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Jay Aspin, Chair

Craig Myles, Director of Education

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The December 7, 2021 **Organizational Board Meeting** was held at 6:00 pm. over Zoom videoconference.

**Trustees Present:**

Jay Aspin, Chair  
John Cochrane, Vice-Chair  
Al Bottomley  
Bill Steer  
Caren Gagne  
Donna Breault  
Louise Sargent  
Nichole King  
Student Trustee, C. Darling

**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

**Other:**

Staff, media and community partners

**1.0 Call to Order**

Director Myles called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Brief remarks were provided regarding the process and procedures to be used for conducting this evening's meeting.

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

Director Myles read the Land Acknowledgement aloud.

1.2 Confirmation of Quorum

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

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

*Motion: 21-12-01, J. Aspin/B. Steer*

That the agenda for the annual organizational meeting of the Board for December 7, 2021 be approved. – **CARRIED.**

1.4 Naming of the Scrutineers

Director Myles noted the Board would appoint two scrutineers to ensure due diligence over the organizational meeting.

*Motion: 21-12-02, D. Breault/ C. Gagne*

Be it resolved that the NNDSB Board of Trustees appoint the following two individuals as scrutineers:

1. Seija Van Haesendonck, Superintendent of Business
2. Krista Messenger, Director's Executive Assistant. – **CARRIED.**

## 2.0 **Election of Chair**

The Board proceeded to the election of Chair of the Board in accordance with NNDSB By-law BL-101

### 2.1 Call For Nominations

Director Myles called for nominations for the position of Chair of NNDSB. The call was repeated aloud three times.

Trustee Cochrane nominated Trustee Aspin.

*Motion: 21-12-03, J. Cochrane/ N. King*

That the nominations for the position of Chair be closed. – **CARRIED.**

Trustee Aspin advised he would let his name stand.

Director Myles invited Trustee Cochrane to comment on his nomination. Trustee Cochrane highlighted how well Trustee Aspin has performed in the role throughout the previous three years, and the sense of teamwork he has cultivated within the Board.

Trustee Aspin was invited to address trustees and provided remarks to note,

*I would like to thank my colleagues for the confidence they have placed in me. Let me express my sincere appreciation to the staff and students for their dedicated efforts particularly in the face of this challenging pandemic. It is both an honour and a privilege to continue to serve as your Chair. I look forward to continuing to work with board members, Director Myles and his Senior Leadership Team to support the achievement and well being of our students and staff. As this is our last official year of this term as a Board of Trustees, let's continue to reform and rejuvenate the board with the good work we have achieved together since 2018.*

### 2.2 Announcement of the Chair

*Motion: 21-12-04, C. Gagne/ N. King*

That Jay Aspin be acclaimed Chair of NNDSB Board of Trustees for a one-year term, effective immediately and ending in November 2022. – **CARRIED.**

### 2.3 Incoming Chair's Remarks

Chair Aspin expressed gratitude to fellow trustees regarding his acclimation to the

role of the Chair for the coming year. Chair Aspin assumed the chairship and presided for the remainder of the meeting.

### 3.0 Election of Vice-Chair

The Board proceeded to the election of the Vice-Chair of the Board in accordance with NNDSB By-law BL-101.

#### 3.1 Call For Nominations

Chair Aspin called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of NNDSB. The call was repeated aloud three times.

Trustee Steer nominated Trustee Cochrane.

*Motion: 21-12-05, B. Steer, N. King*

That the nominations for the position of Vice-Chair be closed. – **CARRIED.**

Trustee Cochrane advised he would let his name stand.

Chair Aspin invited Trustee Steer to comment on his nomination. Trustee Steer spoke to Trustee Cochrane's leadership, community involvement and passion for the school community as inspirations for his nomination.

#### 3.2 Announcement of the Vice-Chair

*Motion: 21-12-06, N. King/ L. Sargent*

That John Cochrane be acclaimed as the Vice-Chair of the NNDSB Board of Trustees for a one-year term, effective immediately and ending in November 2022. – **CARRIED**

#### 3.3 Vice-Chair's Remarks

Vice-Chair Cochrane offered remarks regarding his acclamation to the role of the Vice-Chair for the coming year. Highlights of the address are noted to be:

- Thanks expressed to all trustees for their confidence and support in continuing in the role of vice-chair.
- Point raised on continuing to work together as a team, given how well this has served the community thus far.

