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Ashley St. Pierre, Chair

Craig Myles, Director of Education

The June 11, 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, Chair
Howard Wesley
Caren Gagne ®
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, community partners

Regrets: n/a

® attended remotely via Zoom video or audio conference

1.0 Call to Order

Chair St. Pierre called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

1.1 Land acknowledgement

Vice-Chair Wesley read the declaration aloud.

1.2 Attendance

Attendance indicated that 11 trustees were present, including the two Student Trustee.

1.3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Trustees Hall, Wesley and Steer declared conflicts of interest with agenda item 2.0 closed session re negotiations.

2.0 Closed Session

Motion: CW 24-06-01, L, Sargent/C.Phillips

That the Committee move into Closed Session in order to discuss items pertaining to *The Education Act* R.S.O. 1990, c.E.2 section 207(2)(d) – Negotiations, and section

207 (e) – Litigation. – CARRIED

3.0 Approval of the Agenda

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

Motion: CW 2024-06-02 S.Hall/J.Bertram

That the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting of June 11, 2024, be approved. - CARRIED.

4.0 Review of Previous Minutes

Motion: CW 2024-06-03 C.Phillips/S.Hall

That the minutes for the Committee of the Whole meeting of May 14, 2024 be approved. – CARRIED.

5.0 Business Arising – n/a

6.0 New Business

6.1 Notice of Motion Ministry Guidance on Community Request to Save McDougall Public School

Trustees were referred to the Notice of Motion filed by Trustee Bertram contained in the agenda package. Trustee Bertram provided introductory comments noting that trustees are responsible for identifying the needs of the community and that she feels the new build is not large enough and that we need to consider future increased enrolment in the area. She would like to open communication with the Minister to address this. Trustee Fuscaldo provided her rationale for supporting the motion. Trustee Wesley also provided his support wanting more accountability to the public. Trustee Steer not in support of the motion and suggested it go to the PS Build Committee for a fulsome report. Trustee Sargent supported the motion and provided comments on edupods and clarified that they are not the dated portables used years ago. Trustee Bertram clarified that the intent of the motion is to open communications with the Ministry and the voices of the stakeholders.

Director Myles noted that the Ministry decided based on data previously provided and agreed by the previous board. The Ministry will want in depth details to support reviewing the area and agreed with the suggestion of it going to committee for further work. Trustee Bertram agreed to revise the motion to create an ad hoc committee then bring to the Board. Consensus reached to strike an ad hoc committee.

Motion: CW 24-06-04 J. Bertram/J. Fuscaldo

That the Board strike an ad hoc committee to gather data on the McDougall Public School area and provide a report to the Board before the end of June 2025. – CARRIED

6.2 Notice of Motion Disposition and Sale of Widdifield SS

Trustees were referred to the Notice of Motion filed by Trustee Fuscaldo contained in the agenda package. Trustee Fuscaldo provided introductory remarks on the motion explaining that for financial responsibility reasons it is important that the NB

Consolidation committee meets to determine whether Widdifield can be sold in order to use proceeds for current needs ie Chippewa track.

Trustee Steer suggested the Board receive a report from senior staff. Trustee Gagne felt Widdifield should be maintained for future use. Trustee Hall agreed that this item should go to the NB Consolidation Committee.

Director Myles appreciated the wording of the motion advising that it is a multi-layered item that requires much work and study and includes other properties in the area. Consensus reached to amend the motion.

Motion: CW 24-06-05

That the Director provide a report to the Board at the June 2025 Committee of the Whole regarding the feasibility of moving forward expediently with the sale and disposition of the property located at 320 Ski Club Road North Bay formerly known as Widdifield SS after the North Bay Consolidation Committee meets. - CARRIED

7.0 Motion to Adjourn

Motion: CW 24-06-06 J.Bertram/S.Hall

That we do now adjourn at 6:23 pm. – CARRIED.