- Festival of the Sound Funding Request, December 19, 2017
- Regional Curriculum Steering Committee North East Region Fall 2017 Newsletter

Question Period:

Presentations by Public:
OPSBA Report - Trustee Beam

Trustee Comments:

Director's Update – Director Designate: Superintendent Roz Bowness

Items for Decision:

EL#7 Financial Condition – enclosure

That the Board approve EL#7 Financial Condition as presented on January 23, 2018.

Notice of Motion:

Public Question Period:

Ratification of Business Transacted in Private Session:

That the Board ratify the following items from Private Session:

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

Motion to Adjourn:

That the Board meeting of January 23, 2018 adjourn at _____ p.m.



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The December 19, 2017 **Annual Organizational Meeting** of the Near North District School Board was held at 4:00 p.m. at the Near North District School Board, Head Office Boardroom at 963 Airport Road, North Bay, Ontario, P1B 8H1.

Trustees Present:

David Thompson, Chair
Harry Fry
Paul Moffat
Louise Sargent
Michelina Beam

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:

Carol Stevens
Corine Green

Administrative Staff Present in Almaguin:

Craig Myles, Superintendent of Student Success

Trustees Present by Teleconference:

Jim Beatty, Vice Chair

Administrative Staff Present in Parry Sound:

Trustee Regrets:

Al Bottomley

Administrative Staff Regrets:

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

Director of Education Jackie Young called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Appointment of Scrutineers

Director Young called upon Superintendent Liz Therrien to act as a scrutineer should an election be required. Trustees attending by video-conference or teleconference are able to cast their vote by email directly to Superintendent Therrien.

Election of Near North District School Board Chair

17-12-01 Moved by Harry Fry, seconded by Michelina Beam

That the Near North District School Board approve the election of David Thompson as Chair for the term of December 2017 – November 2018.

CARRIED

Trustee Beatty nominated Trustee Thompson for the position of Chair. Trustee Thompson accepted the nomination. Trustee Thompson indicated that as Chair, he is looking forward to bringing a few issues forward this year and commits to bringing information forward to all Trustees.

Trustee Sargent nominated Trustee Moffat for the position of Chair. Trustee Moffat accepted the nomination. Trustee Moffat noted his frustration over the past few years and commits to involving all trustees in discussions on issues that impact the board and its trustees. He noted his desire for good governance.

The scrutineer's tally of ballots indicated that a total of 8 votes were cast. David Thompson was the person with the clear majority of votes.

Election of Near North District School Board Vice-Chair

17-12-02 Moved by Harry Fry, seconded by Corine Green

That the Near North District School Board approve the election of Jim Beatty as Vice-Chair for the term of December 2017 – November 2018.

CARRIED

Trustee Green nominated Trustee Beatty for the position of Vice-Chair. Trustee Beatty accepted the nomination. As there were no other nominations, Trustee Beatty was acclaimed as Vice-Chair.

Destruction of Ballots

17-12-03 Moved by Michelina Beam, seconded by Louise Sargent

That the ballots used for the selection of the Near North District School Board Chair and Vice-Chair be destroyed immediately.

Other Business

Adjournment

17-12-04 Moved by Louise Sargent, seconded by Harry Fry

That the Near North District School Board Annual Organizational Meeting of December 19, 2017 adjourn at 4:11 p.m.

CARRIED

Minutes of the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Near North District School Board held December 19, 2017

David Thompson
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The December 19, 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
Harry Fry
Corine Green
Paul Moffat
Louise Sargent
Marcus Hlady – Student Trustee

Administrative Staff Present:

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

Trustees Present in Parry Sound:

Carol Stevens

Administrative Staff Present in Parry Sound:

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

Trustee Present by Teleconference:

Jim Beatty, Vice Chair

Administrative Staff Present in Almaguin:

Craig Myles, Superintendent of Student Success

Trustee Regrets:

Al Bottomley

Public (North Bay)

Tammy Martel

Public (Parry Sound)

Glen Hodgson

Public (Almaguin)

Judy Arai
Steve Tompkins

Minutes of the Public Session Board Meeting of the Near North District School Board held December 19, 2017

Call to Order

Chair Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Attendance

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

Approval of the Agenda

17-12-12 Moved by Louise Sargent, seconded by Harry Fry
That the Board approve the agenda as presented for the Public Session meeting of December 19, 2017.

CARRIED

Conflict of Interest

None declared.

Minutes from Previous Meetings of Near North District School Board

17-12-13 Moved by Harry Fry, seconded by Jim Beatty
That the Board approve the minutes as presented for the meetings held:
• **November 28, 2017**

CARRIED

Celebrating Near North District School Board Success:

Widdifield Secondary Student Abbi Tanner, Winner of YMCA Peace Medal
Principal Lisa O’Kane introduced Widdifield Secondary student Abbi Tanner.

