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The September 13, 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

* arrived following the roll call. Attendance noted within the minutes

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 nine trustees are present, including both student trustees.

1.3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

NIL

2.0 Approval of the Agenda and Previous Minutes

Motion: J. Cochrane/ B. Steer

That the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting of September 12, 2022, and the minutes of the previous meetings of June 14, 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: 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 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.

Trustee Bottomley has joined the meeting.

It is noted that due to inclement weather, connectivity may be disrupted. Meeting participants were advised that the agenda includes telephone information as an alternative measure should their internet connection cause difficulty.

It is noted that Chair Aspin has lost connectivity, and Vice-Chair Cochrane has taken over the chairship.

5.0 Business Arising

5.1 Charity Works Update

Vice-Chair Cochrane invited the Director to speak to this item. A brief update was provided to reflect on the report deferred to the Charity Works Committee in June to seek clarity on refining the organizational structure.

This work has continued over the summer and the Charity Works Committee is looking to bring back a recommendation in October.

At this point in the meeting, Chair Aspin has rejoined and reclaimed the chairship.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Trustee Role Expectations

Vice-Chair Cochrane was invited to speak. It is noted that this item was tabled to take the opportunity to confirm that the current sitting board will continue to hold office until November 14, 2022, which includes the period of time following the election in October and the organization of the new Board.

Trustees were thanked for continuing to serve with the same duties, roles, and responsibilities by ensuring their continued participation in meetings and adherence to the communication protocols.

Director Myles notes that NNDSB is working diligently to ensure the board is meeting expectations regarding the municipal election process. Trustees may recall these tasks were summarized in a report presented in March 2022 as part of the Distribution and Determination Report.

6.2 Governance Policy Development Report

Trustees were referred to the brief in the agenda package. Chair Aspin noted that consensus is being sought regarding the creation of two governance policies, including a Student Trustee policy, and a policy regarding trustee social media etiquette. The development process for policy is outlined in the Board's bylaws and will include a public consultation period of 30 days.

The floor was opened for comments or opposition to this item, with none rose. It is noted that consensus has been achieved, so a motion will be passed in regular session.

7.0 Motion to Adjourn

Motion: J. Cochrane/ C. Gagne

That we do now adjourn at 7:11 PM. – **Carried**