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Erika Lougheed, Chair

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The June 27, 2023 **Committee of the Whole Public Session** 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 ®

Administrative Staff Present:

Craig Myles, Director of Education
Gay Smylie, Superintendent of Education
Deb Bartlett, Communications Officer ®
Krista Messenger, Executive Assistant
Melanie Gray, Superintendent of Education ®
Timothy Graves, Superintendent of Education ®

Other:

Staff, media and community partners

Trustees Absent:

Allen Lewis Trodd, Student Trustee
Cecilia Darling, 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 Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

1.1 Land acknowledgement

Chair Lougheed read the declaration aloud.

1.2 Attendance

Attendance indicated that nine trustees are present.

1.3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil.

2.0 In-Camera

At approximately 2:05 PM, Chair Lougheed advised the Committee of the Whole would be moving into a private session. Members of the public were excused and advised they would be permitted back into the meeting once the Board arose in public session.

Motion: L. Sargent/ C. Phillips

That the Board move into a Committee of the Whole Private Session in order to discuss items pertaining to The Education Act R.S.O. 1990, c. E.2 section 207(2) clause (a). - **Carried.**

A brief pause was noted to coordinate the appropriate video conference controls and allow staff and community members time to exit the meeting room. Trustees attending virtually were reminded to secure their space as well to ensure confidentiality.

3.0 Arise and Report

At approximately 4:25 PM, the Committee arose and reported in the public session of the Committee of the Whole. A brief pause was noted to coordinate the appropriate video conference controls to permit members of the public to re-enter the virtual meeting and open the physical meeting space for in-person guests to re-enter.

4.0 Approval of the Agenda

Trustees were referred to the agenda included in the agenda package. The floor was opened for comments or corrections, with none rose.

Motion: H. Wesley/ C. Phillips

That the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting of June 27, 2023, be approved. - **Carried.**

5.0 Review of Previous Minutes

5.1 2023 05 09 Committee of the Whole

Trustees were referred to the minutes included in the agenda package. The floor was opened for comments or corrections, with none rose.

Motion: C. Phillips/ J. Bertram

That the minutes for the Committee of the Whole meeting of May 9, 2023 be approved. – **Carried.**

5.2 2023 05 29 Committee of the Whole

Trustees were referred to the minutes included in the agenda package. The floor was opened for comments or corrections, with none rose.

Motion: j. Fuscaldo/ A. St. Pierre

That the minutes for the Committee of the Whole meeting of May 29, 2023 be approved. – **Carried.**

6.0 Business Arising

It is noted that there is no business arising brought forward for discussion.

7.0 New Business

7.1 Summer Committee Work

Item presented for information to note that while traditionally the Board of Trustees recesses for the summer, it may be that trustees will be called upon to convene in July or August. Every effort will be made to give ample notice and with respect for scheduling availability. Chair Lougheed thanked trustees for their commitment to supporting the work of the NNDSB and continuing to monitor board email.

7.2 Split Meetings Discussion- Presentation by Trustee Sargent

It is recognized that this item was added to the agenda at the request of Trustee Sargent, following a motion passed on May 9, 2023. Introductory comments were provided by Chair Lougheed to review discussion highlights previously raised on this topic since January 2023 to present. Trustees were advised the floor would be turned to Trustee Sargent for two minutes, and then opened for a full discussion. Highlights are noted as:

- Trustee Sargent noted the current meeting pace provides support for hosting separate meetings, as it would avoid running overtime or feeling rushed in discussions. Fulsome discussions are required as a Board of Trustees to ensure it remains proactive in addressing the multitude of items faced by NNDSB.
- Comment reminding trustees of the various experts who have recommended NNDSB refrain from amending its bylaws outside of the four-year revision cycle.
- Discussion culminated in a motion put forward by Trustee Sargent that, *“We go back to the original bylaw as stated by Mr. Joudrie, where the fourth Tuesday was the Board meeting and the Committee of the Whole did not have a definite time.”* (seconded by Trustee Bertram)
 - Chair Lougheed noted that a two-thirds majority is required to carry the motion, as it involves a bylaw amendment and is a rescission of a previous Board decision.
 - It is further recognized that should the motion be carried, exact wording for the amended bylaw sections would be required. Trustee Sargent suggested the language proposed in the Notice of Motion from January 10, 2023 be put forward.
 - Clarity was offered to confirm the Board is strictly looking at hosting the Board and Committee meetings on separate occasions, and this would not prompt additional meetings.

With no further trustee comments to note, Chair Lougheed noted a recorded vote will be called to determine if consensus is achieved. Recorded vote results are noted as:

Trustee:	In Favor	Against	Abstain	Absent
Bertram, Julie	X			
Fuscaldo, Jeanie	X			
Hall, Shane		X		
Phillips, Chantal	X			
Sargent, Louise	X			
St. Pierre, Ashley		X		
Steer, Bill		X		
Wesley, Howard	X			
Lougheed, Erika		X		

TOTAL:	5	4	0	0

It is noted that the motion has not achieved the required threshold of a two-thirds majority (which requires six trustees on the prevailing side). Chair Lougheed thanked trustees for their participation in this conversation and noted the motion has been defeated.

8.0 Motion to Adjourn

Motion: C. Phillips/ J. Fuscaldo

That we do now adjourn at 4:53 PM. – **Carried**