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Erika Lougheed, Chair

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The December 12, 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  
Ashley St. Pierre ®  
Howard Wesley ®  
Bill Steer  
Chantal Phillips ®  
Jeanie Fuscaldo  
Julie Bertram ®\*  
Louise Sargent  
Shane Hall  
Albany Benson, Indigenous Student  
Trustee  
Dora Chen, Student Trustee

**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 ®  
Seija Van Haesendonck, Superintendent of Business

**Other:**

Staff, media, and community partners

® attended remotely via Zoom video or audio conference  
\*joined the meeting following the roll call. Attendance is noted within the minutes

**1.0 Call to Order**

Chair Lougheed called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**1.1 Land acknowledgement**

Chair Lougheed read the declaration aloud.

**1.2 Attendance**

Attendance indicated that 10 trustees were present, including the two Student Trustees.

**1.3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Nil.

**2.0 In-Camera**

At approximately 5:33 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/ S. Hall*

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)(b).- 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**

*Trustee Phillips has joined the meeting in person.*

At approximately 5:55 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: S. Hall/ J. Bertram*

That the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting of December 12, 2023, be approved. - CARRIED.

### **5.0 Review of Previous Minutes**

#### **5.1 2023 11 14 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/S.Hall*

That the minutes for the Committee of the Whole meeting of November 14, 2023 be approved. – CARRIED.

### **6.0 New Business**

#### **6.1 Notice of Motion- Trustee Sargent**

Trustees were referred to the Notice of Motion filed by Trustee Sargent contained in the agenda package proposing that the Board consider rescinding the motion passed in the December 2022 to rename and rebrand Chippewa Secondary School.

It is noted that to proceed to discussion, the motion requires a seconder. The floor was open for expressions of support. Trustee Bertram seconded the motion. Chair Lougheed noted Trustee Sargent is permitted to speak first and then the floor will be

opened for discussion by trustees. Highlights are noted as:

- Opening comments by Trustee Sargent to note Chair Lougheed had previously advised that if the Board wished to have further discussion about the Chippewa Secondary School renaming process, it needed to begin by rescinding the motion that began the process. It is noted that trustees have expressed interest in reviewing the decision, so the notice of motion to rescind has been brought forward to allow further discussion to occur.
- Chair Lougheed passed the chairship to Trustee Hall to offer perspective as a trustee. As the Temporary Meeting Chair, Chair Hall offered the floor to Trustee Lougheed. Trustee Lougheed noted she felt confident in the decision already made by trustees, as it was aligned with human rights best practices. It is felt that the goals could be achieved within the existing committee structure so a motion is rescinded is not needed. Stories of hurt and harm have been shared with Trustee Lougheed, so this must be considered with whenever next steps are decided. At this point in the agenda, Chair Hall transitioned the chairship back to Trustee Lougheed. Board Chair Lougheed resumed the meeting.

With no further comments to note, the motion was read aloud by the Chair. Trustees were reminded that the motion would require a two-thirds majority on the prevailing side to carry. A recorded vote was conducted. Recorded vote results are noted as:

<b>Trustee:</b>	<b>In Favour</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Betram, Julie	X			
Fuscaldò, Jeanie	X			
Hall, Shane	X			
Phillips, Chantal		X		
Sargent, Louise	X			
St. Pierre, Ashley	X			
Steer, Bill	X			
Wesley, Howard	X			
Lougheed, Erika		X		
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

It is noted that the motion has achieved the required threshold of a two-thirds majority. Chair Lougheed thanked trustees for their participation and noted the motion would be brought forward to the Board meeting for approval.

## **7.0 Motion to Adjourn**

*Motion: S. Hall/H. Wesley*

That we do now adjourn at 6:01 PM. – CARRIED.