Abbi’s leadership efforts were most recently recognized as a recipient of the YMCA Peace Medal. Abbi was recognized for her involvement with the WE community, bringing Jack.org to Widdifield, Widdifield’s International Dinner, organizing Sock’tober and her efforts to support the Foodbank – to mention a few.

She is a proud recipient of Rotary’s Service Above Self Award and is the Honorary Chair for the Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario. Promoting awareness about learning disabilities is one of her passions and she volunteers with Can-Do Theatre – a mixed ability theatre production company.

She is currently fundraising for an upcoming trip to Ecuador.

Abbi was congratulated by Trustees on her accomplishments and for leading by example for her peers.

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Student Achievement and Well Being:

Values Walk – NNDSB Partnership with North Bay Parry Sound Parry Sound Health Unit – Acting Superintendent Amanda Meighan, Coordinator Tammy Hyatt and Sandee Guindon of the North Bay District Health Unit

As part of their work with safe and equitable schools, and with a focus on Ontario's Well Being Strategy, intentional opportunities have been created to contribute to the health of our students and staff. Values Walks are an example of a local approach that has garnered us a lot of success.

A Values Walk involves meeting with the whole school community and asking them to create a list of what they value for their school. Then, the group walks the school to see if those values are reflected in the school (i.e. on the walls). A plan of action is developed from there.

Value Walks have taken place in 15 elementary schools so far.

Meeting Dates:

Committee of the Whole Meeting – January 9, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Trustee Workshop – January 13, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at AHSS

Committee of the Whole Meeting – January 16, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

JK-12 Building Committee Meeting – January 18, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Committee Reports:

- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes, October 10, 2017
- First Nations Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, October 18, 2017
- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes, November 14, 2017 (Public and Private)

Information/Discussion Items:

- Trustee Expenditures for the Year Ended August 31, 2017
- Trustee Initiative Fund Application: First Team 1305
- Board Website Refresh Update – Acting Superintendent Amanda Meighan (Verbal)

The Terms of Reference for the Trustee Initiative Fund will be deferred to the January 16, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting. The Robotics funding application will be placed on hold until then.

Great feedback has been received on the new website so far. It works well on mobile devices. School websites are coming along.

A list of next steps for continued improvement has been developed. It was suggested that a link to bus cancellations be added to the front page of the website.

Student Trustee Hlady will bring the new website to Student Senate for their feedback.

Minutes of the Public Session Board Meeting of the Near North District School Board held December 19, 2017

Question Period:

N/A

Presentations by Public:

N/A

OPSBA Reports – Trustee Michelina Beam

At the recent OPSBA meeting, Northern boards discussed the report that is going to the Minister's Office. Items in the report came out of the Northern meeting in October with Ministry representatives. A final report is forthcoming.

A review of OPSBA's organizational structure is now underway, looking for any potential efficiencies.

OPSBA will no longer publish print copies of Education Today but it will continue to be published online.

OPSBA's submission on governance was completed. A link was sent out to members and it is also available on the OPSBA website.

A reminder that the Public Education Symposium is upcoming in January 2018. Trustees interested in attending can contact Rebecca in the Director's Office.

Ad Hoc committee work will continue at the Public Education Symposium to review the role of the Student Trustee.

Trustee Comments:

Student Trustee Marcus Hlady:

- Schools are busy with holiday fundraisers for great causes such as the Santa Fund, toy drives, the Warming Centre and the Women's Centre
- Student Senate recognizes that the holiday season can be a challenging time of year for some students.

Trustee Sargent:

- Holiday greetings to staff and students.

Trustee Moffat:

- Wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.
- Suggested that a letter of congratulations be sent to Ferris Glen for their team approach with EQAO and its success.

Trustee Fry:

- Attended many Christmas concerts and wished everyone a happy holiday.

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- The School Advisory Council at Ferris Glen and Mattawa used their concerts as fundraising opportunities.
- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Trustee Stevens:

- Wished everyone safe and happy holiday.

Trustee Green:

N/A

Trustee Beatty:

- Wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Trustee Bottomley:

N/A

Trustee Beam:

- Wished staff and students Happy Holidays.

Chair Thompson:

- Noted that many of our schools are hosting pancake breakfasts on Friday.
- Wished everyone Happy Holidays.
- The City of North Bay's arena committee is only looking at non-city owned sites. The Omischl property is the preferred land that is City owned.

