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Ashley St. Pierre, Chair

Craig Myles, Director of Education

The May 14, 2024 **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:

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

Administrative Staff Present:

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

Regrets: n/a

Other:

Staff, in-coming student trustees, media

Trustees Absent: n/a

® attended remotely via Zoom video or audio conference

1.0 Call to Order

Interim-Chair St. Pierre called the meeting to order at 6:41 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

Director Myles read the Land Acknowledgement.

Interim-Chair St. Pierre thanked everyone for attending and kindly asked that we all treat each other with respect during the meeting. The Board will be hosting a question period later in the agenda for members of the public to ask questions of trustees related to anything on the Board's agenda this evening. Guests joining in person can find the form on the front table. Once complete, please pass it to the Executive Assistant at the front to confirm submission. Guests joining virtually can find a link to a virtual survey located in the meeting chat. Please complete this survey and your question will be submitted to the Executive Assistant automatically. Members of the public can submit questions freely in alignment with the Board's By-law regarding question period (BL-114) up until this item

arises on the agenda.

2.0 Requests for Leaves of Absence n/a

3.0 Attendance

3.1 Confirmation of Quorum

Attendance indicated that 11 trustees were present for the meeting, including two student trustees

3.2 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

The floor was opened for trustees to declare conflicts of interest, with none rose.

3.3 Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance Trustee-Elect C. Gagne

Director Myles delivered the oath of allegiance to C. Gagne and welcomed her to the board table.

4.0 Approval of the Agenda

Motion: 24-05-01, J. Fuscaldo/C. Phillips

That the agenda for the Board meeting of May 14, 2024 be approved as amended. The amendment being the addition of item 8.1 Community Involvement.– CARRIED.

5.0 Review of Previous Minutes

Motion: 24-05-02, J. Bertram/H. Wesley

That the minutes of the April 9, 2024 board meeting be approved. – CARRIED.

Motion: 24-05-03, L.Sargent/J.Fuscaldo

That the minutes of the April 22, 2024 special board meeting be approved. – CARRIED.

6.0 Presentation

Dyslexia Canada Award of Excellence

NNDSB's literacy team were celebrated in recognition of being a recipient of the Dyslexia Canada Educational Excellence Awards. Alicia Smith from Dyslexia Canada spoke to the Board about how the awards celebrate exceptional dedication within school communities in supporting students with dyslexia. She also brought congratulatory letters from Dyslexia Canada and the Ontario Human Rights Commission. NNDSB was among 120 nominations for the excellence awards and only three were entire school boards. She said NNDSB's nomination stood out because the literacy team was so proactive; they had started their work before the Ontario Human Rights Commission's Right to Read inquiry report was released.

7.0 Election of Chair

7.1 Naming of Scrutineers

Motion: 24-05-04, S.Hall/H.Wesley

That Seija Van Haesendonck, Maureen Egan be appointed as scrutineers- CARRIED

7.2 Call for Nominations

Director Myles called for nominations for the position of Chair. The call was repeated aloud three times.

Trustee Wesley nominated Ashley St. Pierre.
Trustee Sargent nominated Chantal Phillips.

Motion: 24-05-05, C. Gagne/J. Fuscaldo

That nominations be closed. – CARRIED

Trustee St. Pierre advised she would allow her name to stand.

Trustee Phillips advised she would allow her name to stand.

Each nominee and nominator briefly commented.

7.3 Announcement of Chair

Motion: 24-05-06, H. Wesley/J.Fuscaldo

That Ashley St. Pierre be elected as Chair of NNDSB effective May 14, 2024 until the November 2024 organizational meeting. – CARRIED

7.4 Call for Nominations Vice Chair

Chair St. Pierre called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair. The call was repeated aloud for three times.

Trustee Hall nominated C. Gagne.

Trustee Fuscaldo nominated H. Wesley.

Motion: 24-05-07, L.Sargent/S.Hall

That nominations be closed. – CARRIED

Trustee C. Gagne advised she would allow her name to stand.

Trustee Wesley advised he would allow his name to stand.

Each nominee and nominator briefly commented.

