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The October 11, 2022 **Public Session Board Meeting** of the Near North District School Board was held via teleconference and videoconference.

Trustees Present:

Jay Aspin, Chair
John Cochrane, Vice-Chair
Bill Steer
Caren Gagne
Donna Breault
Louise Sargent
Nichole King
Student Trustee A. Lewis Trodd
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
Tim Graves, Superintendent of Education
Seija Van Haesendonck, Superintendent of Business

Invited Guests:

A. Pearson, NNDSB teacher

Trustees Absent:

Al Bottomley
Rob Learn

Other:

Staff, media and community partners

1.0 Call to Order

Chair Aspin called the meeting to order at 7:55 pm. Thanks were expressed for the flexibility to convene later than expected due to the preceding public Committee of the Whole meeting.

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

Chair Aspin read the land acknowledgement aloud.

It is noted that the time is quickly approaching 8:00 PM, therefore as a point of order-Trustee Gagne tabled a motion for extension to ensure the Board meeting could continue.

Chair Aspin accepted the motion and called for a seconder to extend the meeting until 9:30 PM

Motion: 22-10-01, C. Gagne/L. Sargent

That the Board approves the extension of the meeting to 9:30 PM. – **CARRIED.**

2.0 Requests for Leaves of Absence

Chair Aspin inquired if the Director's Office had received any notices of regret from trustees for the meeting this evening. It is noted that no correspondence was received to this end. Chair Aspin confirmed there would be no motion entertained for this item.

3.0 Attendance

3.1 Confirmation of Quorum

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

3.2 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

NIL

4.0 Approval of the Agenda and Previous Minutes

Motion: 22-10-02, J. Cochrane/ C. Gagne

That the agenda for the Board meeting of October 11, 2022, be approved, together with the minutes of the September 13, 2022 meeting. – **CARRIED.**

5.0 Presentation: Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence Recognition

5.1 Welcome Guest- A. Pearson (Sunset Park Public School)

Trustees were referred to the brief included in the agenda outlining the exemplary endeavors of an NNDSB teacher from Sunset Park, Ms. Anna Pearson.

Ms. Pearson has been invited as a guest to the Board meeting in order to receive recognition from the Board of Trustees for being awarded the Prime Minister's Award in Teaching Excellence Recognition.

Introductory comments were provided from Director Myles and Superintendent Graves in support of Ms. Pearson's leadership in support of NNDSB's strategic commitments to Excellence in Teaching and Learning and Excellence in Innovation. Sunset Park Principal, Ms. Amy Wood, provided remarks on behalf of the school in honour of Ms. Pearson to share further insights into the engaging community Ms. Pearson cultivated within her class and school.

Ms. Pearson thanked the speakers for their remarks and the Board of Trustees for the invitation to be recognized this evening. Ms. Pearson credited the staff and students of Sunset Park Public School as inspirations in support of her receipt of this award.

Closing remarks from Chair Aspin to thank Ms. Pearson for every effort to enrich her classroom in support of student achievement and well-being.

6.0 Communication to the Board

6.1 Information Items

6.1.1 Monthly Tender Report- October 2022

6.1.2 Professional Development Opportunities Calendar

- 6.1.3 *Mental Health Multi-Year Report*
- 6.1.4 *2022-23 Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well Being*
- 6.1.5 *Elementary Class Size Compliance Report*

Chair Aspin referred trustees to the board reports submitted for information as part of the agenda package for each item. The floor was opened for questions or comments with none rose.

6.2 Director's Update

Trustees were referred to the report contained in the agenda package. Director Myles spoke to a few highlights which included:

- The grand opening of the Nizhwaas Asiniik Skoonweh Kahn alternative adult learning centre officially opened on Friday, Sept. 23. The centre represents a partnership between the North Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre (NBIFC) and NNDSB.
- The first PSW graduation ceremonies were held recently in North Bay on September 29 in North Bay and Parry Sound on October 4, 2022. Thank you to the trustees who were able to attend on behalf of the Board for these important celebrations.
- The first NNDSB Hockey skills program has begun in Parry Sound in partnership with Hockey Skills Canada and the Town of Parry Sound. The program will run during semester one at Parry Sound High School and semester two at Humphrey Public School in partnership with Seguin Township.
- NNDSB Environmental Committee is proud to share the Eco School's platform will be rolling out to schools across the NNDSB this month. Participation in the program allows students, teachers, school administrators, custodians, and parents to get a clear picture of their current environmental practices and take action to reduce their environmental footprint.

The floor was opened for questions regarding the Director's report, with none rose.