Director's Report: Director Jackie Young

- Director Young attended East West and made special mention that Northern Secondary School won for the best cheer.
- Almaguin Highlands Secondary School has a new mascot.
- The Board Office is hosting a pancake breakfast Friday.
- Director Young is looking forward to attending FNAC in Magnetawan this week.
- Special thanks to the staff and students as the weeks leading up to the holidays can be exciting and challenging. Best wishes for a great holiday to all.

The "Director's Report" section of the public agenda will be renamed "Director's Update" moving forward.

Items for Decision:

EL#7 Financial Condition – Enclosure

17-12-14 Moved by Harry Fry, seconded by Louise Sargent

That the Board approve EL#7 Financial Condition as presented on December 19, 2017.

CARRIED

Minutes of the Public Session Board Meeting of the Near North District School Board held December 19, 2017

Addition of Land of Lakes Public School as a Rural and Remote School

17-12-15 Moved by Jim Beatty, seconded by Harry Fry
That the Near North District School Board add Land of Lakes Public School to the list of eligible rural schools for the 2017-2018 Rural and Northern Education Fund (RNEF).

CARRIED

Governance Manual Update

17-12-16 Moved by Harry Fry, seconded by Louise Sargent
That the Near North District School Board approve Section One of the new draft Governance Manual excluding the subsections: History of the Near North District School Board and the Multi-Year Plan at this time.

CARRIED

Amendment: The motion was amended to exclude the Multi Year Plan.

Board Committee Structure:

17-12-17 Moved by Michelina Beam, seconded by Louise Sargent
That the Board approve the 2017-2018 Board Committee Structure.

CARRIED

Trustee Fry was appointed as a Special Education Advisory Committee Alternate member.

Trustee Fry was appointed as a First Nations Advisory Committee Alternate member.

OPSBA Reports – Delegate Selection:

17-12-18 Moved by Harry Fry, seconded by Paul Moffat
That the Board elect Michelina Beam as the OPSBA Director.

CARRIED

Trustee Fry nominated Trustee Beam.

17-12-19 Moved by Louise Sargent, seconded by Jim Beatty
That the Board elect Paul Moffat as the OPSBA Alternate Director.

CARRIED

Trustee Beam nominated Trustee Moffat.

17-12-20 Moved by Louise Sargent, seconded by Paul Moffat
That the Board elect Michelina Beam as the OPSBA Voting Delegate.

CARRIED

Trustee Sargent nominated Trustee Beam.

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17-12-21 Moved by Harry Fry, seconded by Louise Sargent
That the Board elect Paul Moffat as the OPSBA Alternate Voting Delegate.
CARRIED

Trustee Fry nominated Trustee Moffat.

Notice of Motion:

Public Question Period:

Ratification of Business Transacted in Private Session

17-12-22 Moved by Louise Sargent, seconded by Harry Fry
That the Board ratify the following items from Private Session:

- Legal
- Property
- Personnel

CARRIED

Motion to Adjourn

17-12-23 Moved by Michelina Beam, seconded by Louise Sargent
That the Board meeting of December 19, 2017 adjourn at 7:35 p.m.
CARRIED

David Thompson
Chair

Jackie Young
Director of Education

February

2018

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| 4 | 5 Parry Sound JK-12 Building Committee 4:00 p.m. | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 Committee of the Whole 5:00 p.m. | 14 | 15 S.E.A.C. 1:15 p.m. | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 F.N.A.C 10:00 a.m. | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 Regular Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. | 28 | | | |
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**Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
December 5, 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, Jim Beatty, Al Bottomley, Harry Fry, Corine Green, Louise Sargent, Paul Moffat, Michelina Beam

Administrative Staff Present: Jackie Young, Director of Education; Liz Therrien, Superintendent; Roz Bowness, Superintendent; Tim Graves, Superintendent, Acting Superintendent Amanda Meighan, Gay Smylie, Acting Executive Officer; Melanie Gray, Acting Executive Officer; Carrie Girard, Executive Assistant to the Director

Trustees Absent: Carol Stevens

Call to Order

Chair Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Adoption of the Agenda

The Committee approve the agenda as presented.

Public Presentation – Maurice Switzer

Mr. Switzer spoke to Trustees about equity and governance training that will soon be offered by the Ministry. Canada is going through major societal changes and Treaty and Equity education is so important, particularly for those in public office.

It was suggested that the Board might consider recognizing the traditional territories at the opening of each meeting.

Mr. Switzer congratulated staff on the great work that goes on in our schools and noted the efforts of Coordinator Amanda Mathias Mitzi, Superintendent Roslyn Bowness and Director of Education Jackie Young.

In-Camera Item(s)

Chair Thompson moved the meeting into Private Session at 5:16 p.m.

Return to Public Session

The Committee returned to Public Session at 6:25 p.m.

Policy

OPSBA is working through governance consultation and Boards are waiting to hear next steps from the Ministry.

