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Jay Aspin, Chair

Craig Myles, Director of Education

The May 25, 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
Harry Fry
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 Knought, Information and Communication Officer
Glenn Morrison, Manager of IT
Lucio Pavone, Executive Officer
Marianne Speirs, Manager Capital Projects

Trustee Regrets:

Al Bottomley
Nichole King
Rob Learn
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 6:00 pm and acknowledged the traditional territories of the Anishinaabe on which all schools of the NNDSB are located.

1.2 Attendance

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

1.3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest NIL

1.4 Approval of Agenda

Motion: 20-05-01 J. Cochrane/H. Fry

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of May 25, 2020 be approved.

- Carried

1.5 Approval of Minutes

Motion: 20-05-02 L. Sargent/B. Steer

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

Carried

2.0 Communication to the Board

2.1 Information Items:

a) School Coalition Energy Report
Report included.

b) Monthly Tender Report
April 2020 to May 2020

2.2 Director's Update

Director Myles briefly reviewed his written report noting and thanking the board departments including Information Technology, Finance, Human Resources and Facilities for their very hard work during these last few months of the pandemic.

The Director commented on staffing noting that the overall landscape is much more positive in 2020. Less staff are being impacted in their roles, which results in less disruption to our students in the classrooms. Union/Board relationships continue to build through open communication and increased transparency. Furthermore, enhanced collaboration between administrative departments is resulting in heightened understanding and mutual respect among staff members.

The Director drew trustees' attention to our students who were recognized as part of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Their good citizenship and understanding and acceptance of human differences and individual qualities demonstrates excellence in our students and schools.

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2.3 OPSBA Report

Trustee Steer provided a verbal report including a brief summary of the virtual meeting he attended recently as the board's representative. OPSBA continues to support the government during this challenging time and he was pleased that Minister Lecce addressed the attendees. All collective agreements were ratified except for local agreements. The AGM has been re-scheduled to the fall. Chair Aspin thanked Trustee Steer for his representation and is pleased that Minister Lecce will be providing clarity before the end of June on the upcoming school year.

2.4 Student Trustees' Update

Student Trustee Meighen highlighted her written report that was included in the agenda and introduced incoming student trustee Madeleine Hall-Paradis.

3.0 Items for Decision

3.1 EL#7 Financial Condition

Motion: 20-05-03, J. Cochrane/H.Fry

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

3.2 May Report to the Minister

Motion: 20-05-04, L. Sargent/D. Breault

That the May Report to Minister Lecce be approved. – **Carried**

Chair Aspin will forward this response along with our solution to its key recommendation as a package to the Minister. He advised that we will shoot for implementation of our proposed solution for the new calendar year this fall - September 2020.

4.0 Committees Reports

4.1 Standing Committees

a) Finance Committee

Unofficial minutes dated May 11, 2020. Finance Chair Cochrane complimented Director Myles, SBO Therrien and Manager Proulx for their excellent update at the Finance Committee meeting. He is pleased that we are moving ahead and that we are in a surplus position. He is also very pleased that the majority of the recommendations the Special Advisors' identified have been implemented. He encouraged trustees to contact him with any specific questions.

Motion: 20-05-05, J. Cochrane/B.Steer

That the Budget Procedures manual be approved. – **Carried**

Motion: 20-05-06, J. Cochrane/L. Sargent

That the May quarterly report including the Trustee Initiative Fund be approved.

- Carried

b) Multi-Year Strategic Planning

Unofficial minutes dated May 25, 2020 and report to the Board were provided to Trustees prior to the meeting via email. MYP Co-chair Steer explained the report and recommendation. The Nanos Research group could not meet our proposed timelines because of low response survey results. Therefore it is suggested that the Committee postpone the next MYP steps until September as we cannot move ahead until we have sufficient data. Nanos will continue to survey our stakeholders. In September the committee will determine next steps re a facilitator led retreat. Chair Aspin commented that we are still planning to deliver stage one but due to COVID we are delayed.

4.2 Ad Hoc Committees

a) Fricker Build Update

Report included. Manager Speirs addressed the board and noted that the project is on time and progressing well. Chair Aspin thanked Manager Speirs for the update and was also pleased with the progress.

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. Trustee Cochrane complimented L. Pavone and the Committee on the excellent work with principals, staff and unions during this time. He said the Committee has 100% support from the Trustees. Chair Aspin said he is very appreciative of the Committees' work during this trying time of the pandemic.

4.4 Legislated Committees

a) FNAC: Unofficial minutes dated February 12, 2020.

5.0 Motion to Adjourn

Motion: 20-05-07, J. Cochrane/B. Steer

That we do now adjourn at 6:45 pm. – **Carried**



Jay Aspin
Chair



Craig Myles
Director of Education