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Jay Aspin, Chair

Craig Myles, Director of Education

The July 30, 2020 **Public Session Board Meeting** of the Near North District School Board was held via teleconference.

Trustees Present:

Jay Aspin, Chair
Al Bottomley
Harry Fry
Donna Breault
Nichole King
Rob Learn
Louise Sargent
Bill Steer

Administrative Staff Present:

Craig Myles, Director of Education
Liz Therrien, Superintendent of Business
Ros Bowness, Superintendent
Tim Graves, Superintendent
Maureen Egan, Recording Secretary
Lucio Pavone, Executive Officer
Mel Gray, Principal

Regrets: Gay Smylie, Acting Superintendent
of Education

Trustee Regrets:

John Cochrane, Vice-Chair

Other:

Members of the Press

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1.1 Call to Order

Chair Aspin called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm and acknowledged the traditional territories of the Anishinaabe on which all schools of the NNDSB are located.

1.2 Attendance

Attendance indicated that eight trustees were present for this meeting.

1.3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest NIL

1.4 Approval of Agenda

Motion: 20-07-01 B. Steer/L. Sargent

That the agenda for the Board meeting of July 30, 2020 be approved.

- Carried

2.0 Communication to the Board

2.1 Information Items:

a) Parent Correspondence

Included: Dylan Allison dated July 6th and Anne Marie McKenna dated July 8th.

b) Draft Re-Entry to School Plan

The draft re-entry to school plan was shared electronically. Director Myles thanked Superintendent Graves and his team for drafting and overseeing the re-entry plan. He noted that the landscape is continually changing and we are communicating regularly with our union partners, staff and principals. He recognized staff who have adjusted or cancelled their vacation to assist with this undertaking.

Superintendent Graves also thanked all those involved and acknowledged the NNDSB families who are eagerly awaiting information on re-entry. This is challenging because it is a fluid situation especially with ongoing changes to health and safety protocols from the health unit and the Ministry. He briefly reviewed the draft and invited trustees to ask questions.

Trustee Bottomley asked if sick rooms were being planned. Superintendent Graves advised this is being considered in the planning and has been addressed by the health unit protocols.

Trustee Sargent asked about the submission to the Ministry on August 4th. Superintendent Graves advised that our document will be shared with the Ministry along with our e-learning plan and that the Ministry would provide feedback and ask questions during that meeting.

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Trustee Fry asked for clarification regarding designated and non-designated boards. Superintendent Graves clarified that urban school boards are deemed designated and described what that looks like for those boards. NNDSB is a non-designated board.

Trustee Fry also asked if we need to access surplus dollars for re-opening. Director Myles advised that we are awaiting Ministry direction.

Trustee Learn asked about bussing protocols. Superintendent Graves advised that the consortium is providing that detail shortly.

Chair Aspin thanked Superintendent Graves and the senior team for their hard work. It is appreciated and acknowledged. He noted that we need to be creative and patient and work with our community as we navigate the re-opening process.

c) Multi-Year Strategic Planning

Co-chair Bill Steer provided a verbal update and advised that all trustees will be involved in the planning in the fall. Chair Aspin noted the excellent work of consultants N. Nanos and M. Ramsay and was pleased that the AAF funding extension was granted to support this work.

d) 3:2 Consolidation Update

Report included. L. Pavone reviewed the update.

3.0 Adjournment

3.1 Motion: 20-07-02, A. Bottomley/L. Sargent

That we do now adjourn at 7:12 pm. - **Carried**



Jay Aspin
Chair



Craig Myles
Director of Education