It was decided that the Board will move forward with the new draft governance manual in stages as they are complete. It is hoped that Section One can go forward to the December Board meeting.

Trustee Meetings in Absence of a Recording Secretary

Trustee Fry asked about the legal requirements regarding the Board holding meetings in the absence of staff. Director Young was unclear as she is hearing conflicting information coming from other Boards.

Trustees agreed that workshops don't require a recording secretary.

Trustees discussed that they are comfortable meeting without staff provided it is published ahead of time (that staff will not be present) and as long there is a public record of the meeting taking place via an agenda, specific to the topics discussed.

International Students

This item was deferred to the next Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Community Partnerships

This item was deferred to the next Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Adjournment

The Committee of the Whole meeting of December 5, 2017 adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

TENDERS
November 21, 2017
TO
January 15, 2018

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| 1 | Closing Date | Project | Location | Bidders submitting Bids | Awarded to | Award | Tax | Amount/Year | Budget | Contract for No Years | Rational |
| 2 | December 14, 2017 | Exhaust Fans & Outdoor Lighting Upgrades | Argyle | Bernard Rochefort Current Technologies | Current Technologies | \$ 46,500.00 | \$ 6,045.00 | | \$ 54,149.00 | | Low Bidder |
| 3 | | | | Current Technologies | | | | | | | |
| 4 | | | | Metal Air | | | | | | | |
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| 6 | December 19, 2017 | Brick Replacement & New Roof Covering & Site Improvement | Whitestone | Arguson | Pending | | | | | | |
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| 11 | December 21, 2017 | HVAC, Indoor Lighting Controls & Outdoor Lighting Fixture Upgrades | Sundridge Centennial | Bernard Rochefort | Bernard Rochefort | \$ 372,200.00 | \$ 48,386.00 | | \$ 300,208.00 | | Low Bidder |
| 12 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | December 21, 2017 | PA System Upgrade | Laurentian Learning | Bernard Rochefort | Bernard Rochefort | \$ 55,000.00 | \$ 7,150.00 | | \$ 74,580.00 | | Low Bidder |
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| 15 | January 4, 2018 | HVAC Controls & Domestic Hot Water Upgrades | Whitewoods | Metal Air | Metal Air | \$ 81,142.55 | \$ 10,548.53 | | \$ 90,673.00 | | Low Bidder |
| 16 | | | | Patrick Mechanical | | | | | | | |
| 17 | | | | Bernard Rochefort | | | | | | | |
| 18 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | January 4, 2018 | Lighting Outdoor | Evergreen | EA Shipman | EA Shipman | \$ 35,587.00 | \$ 4,626.31 | | \$ 27,111.00 | | Low Bidder |
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| 22 | January 4, 2018 | Mechanical Control Upgrades & Auditorium Lighting Upgrades | Land of Lakes | EA Shipman | EA Shipman | \$ 79,682.00 | \$ 10,358.66 | | \$ 110,293.00 | | Low Bidder |
| 23 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 | January 5, 2018 | Indoor & Outdoor Lighting Upgrades, Lighting Controls & Mechanical Control Upgrades | FJ McElligott | Venasse | Venasse | \$ 360,000.00 | \$ 46,800.00 | | \$ 337,592.00 | | Low Bidder |
| 25 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 26 | January 9, 2018 | Gym & Outdoor Lighting Upgrades | Northern | Venasse | Venasse | \$ 65,000.00 | \$ 8,450.00 | | \$ 60,440.00 | | Low Bidder |
| 27 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 | January 9, 2018 | Exhaust Fans, ERV Heating Control Upgrades | Alliance | Venasse | Venasse | \$ 58,000.00 | \$ 7,540.00 | | \$ 72,866.00 | | Low Bidder |
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December 19, 2017

David Thompson, Chair
Near North Board of Education
963 Airport Road, PO Box 3110
North Bay, ON
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Dear David,

*Unless someone like you,
cares a whole awful lot,
nothing is going to get better.
It's not.*

- Dr. Seuss

I want to express my profound thanks and appreciation to you for your support of the Festival of the Sound. You have been with us from our earliest days and we have benefited greatly from your consistent commitment to our organization.

The Festival's vision includes a strong youth component. We believe that the survival of live performance music is contingent upon the nurturing of an informed, appreciative audience, one which, of necessity must begin in the hearts and minds of our young. As you are intimately aware, the Festival's Music Scores Program takes music into all the schools in our region. Each year every child in grades four through six throughout our district has the opportunity to meet professional musicians from all 'wavelengths' of the musical spectrum. We've hosted percussionists, string quartets, brass ensembles, vocalists--- in fact, performers from every conceivable musical tradition, all introduced in small performance venues--- usually school gymnasiums---to enthusiastic, youthful acclaim.