### 4.0 Destruction of Ballots

Though it is noted that the Chair and Vice-Chair positions were acclaimed, Chair Aspin ordered the destruction and deletion of all electronic messages used for the selection of the Chair and Vice-Chair.

*Motion: 21-12-07, L. Sargent, C. Gagne*

That the ballots used for the selection of the Chair and Vice-Chair be destroyed immediately. – **CARRIED.**

**5.0 New Business**

**5.1 Director's Welcome**

Chair Aspin invited Director Myles to speak to this item. Highlights of the Director's remarks to trustees are noted as:

- On behalf of all staff, sincere congratulations were offered to the newly acclaimed Chair and Vice- Chair.
- This Board of Trustees has truly proven their ability to move forward and make informed decisions based on the best interests of our students and communities.
- It is clear from the words and actions of all trustees this evening, Chair Aspin and Vice-Chair Cochrane have made significant contributions and leadership to ensure the Board continues with forward momentum.
- Vice-Chair Cochrane was recognized for his passion for community service, acting as a tireless champion for the unique needs and strengths of our Parry Sound students, families, and community. Thanks expressed for bringing excitement to the role and for your encouragement to trustees and our staff.
- Chair Aspin was recognized for his unparalleled dedication to the role of Chair. NNDSB is extremely well served by his commitment to public service, governance and leadership.
- A sincere thank you was offered to all trustees. Every Board trustee has contributed in a meaningful way to ensure the board succeeds.
- The board appreciates the investment of time and contributions at Board and committee meetings in service to our students. Thank you for continuing to show up and make a difference to the staff and students of Near North District School Board.

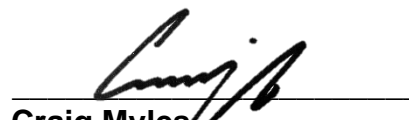
Chair Aspin thanked Director Myles for his remarks.

**6.0 Adjournment**

*Motion: 21-12-08, J. Cochrane/B. Steer*

That the NNDSB Annual Organizational meeting of December 7, 2021 be adjourned at 6:16 pm. – **CARRIED.**

  
Jay Aspin  
Chair

  
Craig Myles  
Director of Education

**RESOLUTION SUMMARY**

21-12-01 J. Aspin B. Steer	That the agenda for the annual organizational meeting of the Board for December 7, 2021 be approved. – <b>CARRIED.</b>
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**Minutes of the Organizational Board Meeting of the Near North District School Board December 7, 2021**

<b>21-12-02</b> D. Breault C. Gagne	Be it resolved that the NNDSB Board of Trustees appoint the following two individuals as scrutineers: 1. Seija Van Haesendonck, Superintendent of Business 2. Krista Messenger, Director's Executive Assistant. <b>- CARRIED.</b>
<b>20-12-03</b> J. Cochrane N. King	That the nominations for the position of Chair be closed. <b>- CARRIED.</b>
<b>21-12-04</b> C. Gagne N. King	That Jay Aspin be acclaimed Chair of NNDSB Board of Trustees for a one-year term, effective immediately and ending in November 2022. <b>- CARRIED.</b>
<b>21-12-05</b> B. Steer N. King	That the nominations for the position of Vice-Chair be closed. <b>- CARRIED.</b>
<b>21-12-06</b> N. King L. Sargent	That John Cochrane be acclaimed as the Vice-Chair of the NNDSB Board of Trustees for a one-year term, effective immediately and ending in November 2022. <b>- CARRIED</b>
<b>21-12-07</b> L. Sargent C. Gagne	That the ballots used for the selection of the Chair and Vice-Chair be destroyed immediately. <b>- Carried</b>
<b>21-12-08</b> J. Cochrane B. Steer	That the NNDSB Annual Organizational meeting of December 7, 2021 be adjourned at 6:16 pm. <b>- CARRIED.</b>