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Erika Lougheed, Chair

Craig Myles, Director of Education

The February 14, 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 Fuscaldò
Julie Bertram ®
Louise Sargent
Shane Hall
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:

Allen Lewis Trodd, Student Trustee

® attended remotely via Zoom video or audio conference
* arrived following roll call. Attendance noted within the minutes

1.0 Call to Order

Chair Lougheed called the meeting to order at 7:25 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 February 14, 2023.

3.0 Attendance

3.1 Confirmation of Quorum

Attendance indicated that 10 trustees are present for the meeting, including Student Trustee Darling.

3.2 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

The floor was opened for trustees to declare conflicts of interest. Vice-Chair Wesley

indicated a conflict with a recommendation being presented as part of item 8.2- Report from Committee of the Whole Public session regarding the Trustee Initiative Fund application for the Festival of the Sound program.

Chair Lougheed accepted the declaration and thanked the Vice-Chair for his transparency. As per NNDSB BL-119, Vice-Chair Wesley is not permitted to take part in the discussion of this item, vote or attempt to influence the vote regarding this item.

4.0 Approval of the Agenda

Review of the agenda for the meeting of February 14, 2023. The floor was opened for amendments or additions, with none rose.

Motion: 23-02-01, J. Fuscaldo/ C. Phillips

That the agenda for the Board meeting of February 14, 2023 be approved. – CARRIED.

5.0 Review of Previous Minutes

It is noted that the minutes of the regular session held on January 10, 2023 were included in the agenda package. The floor was opened for amendments or additions, with none rose.

Motion: 23-02-02, J. Fuscaldo/ L. Sargent

That the minutes of the January 10, 2023 Board meeting be approved. – CARRIED.

6.0 Business Arising

6.1 Motion Reclassification Update

Chair Lougheed referred trustees to the attachment in the agenda package. It is noted that a resolution was approved at the meeting that did not meet the appropriate approval threshold. Motion 2023-02-05 included a decision to amend NNDSB by-law, which requires a two-thirds majority to carry which was not received. The floor was opened for further discussion or questions of trustees, with none rose.

Motion: 23-02-03, J. Fuscaldo/ S. Hall

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of Near North District School Board is comprised of nine voting trustees;

AND WHEREAS, on January 10, 2023, the Board discussed a motion involving an amendment to by-law that resulted in a vote of five trustees in favour;

AND WHEREAS this motion was carried as NNDSB 2023-02-05;

AND WHEREAS, a two-thirds majority (described as six trustees on the prevailing side) is required to provide authority to motions involving amendments to by-law;

AND SO THEREFORE, NNDSB 2023-02-05 did not meet the required threshold.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Near North District School Board

hereby recognizes resolution NNDSB 2023-02-05 as null. – CARRIED.

The Chair thanked trustees for their commitment to appropriate processes and governance procedures. Members of the public were referred to the February 2, 2023 meeting minutes of the Committee of the Whole for further information.

7.0 Communication to the Board

7.1 Information Items

- 7.1.1 Professional Development Opportunities Calendar*
- 7.1.2 Monthly Tender Report- February 2023*
- 7.1.3 Administrative Guideline Reports*
- 7.1.4 NNDSB Literacy Supports Report*

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 of trustees:

- Question raised regarding educator professional development regarding the Gender Identity and Expression administrative guideline presented for information. It is recognized that there may be parents who find it difficult to accept their child's gender/identity, and so educators may need training/support to navigate these situations. SO Graves was invited to comment and recognized these situations are being supported these situations individually. Further professional development is planned for staff as part of the implementation of the administrative guideline. The Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) has plans to host information sessions in March.

7.2 Director's Update

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

- February is recognized as Black History Month in Canada. Schools around NNDSB will celebrate Black culture and history and to applaud the achievements and significant contributions of Black Canadians. February 22 is also recognized as Pink Shirt Day as a day to stamp out bullying. Students within NNDSB are encouraged to wear pink as a symbol of anti-bullying.
- The continuing education program at LLC has seen tremendous success with the Personal Support Worker Program as a re-engagement opportunity. In our first session, there were 24 graduates. In the second session, we are positioned to see an additional 34 graduates from all regions.
- NNDSB is excited to announce the creation of a custodial training services certificate program due for launch in 2023. Virtual information sessions were scheduled throughout February and the program is expected to begin in March.

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

7.3 Chair's Remarks

The Chair shared remarks regarding board and community engagement initiatives.

Highlights are noted as:

- Building on the report shared last month, further professional development opportunities are in the works for trustees. Trustees are encouraged to view the resources posted on the OPSBA's website from the Public Education Symposium as well.
- Recognition provided for the many outdoor learning opportunities happening across the NNDSB. Trustees were encouraged to view the opportunities shared on NNDSB social media accounts.