As well, each year we sponsor young artists, outstanding musicians at the beginning of their careers. We showcase their talents and provide them a venue in which to demonstrate their artistic prowess. Jan Lisiecki, one of the world's great young concert pianists and a Canadian, performed here in the early days of his meteoric rise, and this year we had with us a young cellist, Cameron Crozman who performed with a rare Stradivarius on loan to him from the Canada Council Musical Instrument Bank.

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1 Avenue Road
Parry Sound, Ontario
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We on the Festival Board recognize that not all boards of education have the same priorities when it comes to the support of music in their classrooms. It sometimes feels as though music is viewed as a frill, something which might be nice in a perfect world but which can be sacrificed in the name of fiscal responsibility. Your support of and encouragement for the life-enhancing gift of music in our schools is most encouraging.

So, once again, thank you all for your continued support, and may the best of the Season's Bounty fall to you and to those you cherish.

With respect,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ian Fleming".

Ian Fleming
President



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Dear Mr. Thompson:

Re: Music Scores Elementary School Program

On November 10, 2017, the Festival of the Sound was pleased to have the children from our local public schools (grades 4-6) come to the Charles W. Stockey Centre to listen to the Festival artists, Graham Campbell, Ben MacDonald Chris Kettlewell and Josh Lane. What an exciting morning and afternoon of music was enjoyed by many. This was the culmination of a week of musical performances held daily at all our area schools.

During our spring session of Music Scores, the Cecilia String Quartet entertained at the local schools and we supplied all the children with complimentary tickets to our Festival of the Sound summer music festival. I enjoyed seeing some of the children use these complimentary tickets during our three week summer festival.

Our Music Scores programme is now enjoying its 12th year and we are pleased to be able to visit schools from MacTier to Whitestone, Parry Island to Britt and all points in between. This provides us with a unique opportunity to offer some students with a first time visit to the Charles W. Stockey Centre for the Performing Arts. It truly is an exciting day.

Over the past many years we have appreciated the School Board's financial support of this program. Our 2017 expenses for this program totalled \$17,101.16. These fees consist of Musicians Fees, Accomodations, Hall Rental and Tech Services, Mileage and Meals.

During these two weeks we are pleased to have the support of transportation provided by the schools along with many school volunteers, Festival board volunteers and staff helping out in all areas.

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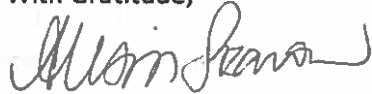
In previous years we have been so appreciative of the support of the School Board in helping us cover expenses.

This year I am again writing to ask for your continued support of this Music program in the amount of \$6,000.

We hope that we can again count on your support and thank you for your efforts in helping us continue this program for many more years.

Mr. Thompson we are now closing out our 2017 year and look forward with anticipation to our Music Scores program of 2018. I would like to extend an invitation to you to come and join us at one of the area schools during the week or on the Friday concert at the Charles W. Stockey Centre.

With Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alison Scarrow".

Alison Scarrow,
Executive Director,
Festival of the Sound.

cc: James Beatty, NNDSB.

Regional Curriculum Steering Committee North East Region

Fall 2017 Newsletter



A Tiered Approach to Challenging Behaviour

Sue Wilson, Lisa Mason and Dawn McMillan (Near North DSB)

School Board Behaviour Councillors described how they support students within the regular classroom. Councillors observe students while learning and provide practical strategies to teacher and educational assistants to help manage student behaviour. A collaborative problem solving model is used to resolve behavioural issues in the context of the regular classroom.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Reference Group Presentation

Cheryl Zinszer (Ministry of Education)

An update was provided on the activities of the Ministry's Deaf / Hard of Hearing (DHH) Reference group. Participants were requested to provide suggestions to the Ministry on how to enhance programs and services for DHH students.



Triangulation of Data

Donna Randall and Tal Aheer (System Planning, Research and Innovation Division of the Incubation and Design Branch)

EQAO math perceptual data for a cohort of students over time was used to engage participants in a Triangulation of Data activity. Participants were asked, "Do students with special education needs perceive the learning environment differently, and are their scores on provincial assessments reflective of these perceptions, and does this shift over time?"



TELO

Martha Walli (Curriculum Assessment Student Success Policy Branch, specifically Technology Enabled Learning Ontario - TELO)

Martha presented a plenary session to the group about how e-Learning and TELO are providing equity of access for all students across the province. Martha's presentation included the virtual learning environment, blended learning and on-line resources. Thank you, Martha.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Elizabeth Mullholland, on the birth of her new grandson. As many will recall, we adjusted the agenda for the Northeastern CDSB presentation, *Making Math Visual*, so that Elizabeth could get back to Timmins for the special delivery. Little Logan was born a little earlier than expected at just over 6 pounds. Mother and baby are doing well. Grandma is good as well!

