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Ashley St. Pierre, Chair

Craig Myles, Director of Education

The October 8, 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 ®
Howard Wesley
Jeanie Fuscaldo ®
Louise Sargent
Shane Hall
Nanak Sidhu, Student Trustee
Riley Trudeau, Student Trustee

Administrative Staff Present:

Craig Myles, Director of Education
Mel Gray, Superintendent ®
Timothy Graves, Superintendent ®
Seija Van Haesendonck, Superintendent of Business
Glenn Morrison, Manager ®
Maureen Egan, Executive Assistant
Brett Hanson, Communications
Liana Blaskievich, Officer Corporate Affairs

Regrets: Gay Smylie, Superintendent

Trustees Absent: J. Bertram

Other:

Staff, media, P. Robinson

® attended remotely via Zoom video or audio conference

1.0 Call to Order

Vice Chair Wesley called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm. Members of the public were welcomed in person and virtually.

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

Vice Chair Wesley read the Land Acknowledgement.

2.0 Requests for Leaves of Absence

Motion: 24-10-01 S.Hall/L.Sargent

That in accordance with BL-102, be it resolved that Trustee Bertram be granted a leave of absence from the October 8, 2024 board meeting as confirmation of regrets was provided in advance of the meeting. - CARRIED

3.0 Attendance

3.1 Confirmation of Quorum

Attendance indicated that 8 trustees were present for the meeting, including two student

trustees.

3.2 Declaration of Conflict of Interest n/a

4.0 Approval of the Agenda

Motion: 24-10-02, L.Sargent/C.Gagne

That the agenda for the Board meeting of October 8, 2024 be approved. – CARRIED

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Motion: 24-10-03, B.Steer/C.Gagne

That the minutes of the September 10, 2024 regular board meeting be approved. – CARRIED.

6.0 Communication to the Board

6.1 Information Items

6.1.1 Monthly Tender Report - nil report

6.1.2 Professional Development Opportunities Calendar

6.1.3 Monthly Meeting Calendar

6.1.4 Community Partnership and Planning: Available Space Process

6.1.5 Elementary Class Size Compliance Report

6.1.6 Enrolment Report

Trustee Sargent asked about variations in enrolment. Director Myles responded that enrolment varies and is getting difficult to predict with immigrant and other factors. SBO Van Haesendonck commented on feedback from principals which included late registrations, families not returning from out of country and out of district movement. Trustee Steer commented that it would be interesting to see via the municipality the number of retirees versus new families.

6.2 Director's Update

Director Myles reviewed his monthly update highlighting how alive and busy schools are. He emphasized the value of community partnerships with various examples. October is Cyber Awareness month and our staff will be sharing tips to stay safe and protected.

6.3 Chair's Remarks

Chair St. Pierre thanked Vice-Chair Wesley for chairing tonight's meeting as she is unwell. She noted that October is our last meeting before re-organization and expressed how much she has enjoyed being chair and looks forward to what next year brings.

6.4 OPSBA Report

Trustee Steer attended the meeting on September 27 and 28 noting his report was emailed to trustees. OPSBA staff working diligently on various items. Local governance week is October 21-25 – civics is in grade 10 curriculum. Encouraged trustees to take pictures if you visit that week. Reminder of the regional conference at the end of October.

6.5 Student Trustees' Updates

Riley Trudeau read her report emphasizing Truth Reconciliation events, assemblies and team workshops. IYC will be busy with many plans and activities.

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Nanak Sidhu reported on how students across NNDSB have enjoyed a positive and productive start to the new year and are engaged in range of community building activities. He reported on what he hopes to be a year of growth and achievement with many activities including cancer fundraisers and food drives. He also noted that the new cell phone policy has been smoothly implemented.

6.6 Community Involvement and Question Period n/a

7.0 Items for Decision

7.1 Report from Committee of the Whole Public Session

Bylaw Governance Review

Trustees reached consensus to have the bylaw and governance manual review work by Wayne Joudrie referred to the Bylaw Committee before coming to Board for final approval.

Motion: 24-10-04 C. Gagne/S.Hall

That the Board approve Trustee Fuscaldo to draft a letter to the Ministry of Education asking to keep McDougall School open and allow NNDSB to reconfigure the new school build in Parry Sound. – CARRIED

7.2 Ontario Student Trustees Association Fall General Meeting

Motion: 24-10-05 L.Sargent/B.Steer

That the Board approves the attendance of Student Trustee Trudeau and Student Trustee Sidhu to attend the Fall 2024 OSTA conference in Toronto November 7-10, 2024. - CARRIED

7.3 Levying Education Taxes Bylaw 2025

Motion: 24-10-06 S.Hall/C.Gagne

Whereas subsection 257.7(1) of the *Education Act* requires the Board to levy the tax rates prescribed under section 257.12 of the Act; And whereas Ontario Regulation 400/98 prescribes the tax rates under subsection 257.12 of the Act; Be it resolved that the NNDSB Board of Trustees enacts that the rates set out in Ontario Regulation 400/98 for 2025 are levied in localities within the area of jurisdiction of the Board on the property indicated in section 257.7 of the Act. - CARRIED

7.4 Trustee Honorarium

Motion: 24-10-07 L.Sargent/B.Steer

That the Near North District School Board approves the trustee honoraria for 2024-2025 as presented, effective November 15, 2024. - CARRIED

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8.0 Committees

8.1 Audit Committee Report

Motion: 24-10-08, S.Hall/J.Fuscaldo

That the Board of Trustees approves the Multi-Year Internal Audit Plan as presented, as recommended by the Audit Committee.- CARRIED

Finance Committee Report - Quarterly Report moved to November

8.2 Committee Meeting Minutes Presented for Information

Audit Committee – September 30, 2024 (unofficial)

9.0 Next meeting Date: November 12, 2024

10.0 Adjournment

Motion: 24-10-09 S.Hall/C.Gagne

That on October 8, 2024 we do now adjourn at 7:05 pm. – CARRIED



Howard Wesley
Vice Chair



Craig Myles
Director

RESOLUTION SUMMARY

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