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The November 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
Caren Gagne
Donna Breault
Louise Sargent
Cecilia Darling, Student Trustee

Administrative Staff Present:

Craig Myles, Director of Education
Deb Bartlett, Communications Officer
Gay Smylie, Superintendent of Education
Krista Messenger, Executive Assistant
Melanie Gray, Superintendent of Education
Tim Graves, Superintendent of Education
Seija Van Haesendonck, Superintendent of Business

Trustee Regrets:

Rob Learn
Nichole King

Other:

Staff, media and community partners

1.0 Call to Order

Chair Aspin called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

1.1 Land acknowledgement

Chair Aspin read the declaration aloud.

1.2 Attendance

Attendance indicated that eight trustees are present for the meeting, including the Student Trustee.

1.3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

NIL

2.0 Approval of the Agenda and Previous Minutes

Motion: J. Cochrane/ A. Bottomley

That the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting of November 16, 2021, and the minutes of the previous meeting of October 12, 2021 be approved-

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.

Motion: C. Gagne/ L. Sargent

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

A brief pause was noted to coordinate the appropriate video conference controls.

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 Business Arising

The Chair confirmed there were no matters of outstanding business contained in the meeting minutes to bring forward.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Audit Committee Membership Update

Chair Aspin invited Vice-Chair Cochrane to speak to this item. Trustees were referred to the attachments included in the agenda package in support of this item. Highlights of the presentation are noted as:

- Following the resignation of an external Audit Committee member, the board invited expressions of interest from community members in order to fill the vacancy, as noted in the Audit Committee regulation (O. Reg. 361/10)
- A Selection Committee met and developed a recommendation based on the expressions of interest received to appoint Mr. Marc Morin to the position.
- Marc resides in Mattawa and is a Professor at Canadore College with significant community service experience.
- It is noted that the appointment of M. Morin supports ensuring representation from all areas of NNDSB's jurisdictions.

With no further comments or questions raised, Chair Aspin recognized that consensus has been expressed and the Board will pass a resolution in the regular session to endorse the appointment of Marc Morin as an external member of the Audit Committee for a three-year term.

7.0 Motion to Adjourn

Motion: J. Cochrane/ L. Sargent

That we do now adjourn at 6:50 PM. – **Carried**

Minutes: JA/km