Please visit the "Sudbury-North Bay - FSB Community" for links to presentations.

<https://community.elearningontario.ca>

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(All lower case)

Carousel Sessions

Thank you to the dedicated educators who shared their knowledge and expertise about the work that they are involved with at the school level. They included:

- RMS: The Secondary Story - Sue Fawcett, Bonnie Marlow, Lisa Rogers (Near North DSB)
- MakerSpaces/Coding - James Eady, Jennifer Ferguson (Rainbow DSB)
- The Role of the Intensive Support Facilitator with Elementary Math - Natasha Folino, Lucie Gauthier, Stacey Copland, Krista Sarmatiuk (Sudbury Catholic DSB)
- RMS: Capacity Building in Elementary - Laurie Forth, Chris Walkling, Carrie Colbert (Near North DSB)
- Robotics - Vicky Zymantas (Rainbow DSB)
- Supporting Students in Mathematics Using a Visual Model - Christina Corbett, Elizabeth Mulholland (Northeastern Catholic DSB)



Feedback

Thank you for your feedback which is being used to plan for the Spring RCSC 2018.

We heard that you liked: the variety of topics, carousel sessions, and the ice breaker activities.

We heard you are asking for: More sharing of best practices, more time at carousels, and opportunity to collaborate with regional partners.

Next RCSC:

**Thursday,
April 26, 2018**

Thank you to our Planning Committee comprised of Shelly Warren, Natasha Folino, Stacey Copland, Roslyn Bowness, Sue Wilson, Susan Fawcett, Lisa Paradis and Daphne Brumwell.

Thank you in advance to our new members: Melba Rickard, Liz Tomatuk, Laurie Forth, Krista Sarmatiuk and Dr. Gaby Van der Giessen.

| December 2017 Month End Finance Report Expenditures (Budget as approved June 28, 2017) | Aug-17 Expenses (Audited) (Note 1) | Current Budget | Revised Estimates (Note 8) | Year-to-Date Actual | Commitments | Budget Remaining | % Remaining |
|---|---|---------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Classroom Teachers | 66,710,919 | 69,520,502 | 68,870,368 | 21,788,285 | 1,092 | 47,731,125 | 68% |
| Supply Staff | 4,286,623 | 2,274,572 | 2,628,721 | 1,499,196 | | 775,376 | 34% |
| Educational Assistants | 8,430,120 | 9,140,590 | 8,997,859 | 3,538,978 | | 5,601,612 | 61% |
| Early Childhood Educators | 2,180,590 | 2,283,054 | 2,308,621 | 916,643 | | 1,366,411 | 59% |
| Classroom Computers (Notes 2 and 7) | 943,026 | 871,699 | 871,699 | 368,648 | 86,735 | 416,316 | 47% |
| Texts and Learning Materials (Note 2) | 2,530,491 | 2,838,588 | 2,859,588 | 1,425,779 | 555,838 | 856,971 | 30% |
| Professionals and Paraprofessionals | 4,352,367 | 4,623,806 | 4,702,419 | 1,491,641 | 14,864 | 3,117,301 | 67% |
| Library and Guidance | 1,458,790 | 1,581,582 | 1,567,254 | 485,390 | 18,513 | 1,077,679 | 68% |
| Staff Development (Note 4) | 945,752 | 1,152,748 | 1,271,080 | 311,117 | 23,082 | 818,549 | 71% |
| Coordinators & Consultants (Note 4) | 2,766,448 | 3,204,416 | 3,368,496 | 816,290 | 105,063 | 2,283,063 | 71% |
| Principals & Vice-Principals | 6,081,227 | 5,926,436 | 5,964,215 | 2,162,383 | 2,250 | 3,761,803 | 63% |
| Department Heads | 138,483 | 143,532 | 143,532 | 47,090 | | 96,442 | 67% |
| School Office - Secretaries & Supplies (Note 2) | 3,470,170 | 3,726,085 | 3,692,081 | 1,322,930 | 144,969 | 2,258,186 | 60% |
| Transportation | 10,875,410 | 11,122,977 | 11,265,365 | 4,513,024 | | 6,609,953 | 59% |
| Transportation Amortization | | | | | | | |
| Operations & Maintenance - Schools (Note 2) | 13,417,059 | 13,465,999 | 13,617,463 | 3,959,579 | 3,133,050 | 6,373,370 | 47% |
| Continuing Education | 843,300 | 748,850 | 749,028 | 209,721 | 6,021 | 533,108 | 71% |
| Instructional Amortization | 709,784 | 822,225 | 707,834 | | | 822,225 | 100% |
| Trustees | 118,361 | 111,193 | 111,193 | 32,724 | 2,530 | 75,939 | 68% |
| Director & Supervisory Officers | 1,181,340 | 871,078 | 881,339 | 381,290 | 10,770 | 479,018 | 54% |
| Board Administration (Note 2) | 3,141,689 | 3,424,419 | 3,424,250 | 1,186,480 | 179,698 | 2,058,241 | 60% |
| Administration Amortization | 52,091 | 61,132 | 54,517 | | | 61,132 | 100% |
| School Renewal/Condition Improvement (Note 3) | 381,533 | 505,661 | 505,661 | | | 505,661 | 100% |
| Direct Capital and Approved Debt (Note 5) | 2,106,202 | 2,477,396 | 2,382,964 | 496,299 | | 1,981,097 | 79% |
| Pupil Accommodation Amortization | 8,406,865 | 7,613,263 | 8,129,630 | | | 7,613,263 | 100% |
| Other Non-Operating Expenses | 1,608,073 | 596,317 | 725,817 | 135,256 | | 461,061 | 77% |
| Other Amortization and Write Downs | 11,527 | | | | | | |
| | 147,148,240 | 149,108,120 | 149,800,994 | 47,088,743 | 4,284,475 | 97,734,902 | 65% |

