

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Tuesday, May 10, 2022 | 6:00 PM

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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 and Previous Minutes ✓

Motion: That the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting of May 10, 2022, and the minutes of the previous meeting of April 12, 2022, 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 Business Arising

Nil.

6.0 New Business

- 6.1 OPSBA Award- Trustee Steer ✓
- 6.2 Notice of Motion- “Four-Day Work Week Investigation”- Trustee Steer ✓
- 6.3 Notice of Motion- “Fossil Fuel Elimination Planning”- Trustee Bottomley ✓

7.0 Adjournment

Motion: That on May 10, 2022 we do now adjourn at ____pm.



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Craig Myles, Director of Education

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 1st 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**



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Awards Programs

The Ontario Public School Boards' Association Awards Program strives to recognize some of the outstanding contributions made by individuals across Ontario to our educational system. While it is impossible to honour all those special people who make a difference, the recipients of these awards represent the many people who work behind the scenes and make our schools and educational system better.

The OPSBA awards honour dedicated people who demonstrated their own commitment to public education and showed us the way. We congratulate the recipients of these awards.

2022 OPSBA Awards

[Bernardine Yackman Memorial Award](#)

The Bernardine Yackman Memorial Award honours a trustee who has served a Northern Ontario public school board. Nominations are reviewed at the end of June and presented at the Northern Region Meeting and Program in October.

Judging for the award takes place in September. The last recipient was **Trustee Wanda McQueen**, Algoma DSB in 2017.

Title:	Notice of Motion
Contact:	Trustee Steer
Date Submitted:	Committee of the Whole meeting- May 10, 2022
Mandate:	<p>In alignment with NNDSB Bylaw 102, Trustee Steer provided notice to the Secretary of the Board, Director Myles, requesting an item be placed on the agenda for discussion during the May Committee of the Whole meeting.</p> <p>Upon review of the timeline, the Notice was accepted for discussion.</p>
Background:	<p>It is noted that global, federal, and provincial studies have identified an interest in developing a four-day workweek pilot. In Ontario, the pilot would enable employees to work the same number of hours over four days, as opposed to five.</p> <p>Further, Bill 70 (Four-Day Work Week Act, 2021) was introduced into the Ontario Legislative Assembly on December 6, 2021. This Bill looks to establish “the Four-Day Work Week Commission”, which will develop recommendations on how to implement a pilot project designed to determine the effectiveness of a four-day work week in Ontario.</p> <p>NNDSB recommends that OPSBA, through committee work, begin to proactively engage in conversation/meetings, and study, with provincial organizations, the government, and others to explore the application and impacts of a four-day work on the school-education system.</p>
Resolution:	<p>Consensus is sought on the following resolution:</p> <p>“BE IT RESOLVED, that NNDSB suggests OPSBA begins to study the four-day work week model as it applies/impacts on the school-educational system”</p>

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Background:	<p>The latest emergency reports this week from the UN intergovernmental panel on climate change, shows that our chances of stopping climate chaos is getting slimmer.</p> <p>Our provincial government is guilty of increasing carbon production and seems to be on the side of deniers. So much of our children's futures are tied to reducing greenhouse gases immediately that we, as part of the educational system, should be leading our society in reducing fossil fuel use.</p> <p>It appears the window now is ten to twelve years to get off fossil fuels. For the sake of all the children in Ontario, the Board needs to set out a timeline for the Director to find ways of eliminating all our Board's use of fossil fuels.</p> <p>I would suggest the following motion.</p>
Resolution:	<p>Consensus is sought on the following resolution:</p> <p>" BE IT RESOLVED, that the NNDSB put in place a plan crafted by the Director of Education to eliminate the use of all fossil fuels by the NNDSB by the year 2035. The Director will develop such a plan no later than the January 2023 NNDSB Board meeting."</p>