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Erika Lougheed, Chair

Craig Myles, Director of Education

The April 11, 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 ®
Timothy Graves, Superintendent of Education ®

Other:

Staff, media, union and community partners

® attended remotely via Zoom video or audio conference

Trustees Absent:

Nil.

1.0 Call to Order

Chair Lougheed called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

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 April 11, 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

Review of the agenda for the meeting of April 11, 2023. The floor was opened for amendments or additions, with none rose.

Motion: 23-04-01, L. Sargent/ A. St. Pierre

That the agenda for the Board meeting of April 11, 2023 be approved. – CARRIED.

5.0 Review of Previous Minutes

It is noted that the minutes of the regular session held on March 28, 2023 were included in the agenda package. The floor was opened for amendments or additions, with none rose.

Motion: 23-04-02, S. Hall/ C. Phillips

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

6.0 Business Arising

6.1 Governance report- Bylaw amendment recommendation

It is noted there is an item being brought forward arising from the minutes of the Board's February meeting. Introductory comments from Chair Lougheed to note trustees will recall this item stemmed from a Notice of Motion to amend the bylaws in order to host Committee of the Whole meetings separately from the Board meetings. The decision was deferred during the meeting of February 14, pending a report from the Director. It is noted that a report is included in the agenda package which summarizes all of our discussion on this process.

Director Myles provided opening comments on the report included in the agenda package, which provides an analysis of the proposed amendment to the Board's bylaws. Chair Lougheed provided an overview of conversations with OPSBA and B. Rodriguez about the idea of amending certain provisions of our bylaws (specifically around meeting timing and scheduling). It is noted that NNDSB was advised that it ought not to be amending the bylaws for reasons outside of absolute requirements or legislative requirements. The floor was open for discussion on the recommendation presented.

Highlights noted as:

- Trustee Fuscaldo referred trustees to the process for rescinding Board decisions as outlined in the bylaws already.
- Trustee Phillips expressed support for the recommendation to develop a committee to refer this matter to as part of a complete bylaw review.
- Trustee Sargent expressed support for the information provided in the report and tabled a suggestion to defer a decision in favour of raising a question at the professional development session in the week ahead for an additional opportunity to seek professional advice on this item.

Chair Lougheed noted that although the session will discuss school board governance, it is not likely that the presenters will speak to process questions. Support was expressed from trustees to table a motion to defer in favour of seeking additional clarification from Hicks Morley at the upcoming professional development session.

Motion: 23-04-03, L. Sargent/ J. Fuscaldo

That the decision be deferred, based on the recommendation to seek guidance from Hicks Morley at the upcoming professional development session. – CARRIED.

7.0 Communication to the Board

7.1.1 Professional Development Opportunities Report

7.1.2 Committee Meeting Calendar

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 about the placement of connection information on the website. The Director's Office noted this is being finetuned and will be posted shortly.

7.2 Director's Update

7.2.1 Board Report

Trustees were referred to the report contained in the agenda package. Director Myles spoke to a few highlights from the report, with special recognition for the Custodial Services Support program, and the Festival of the Sound performances.

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

7.3 Chair's Remarks

The Chair noted there are no highlights to share with trustees this month.

7.4 OPSBA Report

7.4.1 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 upcoming meeting dates for OPSBA events, including the Annual General Meeting and the northern caucus. The floor was opened for questions, with none rose.

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.

7.5 Student Trustees' Update

7.5.1 Indigenous Youth Circle (IYC) Update

Student Trustee Lewis was invited to speak to this item. A verbal report was provided on the happenings within NNDSB secondary schools. Plans are in place across secondary schools to honour the National Week of Action (May 1 - May 7, 2023) for missing and murdered Indigenous women. Appreciation was expressed for the opportunity to connect with Nipissing University students for a workshop to make mukluks and develop deeper relationships. The IYC is also working through a process to secure an Indigenous Student Trustee for the 2022-23 school year.

7.5.2 Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Darling was invited to speak to this item. Student Trustee Darling provided a verbal report that centred on upcoming sports competitions activities, and drama events.

Question from the Chair on how Student Trustee Darling remains so well informed regarding the activities within the schools. Student Trustee Darling noted school events are shared at the student senate meetings and compiled into a student trustees report to review for the Board of Trustees.

The Chair thanked the Student Trustees for their reports.

7.6 Scheduled Delegations

Chair Lougheed noted there is a delegation scheduled for this evening. Introductory comments provided regarding the delegation process to ensure trustees and the public are aware of the process to be followed. According to NNDSB BL-113, 10 minutes will be allotted to the delegation inclusive of questions arising from trustees.

7.6.1 “Chippewa high school name change”- presented by S. Brown

It is noted that the floor was turned over to S. Brown at 7:32 PM. S. Brown read aloud the delegation submitted to the Board as part of the agenda package. It is noted that the delegation concluded at 7:38 PM.

