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Erika Lougheed, Chair

Craig Myles, Director of Education

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The January 10, 2023 **Public Session Board Meeting** of the Near North District School Board was held in person at the Head Office and via a Zoom video and/or teleconference.

**Trustees Present:**

Erika Lougheed, Chair  
Howard Wesley, Vice-Chair ®  
Ashley St. Pierre  
Bill Steer ®  
Chantal Phillips  
Jeanie Fuscaldo ®  
Julie Bertram  
Louise Sargent  
Shane Hall ®  
Allen Lewis Trodd, Student Trustee  
Cecilia Darling, Student Trustee

**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 Teaching and Learning ®  
Seija Van Haesendonck, Superintendent of Business  
Timothy Graves, Superintendent of Education ®

**Other:**

Staff, media, union and community partners

**Trustees Absent:**

Nil

**1.0 Call to Order**

Chair Lougheed called the meeting to order at 6:58 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 Lougheed read the land acknowledgement aloud.

**2.0 Requests for Leaves of Absence**

Chair Lougheed confirmed there were no notices of regret provided by trustees for the meeting of January 10, 2023.

**3.0 Attendance**

**3.1 Confirmation of Quorum**

Attendance indicated that 11 trustees are present for the meeting, including both Student Trustees.

**3.2 Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

The floor was opened for trustees to declare conflicts of interest, with none rose.

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

It is noted that the minutes of the regular session held on December 13, 2022 and the minutes of the special meeting held on December 22, 2022 were included in the agenda package.

*Motion: 23-01-01, C. Phillips/ L. Sargent.*

That the agenda for the Board meeting of January 10, 2023 be approved, together with the minutes of the December 13, 2022 Board meeting and the December 22, 2022 Special meeting minutes. – CARRIED.

**5.0 Business Arising**

Nil report.

**6.0 Communication to the Board**

**6.1 Information Items**

6.1.1 Monthly Tender Report- January 2023

6.1.2 Trustee Professional Development Opportunities

Chair Lougheed 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:

- Introductory remarks provided to welcome staff, students, trustees and union partners back following the winter break. There is much optimism about the things in store for NNDSB in 2023.
- Review of the staff members honoured with kudos recently. It is noted that well-deserved members of the board office teams are recognized monthly for exemplary efforts in support of the MYSP strategic commitments. In November, NNDSB speech-language pathologist, Kara Macie, was recognized for her leadership and mentoring work with the board's special education team in support of the strategic commitment to Excellence in Teaching and Learning. For December, human resource coordinator, Megan Sisson, was recognized for continued efforts to go above and beyond to support sorting complexities within programs and providing hiring support for unique positions, which also illustrates progress within the strategic commitment to Excellence in Teaching and Learning.
- Confirmation that the Director's Annual Report for 2021-22 was submitted to the Ministry of Education. Trustees will recall the report was included in the Board's inaugural meeting package and has now been posted to the website.

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

### **6.3 Chair's Remarks**

The Chair shared remarks regarding board and community engagement initiatives. Highlights are noted as:

- NNDSB received word from the West Parry Sound Aquatic and Fundraising Committee that its proposal to the West Parry Sound Municipal Services Board was accepted for a six-lane pool. NNDSB was thanked for the letter submitted in support of the project.
- It is noted that Indigenous education training has been recognized as an area for further learning by trustees to ensure NNDSB remains actively engaged in responding to the Calls to Action. The Board's Indigenous education team is hoping to lead a session for trustees to deepen trustees' knowledge and provide further information crucial to the work of ensuring positive school climates where students and staff have a deep respect for Indigenous peoples and their history, and Indigenous students find their cultures reflected and respected. Planning is underway and trustees will receive more information in the weeks to come.
- In an effort to ensure questions are responded to most efficiently and expediently, the Chair noted that committees will begin to be leveraged where the subject matter aligns. A shared spreadsheet is being developed that will allow trustees to view responses provided as well.
- Review of some of the amazing school events showcased on NNDSB's social media accounts this week. Gratitude was expressed to the communications team for their work to bring attention to events going on across NNDSB.

Trustees received the Chair's report with thanks.