6.3 OPSBA Report

The Chair invited Trustee Steer to lead the Board through this item. Trustee Steer provided a verbal report to note OPSBA Regional Councils held their final meetings of the term on September 30-October 1. Significant items discussed included labour negotiation updates with the union federations. Note that discussions have started with all federations. OPSBA delegates are informed of major developments through OPSBA staff.

The Chair thanked Trustee Steer for his report and diligence in continuing to represent NNDSB at the provincial level. The floor was opened for questions

6.4 Student Trustees' Update

6.4.1 *Indigenous Youth Circle Update*

The Chair invited Student Trustee Lewis to speak to this item. Student Trustee Lewis provided a verbal report that centered on the excitement within the Indigenous Youth Circle about the upcoming in-person meeting. Further highlights shared regarding school

activities planned in honour of Truth and Reconciliation Week which included assemblies with drumming, storytelling, etc. There is still work to be done within the school community, which the IYC is pleased to speak more about at further meetings.

6.5.2 Student Trustee Report

The Chair invited Student Trustee Darling to speak to this item. Student Trustee Darling provided a verbal report that centered on:

- The new club options available for students this year. Chippewa held an activity fair to show new, and junior students what the school has to offer, with everything from weight-lifting club, and golf team to an International Student's club and a student lead newspaper. Almaguin has started an Indigenous beading club where students have the opportunity to make authentic Indigenous beading designs and learn a new skill as well.
- In the past few weeks, schools have been taking a stand against vaping within secondary schools. Many schools within the board are promoting the availability of addiction counselors and sharing presentations to raise awareness. A presentation by officials has been brought to many schools throughout the board about anti-vaping, smoking, and social media use as well

The Chair thanked the Student Trustees for their reports.

7.0 Items for Decision

7.1 Report from Committee of the Whole- Public Session

Motion: 22-10-03, J. Cochrane/B. Steer

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the recommendations put forward by the NNDSB Charity Works Committee that:

- a. the NNDSB Charity Works remain structured as a registered charity and that;
- b. there is agreement to commit the necessary financial resources to revitalize NNDSB Charity Works; and that
- c. the incoming Board of Trustees be encouraged to set a timetable within the first quarter of the term to meet the goals

as recommended during the Committee of the Whole meeting. – **CARRIED.**

Motion: 22-10-04, D. Breault/ C. Gagne

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the governance policies regarding Student Trustees and Trustee Social Media Etiquette, conditional on favourable public acceptance, as recommended during the Committee of the Whole meeting. – **CARRIED.**

Motion: 22-10-05, C. Gagne/ D. Breault

Be it resolved that the NNDSB will write a letter to the Ministry of Education advocating for a stronger commitment to student transportation supports, following consultation with the NPSSTS to discuss local impacts, as recommended during the Committee of the Whole meeting. – **CARRIED.**

Motion: 22-10-06, J. Cochrane/ D. Breault

Be it resolved that the NNDSB Board of Trustees requests administration review the letter issued by the Town of Parry Sound and develop a thorough report regarding the information stated and correct any misinformation circulating. Once prepared, this report

is to be presented to the Board in open session and available for the public to view, consistent with the Board's commitments to accountability and transparency as recommended during the Committee of the Whole meeting. – **CARRIED.**

Motion: 22-10-07, N. King/ B. Steer

Be it resolved that the NNDSB Board of Trustees request administration to provide an updated report regarding the actions taken and continued next steps to support the healing process following the damage to the PSHS Shapatuan. This update is to be presented to the Board in open session and available for the public to view, consistent with the Board's commitments to accountability and transparency as recommended during the Committee of the Whole meeting. – **CARRIED.**

Before moving on from the Report from Committee of the Whole, Trustee Sargent requested the Board consider the suggestion raised during the Committee of the Whole meeting for the Board to host a public engagement session regarding future opportunities with Dreamcoat Fantasy Theatre.

Chair Aspin noted he would be pleased to have this discussed, noting his expressed commitment to bring this forward to the Board for consideration. Chair Aspin called upon trustees individually for their thoughts regarding this item. Comments are noted as:

- Vice-Chair Cochrane: Would support the Board having further discussion with factual context on hand, though he remains committed to the Board's decision to support administration's next steps with regard to concluding the partnership following the expiration of the lease. (IN FAVOUR)
- Trustee Breault: Noting the Board's commitment to communication and transparency, this is an important step to take. (IN FAVOUR)
- Trustee Gagne: Support Vice-Chair Cochrane's perspective regarding a factual conversation. (IN FAVOUR)
- Trustee King: In the spirit of collaboration and partnership, support expressed for the meeting. (IN FAVOUR).
- Trustee Steer: Support expressed for administration's work regarding the operational next steps as well as the Board's intention to hear further from the public. (IN FAVOUR)

Closing comments from Chair Aspin to note it is unanimous that the Board will host a community engagement session regarding this item.