Trustees received the Chair's report with thanks.

7.4 OPSBA Report

7.4.1 Public Education Symposium- Roundtable remarks

Chair Loughheed noted that NNDSB was represented by four trustees at the OPSBA Public Education Symposium (PES), as space opened up for all who expressed interest at the January meeting. Trustees who attended were invited to share their experiences at PES. Highlights noted as:

- Trustee Bertram noted the sessions were very valuable as a new trustee.
- Trustee St. Pierre noted how impactful it was to hear from Chief Cadmus Delorme of Cowess First Nation regarding truth and reconciliation in the education setting.
- Vice-Chair Wesley spoke to the value in being able to connect with veteran trustees. High regard for the Northern caucus meeting and recognition provided for Trustee Steer and Trustee Bertram for taking on roles with the caucus.
- Chair Loughheed concurred with the comments offered by trustees and provided regard for the resources posted on the website for each session.
- Question raised by Trustee Sargent if there was any discussion regarding the opportunity to attend PES virtually next year. Trustee Steer noted he has continued to raise this at the northern caucus meetings. It is noted that Trustee Steer will consider putting forward a Notice of Motion at a subsequent meeting for the NNDSB Board to consider writing a letter to OPSBA to strengthen this request.

7.4.2 Board update

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

7.5 Student Trustees' Update

7.5.1 Indigenous Youth Circle (IYC) Update

The Chair invited Principal Spence to provide a report on behalf of Student Trustee Lewis. Highlights are noted as:

- IYC meetings were interrupted by snow days this month.
- At the next meeting, IYC will discuss the election process to select the next Indigenous Student Trustee. IYC is growing, and it is exciting to mentor future leaders.
- IYC is planning a spring leadership gathering at Spirit Point. This event will focus on goals for next year, and how NNDSB leadership can support these goals.

7.5.2 Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Darling to speak to this item. Student Trustee Darling provided a verbal report that centred on positive student experiences during the first few weeks of second semester. Schools are planning transition information events in preparation for the new students that will arrive in September. Review of the mental health and student support information fair that took place recently. Community partners and NNDSB's mental health teams were thanked for their contributions to the success of the event. Closing comments to thank trustees for their interest in the work of the student body and the Student Trustee.

The Chair thanked the Student Trustees for their reports.

It is noted that the time is approaching 8:00 PM, and so a motion is needed to extend the meeting.

Motion: 23-02-04, J. Fuscaldo/ L. Sargent

That the Board resolves to extend the meeting to 8:30 PM. – CARRIED.

8.0 Items for Decision

8.1 Report from Committee of the Whole Private Session

Motion: 23-02-05, C. Phillips/ H. Wesley

Be it resolved that the Board approves the business conducted during the private session as discussed.- CARRIED.

8.2 Report from Committee of the Whole Public Session

Motion: 23-02-06, L. Sargent/ C. Phillips

Be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees of Near North District School Board approves the allocation from the Trustee Initiative Fund in the amount of \$20,000 in support of the Festival of the Sound's school music education program,

and that the Near North District School Board authorize and direct the Superintendent of Business to do all actions necessary, and execute all required documentation, to give effect to this approval, as accepted during the Committee of the Whole meeting. - CARRIED.

Chair Lougheed noted the next item pertains to a change to NNDSB by-law and so it requires a two-thirds majority in order to be approved. It is noted that interest was expressed at the preceding Committee of the Whole meeting to defer this for further discussion. The Chair canvassed trustees and confirmed agreement for this decision.

Motion: 23-02-07, L. Sargent/ C. Phillips

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees for the Near North District School Board defers the following recommendations for consideration following the receipt of a report from the Director of Education 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.

Motion: 23-02-08, C. Phillips/ H. Wesley

Be it resolved, that the March Board meeting will be held on March 28, 2023 as recommended by the Committee of the Whole. - CARRIED

8.3 2023/2024 School Year Calendar Approval ✓

Motion: 23-02-09, C. Phillips/ H. Wesley

Be it resolved, that the Board approve the 2023-2024 School Year Calendar. – CARRIED.

8.4 CVRIS Tender Project Award- Whitestone Lake Public School ✓

Motion: 23-02-10, S. Hall/ J. Bertram

Be it resolved, that tender NNDSB 2023-012, Ventilation Upgrades, Whitestone Lake Public School be awarded to Venasse Building Group in the amount of \$460,000.00 plus HST. – CARRIED.

9.0 Committee Reports

9.1 Parry Sound Build Committee Report

9.1.1 Minutes- January 12, 2023 ✓

9.1.2 Minutes- February 6, 2023 (unofficial) ✓

9.1.3 Board report

Vice-Chair Wesley spoke to this item as the Parry Sound Build Committee Chair. Highlights of recent meetings included the attendance of the Capital Project Manager to review the site and floor plans with the committee. Note that the committee will be posting the plans to the website and issuing a media release so that members of the community know where to find this information.

