

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at 6:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96653722467>

Meeting ID: 966 5372 2467

Canada Toll-free: 855 703 8985

PUBLIC 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 March 16, 2021 be approved.

3.0 In-Camera

Motion: That the Board move into a Committee of the Whole (Private Session)

4.0 Arise and Report

5.0 Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings ✓

5.1 2021 02 16 Committee of the Whole- Public Meeting minutes

Motion: That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 16, 2021, be approved.

6.0 Bring Forward Business

Nil.

7.0 New Business

- 7.1 Parry Sound Architect Selection Update
- 7.2 NNDSB Trustee Initiative Fund application ✓

8.0 Adjournment

Motion: That on March 16, 2021 we do now adjourn at _____ pm.



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Craig Myles, Director of Education

The February 16, 2021 **Public Session Committee of the Whole** of the Near North District School Board was held via video and/or teleconference.

Trustees Present:

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

Administrative Staff Present:

Craig Myles, Director of Education
Deb Bartlett, Information/Communication Officer
Gay Smylie, Acting Superintendent
Josh Casey, Communications Coordinator
Krista Messenger, Executive Assistant
Lisa Collins, Interim Executive Officer
Liz Therrien, Superintendent of Business
Tim Graves, Superintendent
Wally Easton, Interim Executive Officer

Other:

Media and community partners

Trustee Regrets:

Student Trustee M. Paradis

Administrative Regrets:

Melanie Gray, Acting Superintendent

1.0 Call to Order

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

1.1 Land acknowledgement

Chair Aspin read the declaration aloud.

1.2 Attendance

Attendance indicated that nine trustees are present for the meeting.

1.3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

NIL

2.0 Approval of the Agenda

Motion: J. Cochrane/ H. Fry

That the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting of February 16, 2021 be approved as presented. - **Carried.**

3.0 In-Camera

At this time, Chair Aspin advised the Committee of the Whole would be moving into a private session. Members of the public were excused and advised they would be permitted back into the meeting once the Board arose in public session. A brief pause was noted to coordinate the appropriate video conference controls.

Motion: J. Cochrane/ R. Learn

That the Committee of the Whole move into an in-camera session. **-Carried.**

4.0 Arise and Report

The Committee arose and reported in the public session of Committee of the Whole. A brief pause was noted to coordinate the appropriate video conference controls to permit members of the public to re-enter the virtual meeting.

5.0 Approval of Previous Minutes

5.1 2020 10 13 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes

Board Chair Aspin referred all attendees to the meeting minutes contained in the agenda package.

Motion: B. Steer/ L. Sargent

That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on October 13, 2020, be approved. - **Carried**

6.0 Bring Forward Business

The Chair confirmed there was no outstanding business contained in the October 13, 2020, meeting minutes to bring forward.

7.0 New Business

7.1 Report from the Parry Sound Architect Selection Committee

Chair Aspin thanked Committee Chair King for presenting a thorough report during the in-camera session. Participants referred to the report contained in the agenda package regarding this item that detailed the detailed and multi-phased selection process used by the Committee to arrive at their final recommendation.

Chair Aspin noted a consensus has been reached regarding the firm to be recommended for approval by the Board. It is noted that this item will be brought forward with a resolution during the regular Board of Trustees meeting immediately following the Committee of the Whole session.

8.0 Motion to Adjourn

Motion: H. Fry/ N. King

That we do now adjourn at 6:38 pm. – **Carried**



Application for funding from the NNDSB Trustee Initiative Fund

Name of Organization:	Near North Student Robotics Initiative, FIRST Team 1305
Contact Person:	Anthony Koziol
Phone:	705-476-6927
Email address:	mrk@team1305.org

The NNDSB is interested in funding those organizations and projects that encompass an expanse of students from across the Near North District School Board, as a unifying platform. Please outline below how your organization or project meets this expectation:

- NNSRI supports STEM programming for students of aged 6 years to high school, from a variety of communities around the NNDSB catchment area: Sunridge, Sturgeon Falls, Almaguin, North Bay, Callander, Corbeil, Bonfield, Astorville.
- Direct mentorship of students by screened community volunteers from a variety of professions, including engineering, skilled trades, business, teaching, etc.
- We have 220 students with a variety of learning needs directly involved within our scope of programs: *FIRST* Robotics Competition, *FIRST* Tech Challenge, *FIRST* Lego League, *FIRST* Lego League Junior.
- We annually present, mentor, coach many more through direct outreach events across the Near North area or via webinars across Canada as one of five designated *FIRST* Canada Hub teams.

Funding amount requested:	\$15,000
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Please outline how this money will be spent, specifically:

2019/2020 funding:

- bought tooling and materials for prototyping and building a robot, supported event attendance costs at the high school level
- supported teams and the event production costs for 180 students from ages 9 to 14 years old from area schools at our *FIRST* Lego League Competition at WFSS
- supported team and event costs for our *FIRST* Lego League show case, one of only 5 in Ontario
- supported STEM outreach activities like the Science Festival and Robot Build Bash

2021 funding will:

- buy tooling and materials for prototyping and building a robot at the high school level for this year's abbreviated version of the 2021 competition and in preparation for expected full 2022 season
- support establishment of FTC programs and teams in the area
- buy LEGO equipment in support of less able teams at the grade school level
- help fund event registration costs at the provincial level for two levels of local *FIRST* Teams competing in this abbreviated season
- support event costs of 180 students from ages 9 to 14 years old from schools in all of Ontario to participate in only one of five *FIRST* Lego League events in this abbreviated season

- support team and event costs for our potential annual FLL tournament for the 2021 / 2022 season in early winter

What experience would our students gain or acquire that may not be available to them otherwise. We would like to hear how this funding will help you achieve your goals:

Participate in a program that gives them real time experience in an enterprise that offers

- hands-on experiences through designing, building, programming and driving robots,
- see and learn engineering, scientific and business principles
- interact with professionals from the community and learn directly from engineers, managers and owners, practical and soft-core skills for their future endeavors,
- create team business and presentation documents in multiple formats & mediums
- develop enhanced writing and verbal communication skills and apply them by presenting to community organizations via our numerous outreach events,
- compete at local, provincial and international level competitions

Team Accomplishments

- In 2020, while having completed the “build” portion of the season, but then not physically able to attend a competition with our robot, we virtually still competed for judged awards.
- Won the Ottawa Carlton District Chairman’s award which qualified us for the virtual Chairman’s Provincial Championships judging at which we won the top prize and a berth amongst 26 teams at the World Championship....that didn’t happen
- Student member awarded one of five Ontario Dean’s List finalists, *FIRST*’s student leadership recognition award. Team has one of the highest success rates in *FIRST*
- Designed and fabricated portable UV virus sterilization cart distributed across Canada to 50 FRC teams and their communities
- In late 2020 we kept active by participating in *FIRST* Canada’s virtual programming
- Continue to support STEM activities throughout our schools and communities

This funding is crucial to the accessibility of programs, activities, potential travel, and learning opportunities for students.

This funding will continue to contribute to the practical use of skills taught in academic classrooms. *FIRST* is a dynamic, fun, life-changing approach to learning. Because we are a *FIRST* hub in the Near North, we establish the building blocks that enable team members to enhance our community and the world through STEM and extensive community outreach.

FIRST promotes the core values of Discovery (new skills and ideas), Innovation (creative problem solving), Impact (real-world applications), Inclusion, Teamwork and Fun!

Date funding required:

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Approved by:	
Signature	
Date	
Date Final Report Submitted	