7.2 CVRIS Tender Project Award- Phelps Public School

Motion: 22-10-08, J. Cochrane/ C. Gagne

That the Near North District School Board awards tender NNDSB 2022-008, HVAC Upgrades, Phelps Public School to Venasse Building Group in the amount of \$710,000.00 plus HST. – **CARRIED.**

7.3 Ontario Student Trustees Association (OSTA) Fall General Meeting- Approval of Attendance

Motion: 22-10-09, N. King/ D. Breault

Be it resolved that the NNDSB Board of Trustees approves the attendance of Student Trustee Darling and Student Trustee Lewis to attend the Fall 2022 OTSA General

Meeting. – **CARRIED.**

7.4 Levying Education Taxes Bylaw 2023

Motion: 22-10-10, J. Cochrane/ C. Gagne

Whereas subsection 257.7(1) of the Education Act requires the Board to levy the tax rates prescribed under section 257.12 of the Act;

And whereas Ontario Regulation 400/98 prescribes the tax rates under subsection 257.12 of the Act;

Be it resolved that the NNDSB Board of Trustees enacts that the rates set out in Ontario Regulation 400/98 for 2023 are levied in localities within the area of jurisdiction of the Board on the property indicated in section 257.7 of the Act. – **CARRIED.**

7.5 Trustee Honorarium

Motion: 22-10-11, J. Cochrane/ D. Breault

Be it resolved that the NNDSB Board of Trustees approves the trustee honoraria for 2022-2023 as presented, effective November 15, 2022. – **CARRIED.**

8.0 Committee Reports

8.1 Multi-Year Strategic Plan Committee Report

8.1.1 Unofficial minutes- September 15, 2022

8.1.2 Board report

Trustee Steer was invited to speak to this item and referred trustees specifically to the roadmap included as part of the MYSP Board report. The roadmap aligns the six-week cycle planning and reporting templates from staff with MYSP Committee meetings and reports to the Board of Trustees.

Chair Aspin noted the process is moving along well and by establishing metrics, the Board can be informed more fully regarding the progress of the MYSP. The floor was opened for questions, with none rose.

8.2 W.J. Fricker Build Committee Report

8.2.1 Board Report

Trustee Steer was invited to speak to this item and provided highlights on the site tour. It is exciting to see the progress and the intricate coordination occurring on site. The Committee was advised that the project remains on schedule and on budget. It is noted that students from E.T. Carmichael and E.W. Norman walked by the site for the Terry Fox Walk, which was a tour highlight for the group.

As per the NNDSB's administrative guidelines, a Naming Committee must be struck in order to develop the name for the build. It is noted that there will be trustee representation on this committee, so the W.J Fricker Build Committee would like to see this opportunity included on the new Board's committee membership list.

Motion: 22-10-12, B. Steer/ J. Cochrane

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees accepts the recommendation to add the Naming Committee to the 2022/2023 Trustee Committee Membership Composition process, as

recommended by the W.J. Fricker Build Committee. – **CARRIED.**

8.3 Committee Meeting Minutes Presented for Information

8.3.1 Audit Committee- unofficial minutes- September 21, 2022

8.3.2 Parent Involvement Committee- unofficial minutes- September 14, 2022

8.3.3 Special Education Advisory Committee- unofficial minutes- September 22, 2022

Chair Aspin referred trustees to the minutes included in the Board package for information.

9.0 Next Meeting Date

Chair Aspin confirmed the Board of Trustees would meet next on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 for the Inaugural Meeting of the 2022-2026 Board of Trustees. The next regular business meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2022. Attendees were encouraged to refer to the NNDSB website for location details.

10.0 Chair's Remarks

Chair Aspin was pleased to take an opportunity to read aloud remarks in honour of the Board's 2018-2022 term. Acknowledgements were provided to the current Board of trustees for their positive contributions in moving the board forward from a position where the board was perceived as losing its way to a current position where the board is one that is well respected in the province. He praised Director Myles for his outstanding leadership and his entire senior team as well as every contributing member of the Near North District School Board, both professional and support staff for the beginning of significant transitional transformation during the past four years.

A copy of the Chair's Remarks has been appended to the meeting minutes for reference.

11.0 Motion to Adjourn

Motion: 22-10-13, J. Cochrane/ B. Steer

That we do now adjourn at 9:22 pm. – **CARRIED**



Jay Aspin
Chair

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Craig Myles
Director of Education

RESOLUTION SUMMARY

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