9.2 Director's Performance Appraisal Committee Report

9.2.1 Terms of Reference

Chair Lougheed spoke to this item as the DPA Committee Chair. It is noted that the DPA Committee met on February 9, 2023. Trustees were referred to the amended Terms of Reference included for Board approval. The floor was opened for questions or comments regarding the amendments:

- Comment from Trustee Sargent to note she is not in favour of the proposed amendments, as it expands the mandate of the committee beyond its intended focus. The hesitation is a matter of in-camera business that is not appropriate to address in public session, so it is requested to refer this item to a private session.
- Chair Lougheed noted the DPA Committee has been tasked with this work, and so it is not aligned with the role of Board committees to refer items to other committees. Clarification from Trustee Sargent to note the DPA Committee is accountable to the Board as a whole, and through this relationship- the Terms of

Reference need to be reviewed and approved.

- Clarification to note that the Director's employment contract is a multi-year agreement, and the Director Performance Appraisal process and review of the DPA Committee's Terms of Reference are annual items.
- Trustees were canvassed regarding their opinions. Consensus was expressed to defer approval regarding this document.

Motion: 23-02-11, L. Sargent/ C. Phillips

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees moves to defer the adoption of the changes to the DPA Committee's Terms of Reference. – CARRIED.

It is noted that the DPA Committee will take this direction from the Board and consider next steps as a committee before reporting back to the Board of Trustees.

9.3 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report

9.3.1 Minutes- January 19, 2023

9.3.2 Board report

It is noted that a report is included seeking approval to issue a letter to the Minister of Education regarding Special Education funding. The floor was opened for comments or questions:

- Question regarding the opportunity to offer professional development training regarding challenging behaviours and fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD). Trustee Phillips suggested a personal recommendation to engage Jeff Nobel.
 - SO Graves was invited to respond and noted the PIC committee is gathering data regarding session topics meaningful for parents. Note that NNDSB has offered FASD support training sessions in the recent past to educational assistants and early childhood educators as well.

Motion: 23-02-12, L. Sargent/ C. Phillips

That the Board of Trustees approves the submission of the letter regarding Special Education funding to be sent to the Ministry of Education, as recommended by the Special Education Advisory Committee. – CARRIED.

9.4 Committee Meeting Minutes Presented for Information

9.4.1 Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)- January 18, 2023 (unofficial)

Trustees were referred to the meeting minutes contained in the agenda package for information.

10.0 Next Meeting Date

Chair Loughheed confirmed the Board of Trustees will meet next on March 28, 2023.

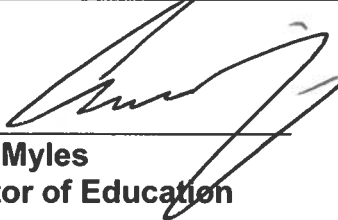
11.0 Motion to Adjourn

Motion: 23-02 13, C. Phillips/ H. Wesley

That we do now adjourn at 8:21 pm. – CARRIED



Erika Lougheed
Chair



Craig Myles
Director of Education

RESOLUTION SUMMARY

<p>23-02-01 J. Fuscaldo C. Phillips</p>	<p>That the agenda for the Board meeting of February 14, 2023 be approved. – CARRIED</p>
<p>23-02-02 J. Fuscaldo L. Sargent</p>	<p>That the minutes of the January 10, 2023 Board meeting be approved. – CARRIED.</p>
<p>23-02-03 J. Fuscaldo S. Hall</p>	<p>WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of Near North District School Board is comprised of nine voting trustees;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS, on January 10, 2023, the Board discussed a motion involving an amendment to by-law that resulted in a vote of five trustees in favour;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS this motion was carried as NNDSB 2023-02-05;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS, a two-thirds majority (described as six trustees on the prevailing side) is required to provide authority to motions involving amendments to by-law;</p> <p>AND SO THEREFORE, NNDSB 2023-02-05 did not meet the required threshold.</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Near North District School Board hereby recognizes resolution NNDSB 2023-02-05 as null. – CARRIED.</p>
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23-02-11 L. Sargent C. Phillips	Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees moves to defer the adoption of the changes to the DPA Committee’s Terms of Reference. – CARRIED.
23-02-12 L. Sargent C. Phillips	That the Board of Trustees approves the submission of the letter regarding Special Education funding to be sent to the Ministry of Education, as recommended by the Special Education Advisory Committee. – CARRIED.
23-02-13 C. Phillips H. Wesley	That we do now adjourn at 8:21 PM. – CARRIED

