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Erika Lougheed, Chair

Craig Myles, Director of Education

The May 9, 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 7:15 pm. Members of the public were welcomed in-person and virtually and directed to the question period submission forms/survey link.

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 May 9, 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 May 9, 2023. The floor was opened for amendments or additions, with none rose.

Motion: 23-04-01, L. Sargent/ J. Fuscaldo

That the agenda for the Board meeting of May 9, 2023 be approved. – CARRIED.

5.0 Presentation: Literacy Leader of the Year Award Recognition

5.1 Welcome Guest- K. Macie

Trustees were referred to the brief included in the agenda outlining the exemplary endeavours of NNDSB's lead Speech-Language Pathologist, Ms. Kara Macie.

Ms. Macie has been invited as a guest to the Board meeting to receive recognition from the Board of Trustees for being awarded the 2022 Literacy Leader of the Year Award by the Ontario Chapter of the International Dyslexia Association

Introductory comments were provided by Director Myles and Superintendent Gray in support of Ms. Macie's leadership in support of NNDSB's strategic commitments to Excellence in Teaching and Learning through her work in early learning and literacy. Central Principal, Mr. Stephen Krause, provided remarks in honour of Ms. Macie to share further insights into her work to recognize the importance of the science of reading in the NNDSB before the Ontario Human Rights Commission's Right to Read recommendations.

Ms. Macie thanked the speakers for their remarks and the Board of Trustees for the invitation to be recognized this evening. Ms. Macie credited the staff and the efforts of the literacy team to support students' literacy journey as inspirations in support of her receipt of this award.

The floor was opened for trustees, with heartfelt remarks offered. Closing remarks from Chair Loughheed to thank Ms. Macie for every effort to enrich NNDSB students in support of student achievement and well-being.

6.0 Review of Previous Minutes

It is noted that the minutes of the regular session held on April 11, 2023 were included in the agenda package. The floor was opened for amendments or additions, with none rose.

Motion: 23-05-02, S. Hall/ H. Wesley

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

7.0 Business Arising

7.1 Governance report- Bylaw amendment recommendation

It is noted there is an item being brought forward arising from the minutes of the Board's April meeting, following a request from Trustee Sargent to seek further guidance at a professional development session that occurred on April 13, 2023.

Chair Lougheed reviewed the expert advice received by NNDSB on this item, which recommended the Board refrain from amending bylaws, with an exception noted for absolute or legislative requirements.

Trustee Sargent moved this item be referred to the Committee of the Whole so that a presentation could be made. This action was seconded by Trustee Bertram, and so it was put forward to trustees by the Chair. Trustees expressed support for a deferral to Committee.

Motion: 23-05-03, L. Sargent/ C. Phillips

Be it resolved, that the bylaw amendment recommendation be deferred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion. – CARRIED.

Chair Lougheed confirmed this item will be tabled for discussion at the Committee of the Whole meeting in June. Trustee Sargent will follow up with any supplementary information to be included in the agenda package for distribution.

8.0 Communication to the Board

8.1 Information Items

8.1.1 Monthly tender report

8.1.2 Administrative Guideline Report

8.1.3 Professional Development Opportunities Report

8.1.4 Committee Meeting Calendar

8.1.5 Trustee Initiative Fund- Festival of the Sound update

8.1.6 Tutoring Supports Update

8.1.7 Graduation 2023 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 from trustees:

- Point of confirmation to note trustees will receive further information regarding all graduation celebrations from the Director's Office.
- Questions raised regarding the Administrative Guideline report regarding the Student Dress policy:
 - Is there any further context to share leading to the development of the updated Administrative Guideline? Superintendent Smylie was invited to speak to this item and noted the current policy was dated 2001, and the update was promoted from an equity lens and in alignment with Ontario Human Rights expectations.
 - Point of clarification to note trustees receive Administrative Guidelines (AG) for information once the document has received final approval from Executive Council. Following receipt by trustees, the AG is added to the

- board's website.
- Question about personal interpretations on the criteria outlined in the policy. Superintendent Smylie was invited to respond and noted professional development will be provided to administrators regarding the policy. Follow-up to determine if there is an appeal process for students if an item is deemed unacceptable. Response to note this mechanism is in place now and can be resolved by discussion at the school level.

As the time is approaching 8:00 PM, a motion was tabled to extend the meeting by 30 minutes.

Motion: 23-05-04, L. Sargent/ S. Hall

Be it resolved, that the meeting be extended to 8:30 PM. – CARRIED.

8.2 Director's Update

8.2.1 *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 given to the Shaputuan rebuilding event, several new digital math tools, and many meaningful days of significance observed this month across NNDSB.

The floor was opened for questions or comments regarding the Director's report:

- Question raised about when the Student Dress AG was open for public consultation, and how these opportunities are brought to the attention of trustees. Confirmation that the Student Dress policy was posted from February 14-March 15, 2023. Trustees are cued through the Director's monthly reports, and can refer to the dedicated place on the website as well.

