

# COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Tuesday, November 12, 2024 | 5:30 PM

## AGENDA

### 1.0 Call to Order

#### 1.1 Land acknowledgement

We would like to open this meeting by acknowledging the traditional territories of the Anishinaabe, on which all schools of the NNDSB are situated. The Board Office is specifically located on the traditional territory of the Nipissing First Nation. We value the cultures, histories and relationships with the Indigenous People of Turtle Island. We are grateful to be gathered here today.

#### 1.2 Attendance

Confirmation of Quorum

#### 1.3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

### 2.0 Approval of the Agenda ✓

#### Motion:

That the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting of November 12, 2024 be approved.

### 3.0 Review of Previous Minutes ✓

#### Motion:

That the minutes for the Committee of the Whole meeting of October 8, 2024 be approved.

### 4.0 New Business

#### 4.1 Notice of Motion Trustee Steer✓

Be it resolved that OPSBA work with the Ministry of Education and the Ontario Mining Association to promote educational student success programs that are directly and indirectly related to modern mining.

### 5.0 Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee

(TBD at November Organizational meeting and is a future standing item on CW)

### 6.0 Adjournment

#### Motion:

That on November 12, 2024 we do now adjourn at \_\_\_\_pm.



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Ashley St. Pierre, Chair

Craig Myles, Director of Education

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The October 8, 2024 **Committee of the Whole Public Session** of the Near North District School Board was held in person at the Head Office and via a Zoom video and/or teleconference.

**Trustees Present:**

Ashley St. Pierre ®  
Howard Wesley  
Jeanie Fuscaldo ®  
Caren Gagne  
Shane Hall  
Chantal Phillips (5:44 pm)  
Bill Steer  
Louise Sargent  
Student Trustee Trudeau

**Regrets:** Julie Bertram

**Administrative Staff Present:**

Craig Myles, Director of Education  
Seija Van Haesendonck, Superintendent of Business  
Timothy Graves, Superintendent ®  
Melanie Gray, Superintendent ®  
Brett Hanson, Communications  
Maureen Egan, Executive Assistant  
Glenn Morrison, Manager IT ®

**Other:**

Staff, Union partners, media

**Regrets:** Gay Smylie, Superintendent

® attended remotely via Zoom video or audio conference

**1.0 Call to Order**

Vice Chair Wesley called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Vice Chair Wesley chaired the meeting because Chair St. Pierre attended remotely.

**1.1 Land acknowledgement**

Vice-Chair Wesley read the declaration aloud.

**1.2 Attendance**

Attendance indicated that 9 trustees were present.

**1.3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest n/a**

**2.0 Approval of the Agenda**

Motion: CW 2024-10-01 C.Gagne/S.Hall

That the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting of October 8, 2024, be approved as amended. The amendment being the addition of item 4.2 McDougall Public School by Trustee Gagne.- CARRIED.

### 3.0 Review of Previous Minutes

Motion: CW 2024-10-02 B. Steer/C. Gagne

That the minutes for the Committee of the Whole meeting of September 10, 2024 be approved. – CARRIED.

### 4.0 New Business

#### 4.1 Bylaw and Governance Review – W. Joudrie ✓

Director Myles introduced Wayne Joudrie retired Director of Education and Ministry Special Advisor who has done significant work for the board over the years. Wayne has worked with the board on the review of our bylaws and governance since March and is in attendance this evening to present the final review. Wayne Joudrie provided highlights of the workshop around our current governance manual, highlighting key areas as we move it to the Bylaw committee, then to public input and then ultimately Board approval. Over the course of six months Wayne updated the manual where items were out of date and also provided training and support to trustees, further establishing their foundation of good governance.

Bylaw 121 Electronic Meetings was highlighted because new rules by the Ministry will come into effect September 2025 whereby trustees must attend meetings in person if their residence is under 125 km. OPSBA disagrees with this approach and Wayne suggested we rely on OPSBA for common language that every board will use.

GP 202 Development of Policies, Administrative Guidelines and Bylaws was highlighted as a reminder from Wayne Joudrie that the Board does not approve AGs but needs to be aware of them. GP 203 and 206 deleted because both are already defined in the *Education Act*. Wayne suggested next steps include the Bylaw committee review the entire package; monitor OPSBA's suggestions re electronic meetings and attendance and re integrity commission for proper language.