Chair Lougheed opened the floor for questions of clarification from trustees to S. Brown. Question raised to confirm if S. Brown is aware of approximately how many petition signers provided their feedback on the NNDSB survey regarding the renaming process. S. Brown provided an overview of how the online petition is signed. Trustee clarification to note the question was related to whether petition signers have been directed to the NNDSB survey, as it will be important for the naming committee to consider this data.

It is noted that the time is now 7:42 PM and the delegation has concluded. Chair Lougheed thanked S. Brown for providing a deputation and noted the information would be shared with the naming committee.

8.0 Items for Decision

8.1 Report from Committee of the Whole Private Session

Motion: 23-04-04, C. Phillips/ S. Hall

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Near North District School Board receives and approved the DPA report as presented. – CARRIED.

8.2 Report from Committee of the Whole Public Session

Motion: 23-04-05, H. Wesley/ J. Bertram

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Near North District School Board moves to confirm the existing code of conduct as presented in GP 205. – CARRIED.

Motion: 23-04-06, J. Fuscaldo/ B. Steer

Whereas, that the Board of Trustees received the final report from the New North Bay Public School Naming/Renaming Committee;

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Whereas, the Naming Committee has presented a final survey results based on submissions by students, parents, and community members indicate the top choice to be Maple View Public School name as supported through community consultation and;

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees, approves the name of Maple View Public School for the new public school in North Bay, as accepted during the Committee of the Whole meeting. – CARRIED.

8.3 OPSBA Annual General Meeting- Approval of Attendance

Chair Lougheed noted a brief was included in the agenda package to outline the costs to attend the OPSBA Annual General Meeting. The floor was opened for expressions of interest to attend. Interest was expressed by Trustee Bertram, Trustee Steer and Chair Lougheed.

Motion: 23-04-07, A. St. Pierre/ S. Hall

Be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees of Near North District School Board appoints the following trustees as representatives to attend the OPSBA Annual General Meeting:

1. Trustee Bill Steer
2. Trustee Julie Bertram
3. Board Chair Erika Lougheed

- CARRIED.

9.0 Committee Reports

9.1 Finance Committee Report

9.1.1 Unofficial Minutes- March 21, 2023

9.1.2 Quarterly Report

9.1.3 Trustee Initiative Fund Report

Finance Committee Chair, Trustee Hall, provided a verbal report on the items included in the agenda package from the Finance Committee. The floor was opened for questions from trustees. Highlights noted as:

- Question raised to confirm if trustee approval is required to bring forward a TIF application for Board approval. Confirmation that this is correct. Follow-up question to understand how a trustee can bring forward an application regarding an operational item. Chair Lougheed noted the process would be to complete the application and submit it to the Director's Office to begin the review process.
- Suggestion raised that further clarification would be helpful regarding the specifics of the fund. Trustee Hall noted it is expected that this would be detailed more thoroughly in the administrative guideline.

9.2 Committee Meeting Minutes Presented for Information

9.2.1 2023 03 21 Audit Committee meeting minutes

9.2.2 2023 03 23 North Bay Consolidation Committee meeting minutes

Trustees were referred to the minutes included in the agenda package for information. Audit Committee Chair, Trustee Hall, provided an update on the Audit Committee external member vacancy. It is noted that a recruitment process is underway to fill this role.

10.0 Next Meeting Date

Chair Lougheed confirmed the Board of Trustees will meet next on May 9, 2023. Reminder provided to trustees about the professional development session planned for 10:00 AM- 4:00 PM on this date as well.


11.0 Motion to Adjourn

Motion: 23-04-08, J. Fuscaldo/ A. St. Pierre

That we do now adjourn at 7:55 pm. – CARRIED



Erika Lougheed
 Chair



Craig Myles
 Director of Education

RESOLUTION SUMMARY

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<p>23-04-03 L. Sargent J. Fuscaldo</p>	<p>Be it resolved, that the decision be deferred, based on the recommendation to seek guidance of Hicks Morley at the upcoming professional development session. – CARRIED</p>
<p>23-04-04 C. Phillips S. Hall</p>	<p>Be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees of Near North District School Board receives and approved the DPA report as presented. – CARRIED</p>
<p>23-04-05 H. Wesley J. Bertram</p>	<p>Be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees of Near North District School Board moves to confirm the existing code of conduct as presented in GP 205. – CARRIED.</p>
<p>23-04-06 J. Fuscaldo B. Steer</p>	<p>Whereas, that the Board of Trustees received the final report from the New North Bay Public School Naming/Renaming Committee;</p> <p>Whereas, the Naming Committee has presented a final survey results based on submissions by students, parents, and community members indicate the top choice to be Maple View Public School name as supported through community consultation and;</p> <p>Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees, approves the name of</p>

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	Maple View Public School for the new public school in North Bay, as accepted during the Committee of the Whole meeting. - CARRIED.
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