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Craig Myles, Director of Education

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The April 12, 2022 **Committee of the Whole Public Session** 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  
Nichole King  
Allen Lewis Trodd, Student Trustee  
Cecilia Darling, Student Trustee

**Administrative Staff Present:**

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

**Other:**

Staff, media and community partners

**Trustees Absent:**

Rob Learn

**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 10 trustees are present for the meeting, including the two student trustees.

**1.3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

NIL

**2.0 Approval of the Agenda and Previous Minutes**

*Motion: A. Bottomley/ D. Breault*

That the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 12, 2022, and the minutes of the previous meetings of March 22, 2022, 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: L. Sargent/ A. Bottomley*

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 the 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**

Chair Aspin noted this is a nil report this evening.

**6.0 New Business**

**6.1 Review of "Use of Board Resources" Procedure**

Chair Aspin referred trustees to the report contained in the package. Director Myles was invited to speak to this item. Highlights noted as:

- It is noted that school boards are required under the Municipal Elections Modernization Act, 2016, to establish rules and procedures with respect to the use of municipal or board resources during the election campaign period prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> of an election year.
- It is recognized that trustees play an important role as the only publicly elected official with direct responsibility for the education of children, and therefore NNDSB wants to ensure clear expectations are set.

Trustees were referred to the draft procedure included in the agenda package for discussion. Prior to opening the floor for comments, Chair Aspin noted the process is very straightforward and reiterated the expectation that trustees are not permitted to utilize any board resources (inclusive of staff time) for the purposes of campaigning.

The floor was opened for questions, with none rose. With consensus, the Board will pass a motion in regular session to approve the procedure as presented.

**7.0 Motion to Adjourn**

*Motion: J. Cochrane/ N. King*

That we do now adjourn at 7:02 PM. – **Carried**