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Jay Aspin, Chair

Craig Myles, Director of Education

The April 28, 2020 **Public Session Board Meeting** of the Near North District School Board was held via teleconference.

Trustees Present:

Jay Aspin, Chair
John Cochrane, Vice-Chair
Donna Breault
Al Bottomley
Harry Fry
Nichole King
Rob Learn
Madelyn Meighan (student trustee)
Louise Sargent
Bill Steer

Administrative Staff Present:

Craig Myles, Director of Education
Liz Therrien, Superintendent of Business
Ros Bowness, Superintendent
Tim Graves, Superintendent
Gay Smylie, Acting Superintendent of Education

Liana Blaskievich, Corporate Affairs
Maureen Egan, Recording Secretary
Mairghread Krought, Information and Communication Officer
Glenn Morrison, Manager of IT
Lucio Pavone, Executive Officer
Jason Mrtyl, Health & Safety Officer

Trustee Regrets:

Brooklyn Beaucage (student trustee)

Other:

Members of Federations
Members of the Press

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1.1 Call to Order

Chair Aspin called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and acknowledged the traditional territories of the Anishinaabe on which all schools of the NNDSB are located.

A moment of silence was held acknowledging the death Wayne Bowles, West Ferris Secondary student.

1.2 Attendance

Attendance indicated that nine trustees and one student trustee were present for this meeting.

1.3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest NIL

1.4 Approval of Agenda

Motion: 20-04-01 L. Sargent/R. Learn

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of April 28, 2020 be approved.

- Carried

1.5 Approval of Minutes

Motion: 20-04-02 H.Fry/L. Sargent

That the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on March 25, 2020 be approved. -

Carried

2.0 Communication to the Board

2.1 Information Items:

a) Electronic Board meetings

Report included. The board was pleased to support staff's recommendation of Microsoft Teams platform to conduct Board and CW meetings.

b) COVID-19 Health and Safety Update

Report included. The Director was very proud of the hard work of Jason Mrtyl and his team who drafted the very thorough and extensive document entitled Global Pandemic NNDSB Health and Safety Response.

c) COVID-19 Program and Learning Update

Report included. Director Myles thanked the Program department led by SO Graves for the very broad and indepth capture of the work being done to support distance learning. The Program department continues to work very hard and long hours to ensure students and families are served. Trustee Learn asked if we have received ipads from the Ministry. SO Graves responded that ipads have been ordered but not received yet.

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- d) West Ferris Parking Lot Tender Update
Report included. Director Myles noted this will be brought to trustees during budget deliberations.
- e) Monthly Tender Report
March 2020 to April 2020
- f) Student Trustee Election
Report included. Chair Aspin indicated the Board would support the recommendation re the election of the new student trustee who will take office and be sworn in at the September board meeting.

2.2 Director's Update

Report included. Director Myles expressed his condolences to the family and friends re the tragic death of student Wayne Bowles.

Director Myles briefly reviewed his written report noting that despite the challenges of COVID-19 the Board is continuing its normal work and obligations.

Chair Aspin noted expressed his appreciation for the tremendous community work being done by the Board and its priority of employee well-being during COVID. He noted that community work was highlighted in the Special Advisors' Report to the Ministry as being deficient and how pleased he was that the Director is immediately meeting this recommendation and put programs and activities in place and the community feedback coming back to the Board is reassuring.

2.3 OPSBA Report

Trustee Steer provided a verbal report including an anti-bullying submission he is working on with other OPSBA directors.

2.4 Student Trustees' Update

Student Trustee Meighen highlighted her written report that was included in the agenda.

3.0 Items for Decision

3.1 EL#7 Financial Condition

Motion: 20-04-03, H. Fry/R. Learn

That the Board approve EL#7 Month End Finance Report for the month of March 2020. - **Carried**

4.0 Committees Reports

4.1 Standing Committees

a) Finance Committee

Unofficial minutes dated April 21, 2020. On behalf of Trustee Cochrane, Chair Aspin briefly reviewed.

b) Multi-Year Strategic Planning

Trustee Steer provided a verbal update noting the completion of phase one (surveys) and that he will report back once phase two has begun. He also made trustees aware of the importance of this regular reporting to the board due to the priority of the MYP.

4.2 Ad Hoc Committees

a) Parry Sound Architecture Selection Committee

Unofficial minutes dated April 22, 2020. On behalf of Trustee Cochrane Chair Aspin provided a verbal update to note the staff is preparing to move forward with an RFP for an architect.

4.3 Staff Committees

a) 3:2 Consolidation Update

Report included. L. Pavone provided a summary of his written report and answered trustees' questions/comments. Trustee Breault asked if timetables will be ready in June. L. Pavone responded that timetables are on schedule for release but that we need to wait for the release of the GSNs. Trustee Breault offered support to assist with the consolidation.

4.4 Legislated Committees

a) SEAC

Unofficial minutes dated April 16, 2020. Trustee Fry, chair of SEAC, referred to the minutes and noted the committees' work re budget. He was also pleased to note that special education students are getting the supports they require during COVID-19

5.0 Motion from In-Camera

5.1 Motion: 20-04-04, R. Learn/D. Breault

That item 3.0 from the in-camera committee of the whole be approved. - **Carried**

6.0 Motion to Adjourn

Motion: 20-04-05, N. King/H. Fry

That the Board meeting of April 28, 2020 adjourn at 7:30 pm. – **Carried**