| December 2017 Month End Finance Report Revenues (Budget as approved June 28, 2017) | Revenues (Audited) (Note 1) | Current Budget | Revised Estimates (Note 8) | Year-to-Date Actual | Commitments | Budget Remaining | % Remaining |
|---|--|---------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| MET Grants (Note 4) | 87,623,996 | 92,402,850 | 94,365,486 | 38,513,362 | | 53,889,488 | 58% |
| Other Provincial Grants (Note 4) | 2,359,078 | 1,185,370 | 1,204,720 | 149,023 | | 1,036,347 | 87% |
| Federal Grants and Fees (Tuition/Transportation) | 2,325,277 | 2,425,026 | 2,496,569 | 1,297,459 | | 1,127,567 | 46% |
| Municipal and Unorganized Taxes | 41,851,692 | 42,907,878 | 41,487,907 | 19,720,590 | | 23,187,288 | 54% |
| Other School Board Recoveries (Shared Facilities) | 222,920 | 187,040 | 187,040 | | | 187,040 | 100% |
| Other Revenues (Note 6) | 2,985,927 | 868,298 | 1,022,814 | 940,295 | | (71,997) | |
| Amortization of Deferred Capital Contributions | 9,107,726 | 8,430,973 | 8,891,981 | | | 8,430,973 | 100% |
| | 146,476,616 | 148,407,435 | 149,656,517 | 60,620,729 | | 87,786,706 | 59% |

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Note 1 Prior Year Comparative Figures

The prior year comparative figures reflect the most recent audited financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2017. The audited financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2017 were approved by the Board of Trustees at the November 28, 2017 Board meeting.

Note 2 Issuance of Blanket Purchase Orders for Annual Costs

At the beginning of the current fiscal year, finance has requested that blanket purchase orders be generated for such annual expenses as utilities of gas, oil and electricity, telephone costs, photocopier lease charges and copy charges as well as classroom computer network costs in order to streamline accounting processes. For this reason current commitments representing annual anticipated costs are charged immediately to the budget committing budget dollars. Then as actual invoices and bills are received throughout the year, the expense will be recorded in the year-to-date actual expense column with the commitment relieved.

Note 3 School Renewal and School Condition Improvement Grants

A School Board's annual School Renewal Allocation is comprised of renewal monies for expenditures that are of a capital nature as well as renewal monies of an operating nature to address operating/maintenance type expenditures. Current capital in-year school expenditures and capital commitments are not recorded in this budget line as these represent capital expenditures for School Renewal and School Condition Improvement capital projects. As per Ministry guidelines, only a small portion of School Renewal annual funding is permitted to be spent on non-capital expenditures (operating expenditures). Capital expenditures for School Renewal, School Condition Improvements and other capital projects including Land of Lakes Retrofit, Parry Sound Public School, planned Parry Sound JK-12 Build, Woodland Childcare and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Efficiency projects are funded by the Ministry, with funds flowed to School Boards after the filing of the March Report and the annual Financial Statements. The Ontario Financing Authority no longer finances long-term debt. The Ministry further provides funding for short-term interest expenditures.

