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Jay Aspin, Chair

Craig Myles, Director of Education

The February 25, 2020 **Public Session Board Meeting** of the Near North District School Board was held at 6:00 pm at the Head Office of the Near North District School Board.

Trustees Present:

Jay Aspin, Chair
Al Bottomley
Donna Breault
John Cochrane (via Parry Sound)
Harry Fry
Rob Learn
Louise Sargent
Bill Steer (via phone)

Brooklyn Beaucage (via Parry Sound)
Madelyn Meighan

Trustee Regrets:

Nichole King

Other:

Members of Federations
Members of the Press

Administrative Staff Present:

Craig Myles, Director of Education
Liz Therrien, Superintendent of Business
Gay Smylie, Acting Superintendent of Education
Mairghread Knought, Information and Communication Officer
Lucio Pavone, Executive Officer
Maureen Egan, Recording Secretary

Administrative Staff Present in Parry Sound:

Tim Graves, Superintendent of Education

Administrative Regrets:

Roslyn Bowness (attending at Niigaan Gdizhaami Forum in Toronto).

1.1 Call to Order

Chair Aspin called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Chair Aspin reminded trustees of the professionalism of the Board and that all remarks must relate to Board agenda items and Board business.

1.2 Attendance

Attendance indicated that 8 trustees were present for this meeting.

1.3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Trustee Steer declared a potential conflict with item 2.1 because he is employed with the Canadian Ecology Centre.

1.4 Approval of Agenda

Motion: 20-02-01 J. Cochrane/L. Sargent

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of February 25, 2020 be approved as amended. The amendment being the addition of item 3.1 Trustee Initiative Fund.

- Carried

1.5 Approval of Minutes

Motion: 20-02-02 D. Breault/R. Learn

That the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on January 28, 2020 be approved.

- Carried

1.6 Trustee Vacancy Recommendation from Committee of the Whole

Motion: 20-02-03 A. Bottomley/J. Cochrane

That the Trustee vacancy process be approved. **- Carried**

1.7 Declaration of Oath of Allegiance

Motion: 20-02-04, L. Sargent/A. Bottomley

That Harry Fry be appointed Trustee effective February 25, 2020. **- Carried**

Chair Aspin welcomed Trustee Fry to the Board.

2.0 Communication to the Board

2.1 Staff Presentations

Outdoor Learning

Chris Walkling and Heather Dabrowski presented the Board's pilot program of interdisciplinary outdoor learning experiences. This program is in partnership with the

the Canadian Ecology Centre. The program is named "Outdoor Ways of Learning and Sharing" (OWLS). Chair Aspin invited trustees to comment and ask questions. Trustee Cochrane noted that it is an excellent program and encouraged expansion.

Chair Aspin was very pleased that the program incorporates an assessment component and that we can learn differences between outdoor and classroom learning. He thanked Chris Walkling and Heather Dabrowski for their excellent presentation.

2.2 3:2 Consolidation Update

Director Myles highlighted the recently signed partnership with Canadore College and the opening of world class dance studio at West Ferris Secondary. He thanked Lucio Pavone for his leadership as well as many other significant team members including SOs, principals, teachers, Ron Coyne and Marianne Spears.

Lucio Pavone updated trustees on how the committee is supporting our students, community and staff.

2.3 Trustee Eligibility for Office

Chair Aspin referred trustees to the Director's report in the board agenda package and confirmed Trustee Breault's eligibility.

2.4 Information Items

Monthly Tender Report: January 2020 to February 2020
Administrative Guideline Concussion Safety for Students

2.5 Director's Update

School Visits

Throughout February the Director visited many of our schools including Sundridge, Magnetewan, Sunset Park, Whitestone, McDougall, MacTier, Parry Sound High School, Vincent Massey, ET Carmichael, Woodland and Nobel. He continues to visit more schools in the coming weeks.

Student Success

Director Myles briefly noted some recent success stories including:

Widdifield student Jazlyn McGuin and Chippewa student Maeve Stemp recipients of \$36,000 scholarship from Queen's University.

Excellence in volunteer work praised by the Rotary Club included Janessa Trahan from Widdifield, Gail Pinkerton from West Ferris and Kaylyn Robichaud from Chippewa.

Four IB students from Chippewa have been accepted into the Shad summer experience: Lauren and Michelle deLoyde, Lisa Zhao and Diljan Sidhu.

AJ Williamson and James Piper from West Ferris accepted at Western University for football.

Kali Coles from Almaguin Highlands received a scholarship to Queen's university for \$48,000.

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School Year Calendar

Consultation with community partners is completed and the calendar is in the agenda package which you received last week.

Elementary Program updates: Indigenous Education

We continue to see excellence in NNDSB Indigenous education and in fact walking through our program department illustrates this clearly with an abundance of indigenous literature and cultural pieces.

2.6 OPSBA Report

Trustee Steer emailed trustees (and hardcopy at the meeting) his OPSBA report and invited trustees to contact him with any questions. He reminded trustees of the AGM in Ottawa June 4-6. Chair Aspin thanked Trustee for his leadership.

2.7 Student Trustee Update

Student Trustee Meighan updated trustees on recent activities including the new student trustee election in early March. She encouraged everyone to visit Chippewa secondary following the board meeting to experience the beautiful display of indigenous art. She and co-trustee Brooklyn Beaucage attended the AECO-OSTA conference in February where they networked and engaged in various seminars.

Student Trustee Brooklyn Beaucage advised the trustees on some goals that she is working on including: land acknowledgement language in all Near North schools as well as an Ojibwe translation of Oh Canada. She will continue to update trustees on her goals moving forward.

3.0 Items for Decision

3.1 Trustee Initiative Fund

Motion: 20-02-05, L. Sargent/J. Cochrane

That the Festival of Sound request for funding in the amount of \$6,000 be approved.
- Carried

Motion: 20-02-06, A. Bottomley/R. Learn

That the Near North Student Robotics Initiative's request for funding in the amount of \$15,000 be approved. **- Carried**

3.2 Report from the Multi-Year Strategic Planning Committee

Motion: 20-02-07, D. Breault/R. Learn

That the process for the 2020-2022 Multi-Year Strategic Plan be approved as presented. **- Carried**

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3.3 Updated Capital Plan

Motion: 20-02-08, L. Sargent/D. Breault
That the updated Capital Plan be approved. - **Carried**

3.4 School Year Calendar 2020-21

Motion: 20-02-09, A. Bottomley/L. Sargent
That the Board approve the 2020-21 School Year Calendar. - **Carried**

3.5 EL#7 Financial Condition

Motion: 20-02-10, J. Cochrane/A. Bottomley
That the Board approve EL#7 Month End Finance Report for the month of January 2020. - **Carried**

4.0 In-Camera

4.1 Motion: 20-02-11, R. Learn/A. Bottomley
That the Board move into In-Camera at 7:25 pm. - **Carried**

4.2 Arise and Report

Motion: 20-02-12, H. Fry/D. Breault
That the Board arise and report from In-Camera. - **Carried**

4.3 CUPE Ratification

Motion: 20-02-13, J. Cochrane/L. Sargent
That the Board approve CUPE Local 1165-1 Office, Clerical & Technical Memorandum of Settlement on Local Terms. - **Carried**

Motion: 20-02-14, R. Learn/D. Breault
That the Board approve CUPE Local 1165-2 Custodial & Maintenance Memorandum of Settlement on Local Terms. - **Carried**

5.0 Motion to Adjourn

Motion: 20-02-15, H. Fry/A. Bottomley
That the Board meeting of February 25, 2020 adjourn at 7:45 pm. – **Carried**