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Ashley St. Pierre, Interim Chair

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The May 14, 2024 **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:

Ashley St. Pierre, Interim Chair
Howard Wesley
Bill Steer
Chantal Phillips
Jeanie Fuscaldo
Julie Bertram
Louise Sargent
Shane Hall
Albany Benson, Student Trustee
Dora Chen, Student Trustee

Administrative Staff Present:

Craig Myles, Director of Education
Melanie Gray, Superintendent of Education
Gay Smylie, Superintendent
Seija Van Haesendonck, Superintendent of Business
Timothy Graves, Superintendent ®
Deb Bartlett, Communications Officer
Maureen Egan, Executive Assistant
Glenn Morrison, Manager IT

Other:

Staff, Union partners, media, and community partners

Regrets:

® attended remotely via Zoom video or audio conference

1.0 Call to Order

Interim Chair St. Pierre called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

1.1 Land acknowledgement

Director Myles read the declaration aloud.

1.2 Attendance

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

1.3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest nil

2.0 Closed Session – n/a

3.0 Approval of the Agenda

Trustees were referred to the agenda included in the agenda package.

Motion: CW 2024 05 01 L.Sargent/J.Bertram

That the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting of May 14, 2024, be approved. - CARRIED.

4.0 Review of Previous Minutes

Motion: CW 2024 05 02 H.Wesley/C.Phillips

That the minutes for the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 9, 2024 be approved. – CARRIED.

5.0 Business Arising – n/a

6.0 New Business

6.1 Trustee Initiative Fund Notice of Motion

Trustees were referred to the Notice of Motion filed by Trustee Wesley contained in the agenda package.

Motion: CW 24 05 03 H.Wesley/J.Fuscaldo

That the Board allocates the Trustee Initiative Fund equally among all schools for the fiscal year 2024 to provide assistance to schools as deemed appropriate by the principals. - CARRIED

6.2 Correspondence to Trustees Notice of Motion

Trustees were referred to the Notice of Motion filed by Trustee Bertram contained in the agenda package.

Motion: CW 24 05 04 J. Bertram/J. Fuscaldo

That all correspondence addressed to the Board of Trustees shall be immediately forwarded to all trustees - Deferred

Questions and comments by trustees: Trustee Bertram suggested to redact portions of the document. Trustee Wesley suggested that since federations were able to speak to the board, the letter in question could be presented. Director Myles expressed concerns about breach of privacy. Director Myles suggested that a legal opinion be sought to ensure the Board is following all relevant legislation including MFIPPA. He asked the Board to provide him time to draft a concise report in order to ensure we are compliant and protecting all staff. Report to include all communications in question including the letter under discussion. Consensus reached by trustees to defer the motion until the Director drafts a report. Consensus also was reached that at the June CW a notice of motion would be presented to discuss the Parry Sound Build correspondence. Trustee Wesley spoke to the flow of correspondence between trustees and staff noting it is acceptable and speaks to the community interest of keeping McDougall open. Interim Chair St. Pierre thanked trustees for the discussion.

6.3 Environmental Responsibility Policy Notice of Motion

Trustees were referred to the Notice of Motion filed by Trustee Fuscaldo contained in the agenda package. Trustee Fuscaldo clarified that the report was merely an example of what might be produced once a committee had been struck. After several minutes of discussion, Trustee Phillips called the question without a motion citing time constraints

due to a water issue in the building. Trustee Steer, through the chair, voiced that he wished to speak. He was denied due to the time constraints and the motion was called.

Motion: CW 24 05 05 J. Fuscaldo/J.Bertram

That the Board accepts the working document entitled “Development of Environmental Responsibility Policy” and forwards to the next Bylaw Review Committee prior to bringing it back to the Board for final approval. – CARRIED

6.4 Environmental Responsibility Committee Notice of Motion

Trustees were referred to the Notice of Motion filed by Trustee Fuscaldo contained in the agenda package. Trustee Fuscaldo stated she would be deferring her notice of motion at this time to September.

7.0 New Business – n/a

8.0 Motion to Adjourn

Motion: CW 24-04-04 L.Sargent/C.Phillips

That we do now adjourn at 6:40 pm. – CARRIED.