7.5 Announcement of Vice-Chair

Motion: 24-05-08, B.Steer/J. Fuscaldo

That Howard Wesley be elected as Vice-Chair of NNDSB effective May 14, 2024 until the November 2024 organizational meeting. – CARRIED

7.6 Destruction of Ballots

Motion: 25-05-09, L.Sargent/C.Phillips

That ballots used for the selection of Chair and Vice-Chair be destroyed.- CARRIED

8.0 Communication to the Board

Community Involvement

Scheduled Delegations & Question Period

Chair St. Pierre noted the community involvement section of the Board's agenda has been advanced on the order of items, following a recommendation stated as an OBSPA Leader's Academy professional development session.

It is noted that there are no scheduled delegations for this evening. Chair Pierre noted the Board would move to its public question period. Submissions of questions will now

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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.

8.1 Information Items

- 8.1.1 Monthly Tender Report- April 2024 ✓
- 8.1.2 Monthly Committee Meeting Calendar ✓
- 8.1.3 Graduation Schedule Report 2024 ✓
- 8.1.4 School Climate Survey Report ✓
- 8.1.5 Core French Administrative Guideline ✓

8.2. Director's Update

Director Myles congratulated Chair St. Pierre and looks forward to working with her as NNDSB continues to strive for the very best for its students. Director Myles outlined the various activities contained in his report noting that he wished he could capture all of NNDSB's outstanding activities and contributions to student success.

8.3. Chair's Remarks

Chair St. Pierre thanked the board for supporting her as the new chair going forward saying it was very meaningful to her. She said she is among the first Anishinaabe-kweg (Anishinaabe women) elected as the Chair of a Board of Education in Ontario, and may well be the first Anishinaabe-kwe Chair in the public system in the province. Chair St. Pierre shared that the Anishinaabe phrase mino-bimaadiziwin means living in a good way. She said that she would like to see the Board moving forward in a good way and build trust with each other.

8.4 OPSBA Report

Trustee Steer attended the northern meeting April 26 and 27 where he delivered his report on the staffing crisis facing northern boards. He also reported that NNDSB's motion re Living Consciously will be tabled at the AGM in July. Trustee Steer's name is being put forward as northern caucus chair and he will keep us informed on that election.

8.5 Student Trustee Reports

Trustees Benson and Chen presented their reports highlighting very busy calendars with exams and year-end activities.

Motion: 24-05-10, H.Wesley/C.Gagne

That the board extend the meeting to 8:30 pm. - CARRIED

9.0 Items for Decision

9.1 Report from Committee of the Whole

Motion: 24-05-11, L. Sargent/B.Steer

That the Board of Trustees hereby 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

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Motion: 24-05-12, J. Fuscaldo/J. Bertram

That NNDSB accepts the working document entitled Development of Environmental Responsibility Policy and brings forward to the next Bylaw Review committee prior to bringing it back to the board for final approval. - CARRIED

9.2 OSTA Annual General Meeting Attendance

Motion: 24-05-13, B. Steer/H.Wesley

That the Board approve the following student trustees to attend the OSTA Annual General Meeting May 23-24 in Toronto: Dora Chen, Albany Benson and Nanak Sidhu. - CARRIED

9.3 Report from Finance Committee

Motion: 24-05-14, S.Hall/J.Bertram

That Near North District School Board recommends that the Board of Trustees awards tender NNDSB 2024-013 Land of Lakes Senior Public School heating plant upgrades to Bernard Rochefort Limited for \$498,000.00 plus HST. - CARRIED

Motion: 24-05-15, S.Hall/H.Wesley

That Near North District School Board recommends that the Board of Trustees awards tender NNDSB 2024-019 Parry Sound PS window replacement to Northland Glass & Metal Limited for \$460,000.00 plus HST. - CARRIED

Trustee Fuscaldo asked for a recorded vote.

	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Bertram, Julie	x			
Fuscaldo, Jeanie	x			
Gagne, Caren			x	
Hall, Shane	x			
Phillips, Chantal	x			
Sargent, Louise	x			
St. Pierre, Ashley	x			
Steer, Bill	x			
Wesley, Howard	x			

10.0 Committee Reports and Minutes

Committee Meeting Minutes included for Information

2024 03 21 SEAC Committee – official notes

2023 12 13 PIC - official

11.0 Next Meeting Date

Chair St. Pierre confirmed the Board of Trustees will meet next on June 11, 2024.

12.0 Motion to Adjourn


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Motion: 24-05-16, S.Hall/J.Bertram

That on May 14, 2024 we do now adjourn at 8:27 pm. – CARRIED



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Chair



Craig Myles
Director

RESOLUTION SUMMARY

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