

Jay Aspin, Chair

Craig Myles, Director of Education

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### **Parry Sound Build Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Head Office of the Near North District School Board  
963 Airport Road, North Bay, ON

#### Committee Members Present

Jay Aspin, Board Chair  
John Cochrane, Committee Chair  
Gay Smylie, Superintendent  
Marianne Speirs, Capital Projects  
Manager  
Nichole King, Trustee

#### Staff Present

Craig Myles, Director of Education  
Krista Messenger, Executive Assistant  
Melanie Gray, Superintendent of Education  
Seija Van Haesendonck, Superintendent of Business  
Tim Graves, Superintendent

#### Regrets:

Rob Learn, Trustee

#### **1.0 Call to Order**

Committee Chair Cochrane called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Following the attendance call, it is noted that the meeting has quorum.

It is noted that additional members of the Executive team are present. Superintendent M. Gray is present as the Chair of the Parry Sound Build Programming Sub-Committee, Superintendent T. Graves is present as the Chair of the Parry Sound Building Sub-Committee, and Director Myles is present due to the scope of items to be discussed.

#### **2.0 Review of Agenda**

Committee Chair Cochrane referred members to the agenda in the agenda package. The floor was opened for additions, with none rose.

*Moved by Board Chair Aspin and seconded by Trustee King that the agenda for the Parry Sound Build Committee meeting of November 2, 2021 is approved as presented. - **CARRIED.***

#### **3.0 Review of Minutes**

##### **3.1 Review of Minutes- August 3, 2021**

Committee Chair Cochrane referred members to the meeting minutes contained in the agenda package. The floor was opened for corrections with none rose.

*Moved by Trustee King and seconded by Board Chair Aspin that the minutes of the August 3, 2021, meeting of the Parry Sound Build Committee be approved as presented. - **CARRIED.***

## **4.0 Business Arising**

### **4.1 Indigenous Engagement Planning- Update**

Superintendent Gray was invited to speak to this item. Highlights of the verbal report are noted as:

- The architect has reserved space for a design feature on the front of the build to reflect indigenous culture. In consultation with Trustee King, it was felt that this would be a great way to involve student voice in the build. Principal Buckland has been directed to work with students to gain input.
- Capital Projects Manager Speirs is putting together a report for the FNAC Committee to explore additional physical structures in support of land-based learning, access to the outdoors, and additional physical components in support of indigenous student achievement and well-being.
- Consensus and support from FNAC will be required before further steps can be taken. SO Gray will be pleased to follow up with any comments/decisions after the next meeting on November 24, 2021.

Supporting comments offered from Trustee King to note it would be so meaningful for First Nations students to have a special design feature included in the front walkway. Trustee King supports the intention to bring these suggestions forward to the FNAC Committee and to ask for additional funding to put towards the expense. There are grants available that NNDSB can apply to in partnership with First Nations communities in the Parry Sound area that have been applied to successfully in the past (max funding is approximately \$50,000). It will be essential to showcase the benefit to students and First Nation communities to receive their support for the grant and to remain engaged with the build.

Committee Chair Cochrane thanked SO Gray and Trustee King for this update. The floor was opened for questions, with none raised.

## **5.0 Report from Sub-Committees**

### **5.1 Parry Sound Programming Committee**

Committee Chair Cochrane noted a copy of the sub-committee minutes are contained in the agenda package. Superintendent Gray was invited to provide an update regarding the Programming Sub-Committee's ongoing work. It is noted that at the last meeting, Principal Buckland was tasked with creating a classroom allocation plan for both elementary and secondary students. The Programming Sub-Committee looks forward to reporting back on this information at the next opportunity. The Programming Sub-Committee continues to

problem solve around considerations brought forward on placement but expressed a renewed sense of confidence around the size of the building.

Committee Chair Cochrane opened the floor for questions, with none rose. SO Gray was thanked for the report provided.

## 5.2 Parry Sound Building Committee

Superintendent Graves was invited to speak to this item. Participants were referred to the report and minutes contained in the agenda package. Highlights of the information presented are noted as:

- An update was provided on the partial demolition to note the project is over 90% complete, with exterior siding and minimal roof work to be completed. The siding specified for the project was considered an item affected by supply chain issues, and therefore an alternate was selected and the installation is expected to commence this week. Completion of this portion of the JK12 build is expected by November 15th, 2021.
- Fire exiting is complete and the fire route around the building has been identified, as there has been a change due to the removal of the north west section of the building. Fire officials will be notified once the project is completed, and an onsite visit with the Fire Department will occur with M. Speirs to ensure they are aware of the new route/access. Snow removal for this region has been discussed with Maintenance staff.
- VG Architects will be the NNDSB's representatives at a scheduled Committee of Adjustment meeting with the Town of Parry Sound on November 10, 2021.
- They will be presenting a request to reduce the number of parking spaces as calculated by the current By-Law from 714 spaces to 292 spaces. This reduction, if granted, will greatly affect the amount of asphalt surface at the corner of Isabella Street and Parry Sound Drive and will ensure more green space on the property.

With no questions raised, Committee Chair Cochrane thanked SO Graves for the report.

## 5.0 New Business

### 5.1 JK-12 School Project Update

It is noted that there are no further updates to share regarding the build as part of the regular session.

## 6.0 In-Camera

Committee Chair Cochrane noted the committee would move into private session. *Moved by Board Chair Aspin and seconded by Superintendent Smylie that the Committee moves into private session. – CARRIED.*

Following the return to regular session, the Committee moved to adjourn the meeting.

## **7.0 Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, on November 2, 2021 the Parry Sound Build Committee stands adjourned at 1:55 PM.

Minutes: JC/GS/km.