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Erika Lougheed, Chair

Craig Myles, Director of Education

The March 28, 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
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 ®
Timothy Graves, Superintendent of Education ®

Other:

Staff, media, union and community partners

® attended remotely via Zoom video or audio conference

Trustees Absent:

Ashley St. Pierre

1.0 Call to Order

Chair Lougheed called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

Chair Lougheed read the land acknowledgement aloud.

2.0 Requests for Leaves of Absence

It is noted that Trustee Ashley St. Pierre had provided regrets to the Director's Office in advance of the meeting. Chair Lougheed confirmed a motion would be tabled to accept her regrets.

Motion: 23-03-01, S. Hall/ L. Sargent

In accordance with BL-102, be it resolved that Trustee St. Pierre be granted a leave of absence from the March 28, 2023 Board meeting, as confirmation of regrets was provided in advance of the meeting. – CARRIED.

3.0 Attendance

3.1 Confirmation of Quorum

Attendance indicated that 10 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

Review of the agenda for the meeting of March 28, 2023. The floor was opened for amendments or additions, with none rose.

Motion: 23-03-02, J. Bertram/ H. Wesley

That the agenda for the Board meeting of March 28, 2023 be approved. – CARRIED.

5.0 Review of Previous Minutes

It is noted that the minutes of the regular session held on February 14, 2023 were included in the agenda package. The floor was opened for amendments or additions, with none rose.

Motion: 23-03-03, H. Wesley/ C. Phillips

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

6.0 Communication to the Board

6.1 Information Items

6.1.1 Professional Development Opportunities Calendar

6.1.2 Monthly Tender Report- March 2023

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, with none rose.

6.2 Director's Update

6.2.1 Board Report

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

- Staff and students were welcomed back after the March Break. It is recognized that there are only a few months left in the 2022 -2023 school year.
- Review of Public Health reminders. Note that the provincial government has advised that as Ontario continues to live with and manage COVID-19 for the long-term, there are layers of protection to support keeping ourselves and others healthy such as washing hands often, regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces and covering mouths to cough or sneeze.
- Review of the MYSP data of note. The month, Excellence in Teaching and Learning is being presented through a review of the School Effectiveness Framework (SEF) process update. In alignment with the goals and priorities of the 2021-2026 Multi-Year Strategic Plan, NNDSB has implemented key systemic improvement planning efforts, such as the K-12 School Effectiveness Framework (SEF) process. The SEF framework is a dynamic document designed to support

school improvement and student success. It identifies evidence-based indicators of successful practice for effective schools. The SEF process acknowledges where schools are in their journey and incorporates their vision and goals for improvement.

- Review of the monthly kudos honourees for January (J. Hawn) and February (L. Spencer), as well as the special recognition days in March.

6.2.2 Mid-Year Strategic Plan Progress Review

A report is included in the package in support of this item.

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

6.3 Chair's Remarks

6.3.1 2022-23 Trustee Professional Development Plan

Trustees were referred to the professional development plan included in the agenda package. Acknowledgement provided for the efforts of trustees to attend these sessions. Specific attention called to the session scheduled for 10:00 AM- 4:00 PM on Tuesday, May 9. Time to be held in schedules to ensure trustees can attend.

Further remarks were shared regarding board and community engagement initiatives. The Chair proudly represented the Board of Trustees at Personal Support Worker (PSW) graduation ceremonies in Mattawa and North Bay (alongside other trustees). High regards expressed for the culinary dinner event in Parry Sound, and the Festival of the Sound performance.

Trustees received the Chair's report with thanks.

6.4 OPSBA Report

6.4.1 Board update

Trustee Steer was invited to speak to this item. Trustees were referred to the report included in the agenda package. Review of the self-assessment discussion that arose at the Northern Region caucus meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2023, and is hosted virtually. All trustees were encouraged to dial in if they can. The floor was opened for questions regarding the OPSBA report, with none rose.

6.4.2 Annual General Meeting Motions- For Approval

Trustee Steer is seeking Board approval to bring forward two resolutions to the OPSBA Annual General Meeting. It is noted that draft resolutions were contained in the agenda package for reference.

a. Virtual conference attendance option

Note that this resolution is requesting that OPSBA consider expanding the virtual and recorded session availability at major events (such as the Public Education Symposium). It is recognised that in-person attendance was recognised as a barrier for the NNDSB Board when registering for this conference due to cost and the conference capacity limits. The floor was opened for questions or comments regarding this proposed motion, with none rose.

Motion: 23-03-04, B. Steer/ L. Sargent

Be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees for Near North District School Board endorses the motion presented by Trustee Steer regarding virtual conference attendance options to be brought forward to the OPSBA Annual General Meeting. – CARRIED.

b. Board self-assessment template development

Trustee Steer recognized that assessment and evaluation of the Director and the MYSP are required, but there is no expectation for the assessment of trustees. NNDSB is such a strong board, so it is recognized that this would be a valuable tool for trustees to evaluate the Board's effectiveness and would be well supported by a template or guidance from OPSBA in this regard. The floor was opened for questions or comments regarding this proposed motion, with none rose.