### **6.4 OPSBA Report**

Verbal report provided by Trustee Steer to update trustees on the work of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA). Highlights noted as:

- OPSBA has struck a special committee to dig deeper into the role of the student trustee regarding enhancements to the role.
- Work continues with provincial labour negotiations.
- The Public Education Symposium is scheduled for January 26-28, 2023. There is much enthusiasm around this event returning to an in-person format.

The floor was opened for questions regarding the OPSBA report, with none rose. The Chair thanked Trustee Steer for continuing to represent NNDSB so well at the provincial level.

### **6.5 Student Trustees' Update**

#### **6.5.1 *Student Trustee Report***

The Chair invited Student Trustee Darling to speak to this item. Student Trustee Darling provided a verbal report that centred on the smooth return to school after a restful break. Review of several school spirit days and events hosted recently- including a pancake breakfast and canned food drives. With secondary exams on the horizon, senior students are providing support and study tips to junior students via social media and the morning announcements. The Student Senate is still working towards hosting a mental health and student support information fair this month. This event is planned to support

and highlight services available in schools. Closing comments to thank trustees for their interest in the work of the student body and the Student Trustee.

**6.5.2 Indigenous Youth Circle (IYC) Update**

The Chair invited Indigenous Student Trustee Lewis to speak to this item. Student Trustee Lewis provided a verbal report following a very busy month and the recent meeting of the IYC earlier in the week. Excitement expressed about the Oshki Shkode apparel provided to Indigenous students at Parry Sound High School (PSHS). The name translates to "new fire" and features seven feathers to represent the Seven Grandfather Teachings. PSHS held a drumming ceremony recently that other students and community members were invited to attend. AHSS will now feature a beadwork label created by an IYC member in the Indigenous literature section of the library. IYC continues to meet regularly and has been tasked with providing feedback to the Indigenous program leads on how the board can best student Indigenous students. Closing comments to thank the Board for the opportunity to attend the OSTA conference, as it included development opportunities that have increased the confidence of Student Trustee Lewis and provided many networking contacts.

The Chair thanked the Student Trustees for their reports.

**7.0 Items for Decision**

**7.1 Report from Committee of the Whole Private Session**

Nil report.

**7.2 Report from Committee of the Whole Public Session**

*Motion: 23-01-02, J. Bertram/ H. Wesley*

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Near North District School Board approves the following appointments to the Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) Committee:

- Trustee Shane Hall (primary east-west)
- Trustee Jeanie Fuscaldo (secondary east-west)
- Trustee Bill Steer (northern region)

for a one-year period beginning immediately and ending at the close of the next organizational meeting, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole. - CARRIED.

*Motion: 23-01-03, C. Phillips/ A. St. Pierre*

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Near North District School Board approves the following trustee appointments to the Chippewa Secondary School Renaming Committee:

- Trustee Louise Sargent
- Trustee Julie Bertram

as recommended by the Committee of the Whole. - CARRIED.

*Motion: 23-01-04, C. Phillips/ J. Bertram*

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Near North District School Board approves the following trustee appointments to the Fricker Build Naming Committee:

- Trustee Bill Steer

- Trustee Shane Hall
- Trustee Louise Sargent (alternate)

as recommended by the Committee of the Whole. – CARRIED.

*Motion: 23-01-05, L. Sargent/ C. Phillips*

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees for Near North District School Board approves the following recommendations as discussed in the preceding Committee of the Whole meeting:

- a. That the Board of Trustees reinstates the Committee of the Whole Meetings to be held on the second Tuesday of each month from September to June.
- b. That the Board of Trustees reinstates the Regular Board meetings during the fourth week of each month from September to June.
- c. That the Board of Trustees receives the bylaw amendments for consideration and endorses the modifications to update our By-Laws in sections BL 102, BL 104, and BL 107.

– CARRIED.

### 7.3 CVRIS Tender Project Award- Magnetawan Public School ✓

*Motion: 23-01-06, S. Hall/ J. Bertram*

Be it resolved, that the Near North District School Board awards tender NNDSB 2022-013, Ventilation Upgrades, Magnetawan Public School to Kenalex Construction Company Limited in the amount of \$438,600.00 plus HST. - CARRIED.