In conclusion Wayne thanked the board for their work noting NNDSB was very engaged and knew how important this aspect of their role is.

Vice Chair Wesley thanked Wayne and the trustees who worked closed on this project and asked trustees for comments and questions. Trustee Sargent asked if the bylaw committee should be re-named governance committee. Wayne suggested that moving forward a governance committee role would be to monitor and edit the manual. Can be changed at the next re-organization meeting.

Vice Chair Wesley asked for consensus to refer the package to the Bylaw Committee for review and consensus was reached. Director Myles thanked Wayne Joudrie for his work and wished him well in his retirement.

#### 4.2 McDougall Public School

Trustee Gagne referred to a June board motion re a committee being formed to review the McDougall PS area. She believes we have enough data having from area

municipalities and would recommend we write a letter to the Ministry. She suggested rescinding the June motion and tabling a new motion. Trustee Fuscaldo agreed with not striking a committee and that we proceed to contact the Ministry.

Motion: CW 2024-10-03 C. Gagne/B. Steer

That the Board approve Trustee Fuscaldo to draft a letter to the Ministry of Education asking to keep McDougall School open and allow NNDSB to reconfigure the new school build in Parry Sound. – CARRIED

**5.0 Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee**

(TBD at November Organizational meeting and is a future standing item on CW)

**6.0 Adjournment**

Motion: CW 2024-10-04 L.Sargent/S.Hall

That on October 8, 2024 we do now adjourn at 6:20pm. - CARRIED

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Notice of Motion – Modern Mining School Programs</b>
<b>Contact:</b>	Trustee Bill Steer
<b>Date Submitted:</b>	November 12, 2024
<b>Mandate:</b>	In alignment with NNDSB Bylaw 102, Trustee Steer provided notice to the Secretary of the Board, Director Myles, requesting an item be placed on the agenda for discussion during the November 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting.
<b>Background:</b>	<p>Modern Mining has four pillars: <b>Word of Work; Technology; Safety; Environment</b></p> <p>Direct and indirect mining employment opportunities exist throughout Ontario. Modern mining is a significant contributor to the Ontario economy, see <a href="https://oma.on.ca/en/ontario-mining/EconomicContribution.aspx#:~:text=In%202022%2C%20Ontario's%20mining%20sector,billion%20in%20wages%20and%20salaries.">https://oma.on.ca/en/ontario-mining/EconomicContribution.aspx#:~:text=In%202022%2C%20Ontario's%20mining%20sector,billion%20in%20wages%20and%20salaries.</a></p> <p>(First Nations in southern Ontario have agreements in the pits, quarries and aggregate sectors...in the north, there are community economic benefit agreements with mines.)</p> <p>In the North Bay region and within the boundaries of the NNDSB there are more than 60 mining related businesses. <a href="https://www.investinnorthbay.ca/industry/mining-supply-services/">https://www.investinnorthbay.ca/industry/mining-supply-services/</a></p> <p>There are many, more than one hundred and twenty associated job opportunities for high school graduates considering the world or work related to the four pillars of modern mining. <a href="https://www.miningneedsyou.ca/career-profiles/">https://www.miningneedsyou.ca/career-profiles/</a> (Human Relations Council)</p> <p>The Ministry of Education has programs that encourage mining related careers beyond co-op placements.</p> <p>High Skill Majors (HSM) <a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/specialist-high-skills-major">https://www.ontario.ca/page/specialist-high-skills-major</a> Skills Ontario <a href="https://www.skillsontario.com/">https://www.skillsontario.com/</a> (Canada- Ontario)</p> <p>Mining Matters is the educational arm of modern mining. <a href="https://miningmatters.ca/">https://miningmatters.ca/</a></p> <p>The Ontario Mining Association has a stand alone mining site for careers. <a href="https://blog.edgefactor.com/inspiring-the-next-generation-to-consider-an-exciting-career-in-mining">https://blog.edgefactor.com/inspiring-the-next-generation-to-consider-an-exciting-career-in-mining</a> (Edge Factor)</p> <p>The Prospectors and Developers Association has the same <a href="https://www.pdac.ca/members/students">https://www.pdac.ca/members/students</a></p>

<b>Resolution:</b>	Be it resolved that OPSBA work with the Ministry of Education and the Ontario Mining Association to promote educational student success programs that are directly and indirectly related to modern mining.
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