Motion: 23-03-05, B. Steer/ C. Phillips

Be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees for Near North District School Board endorses the motion presented by Trustee Steer regarding the development of a board self-assessment template to be brought forward to the OPSBA Annual General Meeting. - CARRIED.

6.5 Student Trustees' Update

6.5.1 Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Darling was invited to speak to this item. Student Trustee Darling provided a verbal report that centred on extracurricular activities, and special recognition days celebrated in schools. Secondary schools honoured International Women's Day in a variety of ways such as sharing Sways on influential women and hosting "Tampon Tuesday" campaign fundraisers. Student senator elections are underway- interviews and the final selections are final scheduled to be completed shortly. 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

Student Trustee Lewis was invited to speak to this item. Thanks were expressed to the Board for providing the opportunity to attend the Ontario Student Trustee Association conference. This event was a fantastic networking opportunity. Recently a mental health circle was hosted at PSHS. Drum circles continue every week as well. WFSS is still looking for someone to lead the big drum. Northern Secondary School is looking for more ways to support Indigenous learning. Plans are underway to honour Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Day on May 5. Chippewa Secondary School is partnering with the North Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre to make ribbon skirts and grad cap beadings. The IYC is starting to plan an event to be hosted in May at Spirit Point. The intention is to invite the Board of Trustees to attend and hear a presentation about IYC events and goals.

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: 23-03-06, 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 \$13,626.90 in support of the resource enhancement to the Journey Into Learning kits.

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 recommended by the Committee of the Whole. – CARRIED.

Chair Lougheed read aloud the second motion arising from the Committee of the Whole regarding Trustee Steer's Notice of Motion. Consensus was noted to include the statement "and joining information, where available". Chair Lougheed noted a motion to amend would be put forward to confirm approval of the amendment.

Motion: 23-03-07, H. Wesley/ L. Sargent

Be it resolved, that the motion proposed in support of the Committee of the Whole item 7.2-Notice of Motion- Trustee Steer is amended to insert the words "and joining information, where available" into the first sentence after the words "meeting dates" and before the words "are publicly available" – CARRIED.

The motion was brought forward as amended.

Motion: 23-03-08, H. Wesley/ S. Hall

Be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees of Near North District School Board hereby directs all committees of the Board to ensure meeting dates and joining information, where available are publicly available;

Be it further resolved that committee meeting dates will be added as an information item on subsequent Board meeting agendas, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole. – CARRIED.

8.0 Committee Reports

8.1 Multi-Year Strategic Plan Committee Report

8.1.1 Meeting minutes- March 6, 2023

8.1.2 Terms of Reference- For Approval

8.1.3 Board report

Trustee Steer spoke to this item as the MYSP Committee Chair. Highlights of the recent meeting were shared. It is recognized that unofficial minutes have been included for review, and amendments are expected to provide further clarity on actioning By-law 114.

The Chair noted that she is pleased to work with Trustee Bertram on reviewing the Board's process around Question Period to ensure there is clarity as to how this is added to future Board agendas.

Comment from Board Chair Lougheed regarding agenda item 6.2.2- Mid-Year Strategic Plan Progress Review. It is noted that this was brought forward in alignment with the Board's governance policy regarding the Director's Performance Appraisal process (GP-208).

The MYSP Committee has included an amended Terms of Reference for the Board's approval. It is noted that the amendments focus on the "future-focused" work of the committee. Question raised about the ability to re-insert the language around developing the framework when the committee begins to prepare for the next MYSP. Confirmation that the focus is on ensuring the Terms of Reference is aligned to the current work of the committee, and the spirit of the comment is noted.

Motion: 23-03-09, B. Steer J. Fuscaldo

Be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees of Near North District School Board approves the updates to the Terms of Reference of the Multi-Year Strategic Planning (MYSP) Committee, as recommended by the MYSP Committee. – CARRIED.

8.2 Committee Meeting Minutes Presented for Information

8.2.1 2023 02 01 First Nations Advisory Council

8.2.2 2023 02 16 Special Education Advisory Committee

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

9.0 Next Meeting Date

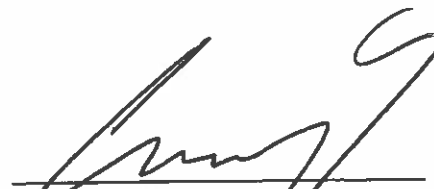
Chair Loughheed confirmed the Board of Trustees will meet next on April 11, 2023.

10.0 Motion to Adjourn

Motion: 23-03-10, H. Wesley/ J. Bertram

That we do now adjourn at 7:26 pm. – CARRIED


Erika Loughheed
Chair


Craig Myles
Director of Education

RESOLUTION SUMMARY

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