Note 4 Other Provincial Grants

Provincial grants initially budgeted are only the grants whereby monies were confirmed at time of approving the 2017-2018 budget. These external grants include but are not limited to French as a Second Language, Odyssey French Language Monitor Program, Renewed Math Strategy, Community Use of Schools – Outreach Coordinator, Specialist High Skills Major, Indigenous Re-Engagement, Adult Basic Literacy, Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP), Early Years Leads Program and English as a Second Language. Other significant external grants will be received within the current operating year that has not been originally budgeted for. However in these cases, expenditures are not to exceed revenues with separate budgets established for these other external grants received to monitor revenues and expenditures. Other provincial grants that are from the Ministry of Education are reported in MET Grants in month end finance report. 36 External Grants have been received to-date this year in the amount of \$3.065 million.

Note 5 Direct Capital and Approved Debt

The Ministry recognizes the debt on all capital programs such as NPP, Good Places to Learn (Phases 1, 2, 3 and 4), Capital Priorities, School Consolidation Capital, Prohibitive to Repair, etc. based on eligible capital expenditures. For those long term capital expenditures related to prior capital programs that were funded through the Ontario Financing Authority (OFA), the Board will receive a cash flow from the Ministry of Education to meet their annual debt repayments of principal and interest payments. The March 2017 Ontario Financing Authority issue was the final opportunity for Boards to request long-term financing through the OFA. Moving forward in 2017/2018 with regard to capital projects, the Ministry will cash flow payments to Boards twice per year based on reported capital expenditures. The Ministry will continue to fund short-term interest costs related to these capital expenditures on a semi-annual basis.

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Note 6 Other Revenues

Current year-to-date revenues include additional monies received not budgeted for. Refer to below schedule with regard to analysis of revenues budgeted, revenue received-to-date as well as prior year's revenues:

| | August 2017 Revenues | Current Budget | Year-to-Date Actuals |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Theatre Outreach ticket sales, donation, registration fees | 23,842 | 20,000 | 861 |
| Sale – Capital Recovery | 19,075 | - | - |
| Tuition Fees | 403,465 | 463,960 | 238,143 |
| Interest income | 25,564 | - | 62,517 |
| Release/Secondments (Wages/benefits recoverable income) | 1,281,002 | 220,729 | 241,232 |
| Incllement Weather Days | - | 42,200 | - |
| Hydro/Union Gas Rebates | 81,120 | - | - |
| Hydro One rebates and Solar Panel Revenues - Almaguin | - | 20,000 | 19,396 |
| Muskoka Language International | 89,380 | - | - |
| OSBIE 2017 surplus refund | 98,855 | - | 103,546 |
| WSIB claim refund | 18,937 | - | 3,205 |
| Ontario Arts Council | 50,000 | - | 40,000 |
| School College Work Study Initiative | - | - | - |
| Various rental incomes | 88,897 | 70,000 | 21,877 |
| Administration Fees | 34,265 | 20,000 | 15,015 |
| Consolidation – Transportation & Charity | 198,831 | - | - |
| C.O.D.E. – Technology and Learning Fund | 152,886 | - | 112,066 |
| C.O.D.E. – Student Injury Prevention Policy | - | - | 9,494 |
| Nipissing Parry Sound Catholic DSB (Psycho-educational Assessments) | 76,600 | - | - |
| Nipissing Parry Sound Transportation Consortium | 18,228 | - | 3,509 |
| IB Program Fees | 26,900 | - | 10,200 |
| Reversal of Previously Recorded Liability for Retirement Gratuities | 145,192 | - | - |
| Summer Literacy Program 2017 | 97,144 | - | - |
| CWA Foundation Grant (West Ferris) | - | - | 10,000 |
| CWA Foundation Grant (Chippewa) | - | - | 28,000 |
| CWA Foundation Grant (Almaguin) | - | - | 14,000 |
| Collingwood TV Productions (recovery of utility costs King George) | 6,278 | - | 5,051 |
| Various other incomes | 49,466 | 11,409 | 2,183 |
| | <u>\$ 2,985,927</u> | <u>\$ 868,298</u> | <u>\$ 940,295</u> |

Note 7 Classroom Computers

The current budget of \$871,699 includes only classroom computer operational expenditures without expenditures of a capital nature. Until such time as year-end is completed, currently included in classroom computer operating expenditures is \$141,524.50 of capital expenditures which will be capitalized and removed from operating expenses.

Note 8 Revised Estimates

Current budget reflects the budget established for 2017-2018 school year as passed by the Board June 28, 2017.

Upon filing of the Board's Revised Estimates with the Ministry December 15, 2017, the Board is now reporting a compliant in-year deficit of \$144,477, which represents a decrease from Original Estimate's in-year deficit of \$700,685. This is a result of actual enrolment as captured at October 31, 2017 count date being up over projected enrolment by approximately 171 students. Also included in Revised Estimates Grant for Student Needs is new Rural and Northern Education Grant Allocation and expenditures of \$485,660.