8.3 Chair's Remarks

The Chair provided updates on school tours at Northern Secondary School and White Woods Public School. Trustees were encouraged to schedule school tours as well. Gratitude was expressed for the invitation to attend the Shaputuan rebuilding event and all the trustees who attended. Student Trustee Lewis was recognized for his leadership at this event.

8.4 OPSBA Report

8.4.1 *Board update*

Trustee Steer was invited to speak to this item. Trustees were referred to the report included in the agenda package. It is noted that an amendment was made to the NNDSB AGM motion regarding videoconference options. The resolution will center on recorded sessions as the means of virtual participation.

Trustees received the OPSBA report with thanks. As the time is approaching 8:30 PM, a motion was tabled to extend the meeting by 30 additional minutes.

Motion: 23-05-05, S. Hall/ H. Wesley

Be it resolved, that the meeting be extended to 9:00 PM. – CARRIED.

8.5 Student Trustees' Update

8.5.1 Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Darling was invited to speak to this item. Student Trustee Darling provided a verbal report that centred on days of significance being observed in secondary schools, such as Asian Heritage Month, Mental Health Week, and the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. It is noted that D. Chen has been elected as the 2023-2024 Student Trustee.

The Board offered a welcome to Student Trustee Elect Chen.

8.5.2 Indigenous Youth Circle (IYC) Update

Student Trustee Lewis was invited to speak to this item. A verbal report was provided on the happenings within the IYC and NNDSB schools. Highlights noted as Powwows planned at CSS, NSS and PSHS. An update was provided on the Shapatuan rebuilding event, with recognition for the trustee guests and Elders in attendance.

It is noted that A. Bensen has been elected as the 2023-2024 Indigenous Student Trustee.

8.6 Question Period

Chair Loughheed noted the Board would move to its public question period. Submissions of questions will now be closed to organize the list for review.

It is noted that there are no questions submitted in—person or virtually for review by trustees.

9.0 Items for Decision

9.1 Report from Committee of the Whole Private Session

Nil.

9.2 Report from Committee of the Whole Public Session

Motion: 23-05-06, J. Bertram/ B. Steer

Be it resolved, that the NNDSB live-streams public meetings, keeps the recorded videos accessible on the NNDSB YouTube Channel, and links them to the NNDSB website; pending the receipt of a legal opinion and a report from staff to review the logistics. Implementation will be subject to the timeline identified in the staff report. – CARRIED.

9.3 Ontario Student Trustees Association (OSTA) Annual General Meeting- Approval of Attendance

Note that Student Trustee Darling requested the Board consider approving the attendance of the Student Trustee Elect, as the AGM is geared toward incoming and currently serving student trustees. Chair Loughheed opened the floor for any objections to this approach, with none rose.

Motion: 23-05-07, L. Sargent/ H. Wesley

Be it resolved that the NNDSB Board of Trustees approves the attendance of the following Student Trustees to attend the 2023 OTSA Annual General Meeting:

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1. Student Trustee Lewis
 2. Student Trustee Darling
 3. Student Trustee Elect Chen
- CARRIED.

10.0 Committee Reports

10.1 Committee Meeting Minutes Presented for Information

- 10.1.1 2023 01 18 Parent Involvement Committee minutes
- 10.1.2 2023 02 08 Equity Advisory Circle minutes
- 10.1.3 2023 03 23 Special Education Advisory Committee minutes

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

11.0 Next Meeting Date

Chair Lougheed confirmed the Board of Trustees will meet next on June 13, 2023.


12.0 Motion to Adjourn

Motion: 23-05-08, S. Hall/ J. Bertram

That we do now adjourn at 8:32 pm. – CARRIED

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Erika Lougheed
Chair


Craig Myles
Director of Education

RESOLUTION SUMMARY

23-05-01 L. Sargent J. Fuscaldo	Be it resolved, that the agenda for the Board meeting of May 9, 2023 be approved. – CARRIED.
23-05-02 S. Hall H. Wesley	Be it resolved, that the minutes of the April 11, 2023 Board meeting be approved. – CARRIED.
23-05-03 L. Sargent C. Phillips	Be it resolved, that the bylaw amendment recommendation be deferred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion. – CARRIED
23-05-04 L. Sargent S. Hall	Be it resolved, that the meeting be extended to 8:30 PM. – CARRIED

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23-05-06 J. Bertram B. Steer	Be it resolved, that the NNDSB live-streams public meetings, keeps the recorded videos accessible on the NNDSB YouTube Channel, and links them to the NNDSB website; pending the receipt of a legal opinion and a report from staff to review the logistics. Implementation will be subject to the timeline identified in the staff report. – CARRIED.
23-05-07 A. St. Pierre S. Hall	Be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees of Near North District School Board appoints the following student trustees as representatives to attend the 2023 OSTA Annual General Meeting: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Student Trustee Lewis2. Student Trustee Darling3. Student Trustee Elect Chen - CARRIED
23-05-08 S. Hall J. Bertram	Be it resolved, that we do now adjourn at 8:32 pm. – CARRIED