### 7.4 Capital Project Listing for Approval ✓

*Motion: 23-01-07, A. St. Pierre/ S. Hall*

Be it resolved, that the Near North District School Board approve proceeding with the 2022-23 Capital Projects as listed. - CARRIED.

### 7.5 OSTA Board Council Conference- Approval of Attendance ✓

*Motion: 23-01-08, L. Sargent/ B. Steer*

Be it resolved, that the NNDSB Board of Trustees approves the following trustees to attend the 2023 OSTA Board Council Conference:

- Indigenous Student Trustee Allen Lewis Trodd
- Student Trustee Cecilia Darling

- CARRIED.

### 7.6 OPSBA Public Education Symposium (PES)- Approval of Attendance ✓

The Chair referred trustees to the report outlined in the package regarding costs associated with the event attendance. It is noted that the PES event has sold out, due to significant unforeseen interest. At this time, NNDSB has secured two spots. If there is additional interest from trustees, a waitlist will be created, and the Director's Office will continue to work with OPSBA to secure additional registration spaces.

*Motion: 23-01-09, S. Hall/ L. Sargent*

Be it resolved, that the NNDSB Board of Trustees approves the following trustees to attend the 2023 OPSBA Public Education Symposium:

- Chair Erika Lougheed (in-person attendance)
- Vice-Chair Howard Wesley (in-person attendance)

- Trustee Julie Bertram (NNDSB waitlist)
  - Trustee St. Pierre (NNDSB waitlist)
  - Trustee Louise Sargent (for virtual opportunities)
- CARRIED.

## **8.0 Committee Reports**

### **8.1 Multi-Year Strategic Planning Committee Report**

#### **8.1.1 Semi-Annual Report ✓**

MYSP Committee Chair, Trustee Steer, was invited to speak to this item. Highlights are noted as:

- Trustees referred to the report contained in the agenda package, noting that the meeting minutes were shared in December for review.
- This report is the first iteration following the committee's work plan presented in October whereby the committee receives quarterly progress updates regarding MYSP progress and implementation data. Two quarterly updates are combined into a semi-annual report to the Board, which will occur in January and June.
- Note that NNDSB continues to ensure the MYSP guide all activities within the board.
- Remarks shared by the Director to note the report presents an overview of the work of the board from August- December 2022. The 2021-2026 MYSP represents the first time the board has had measurable MYSP metrics, and significant effort continues to be directed toward measuring implementation saturation and success.
- This school year will focus on re-engagement, learning recovery and improving student outcomes, as guided by the Ministry of Education's Learning Recovery Action Plan. Staff thanked for every effort to support the implementation of the MYSP.

The Chair thanked the committee for its work and the report presented.

### **8.2 Committee Meeting Minutes Presented for Information**

#### **8.2.1 Parry Sound Build Committee minutes- December 14, 2022 ✓**

Trustees were referred to the meeting minutes contained in the agenda package for information. Parry Sound Build Committee Chair, Vice-Chair Wesley, was invited to share any comments about the minutes. Remarks highlighted to thank the committee trustees for their work. Acknowledgements for the community feedback being brought forward to the committee, with an encouragement for the community to continue sharing their valuable perspectives with the committee. The Parry Sound Build Committee will be meeting monthly, with the next meeting to be scheduled towards the end of January.

## **9.0 Next Meeting Date**


Chair Loughheed confirmed the Board of Trustees will receive updated notice regarding the February meeting, given the decision earlier in the meeting to adjust the meeting schedule.

**10.0 Motion to Adjourn**

*Motion: 23-01-10, J. Bertram/ C. Phillips*

That we do now adjourn at 7:37 pm. – CARRIED

  
**Erika Lougheed**  
 Chair

  
**Craig Myles**  
 Director of Education

**RESOLUTION SUMMARY**

<p><b>23-01-01</b>                  C. Phillips                  L. Sargent</p>	<p>Be it resolved, that the agenda for the Board meeting of January 10, 2023 be approved, together with the minutes of the December 13, 2022 Board meeting and the December 22, 2022 Special meeting minutes. – CARRIED.</p>
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**Minutes of the Public Session Board Meeting of the Near North District School Board held January 10, 2023**

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<b>23-01-10</b> J. Bertram C. Phillips	That we do now adjourn at 7:37 PM. – CARRIED