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Ashley St. Pierre, Chair

Craig Myles, Director of Education

The November 12, 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
Howard Wesley
Jeanie Fuscaldo
Caren Gagne
Shane Hall ®
Chantal Phillips
Julie Bertram
Bill Steer ®
Louise Sargent
Student Trustee Trudeau

Administrative Staff Present:

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

Regrets: Student Trustee Sidhu

Other:

Staff, Union partners, media

® 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 5:35 pm.

1.1 Land acknowledgement

Vice-Chair Wesley read the declaration aloud.

1.2 Attendance

Attendance indicated that 10 trustees were present including one Student Trustee.

1.3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest n/a

2.0 Approval of the Agenda

Motion: CW 2024-11-01 J. Bertram/J.Fuscaldo

That the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting of November 12, 2024, be approved an amended. The amendment being the addition of item 4.2 correspondence to be copied to West Parry sound area municipalities by Trustee Fuscaldo.- CARRIED.

3.0 Review of Previous Minutes

Motion: CW 2024-11-02 C.Phillips/J.Fuscaldo

That the minutes for the Committee of the Whole meeting of October 8, 2024 be approved. – CARRIED.

4.0 New Business

4.1 Notice of Motion Trustee Steer

Trustee Steer introduced his motion by indicating it was Mining Week and that the purpose of the motion is to advocate and support student success for all students throughout the province. Mining is an important and valued industry with many good paying jobs. His intent is to bring forward to OPSBA who can partner and lobby the Ministry of Education to promote mining.

Trustees provided comments including suggestions on how our Board can support this outside of OPSBA and show leadership especially in the north. Suggestions included: bursaries, discussions with Canadore College and Nipissing, and including our co-terminus boards with our advocacy. It was also noted that Brian Wilson from Cote Gold Mines was a speaker at the Northern OPSBA meeting who spoke highly of the industry.

Motion: CW 2024-11-03 H. Wesley/C.Gagne

Be it resolved that OPSBA work with the Ministry of Education and the Ontario Mining Association to promote educational student success programs that are directly and indirectly related to modern mining. - CARRIED

4.2 Correspondence to Minister Dunlop

Trustee Fuscaldo indicated that she has been contacted by various sources regarding the Board's October letter to Minister Dunlop regarding McDougall Public School. She suggested that we send the letter to area municipalities to ensure they are aware of it.

Motion: CW 2024-11-04 C. Gagne/B. Steer

That the Board approve the Director's office to forward the October letter to Minister Dunlop to each of the West Parry Sound area municipalities as well as MPP Smith. – CARRIED

5.0 Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee

(TBD at November Organizational meeting and is a future standing item on CW)

Trustee Phillips requested an item be placed on the December CW meeting: Low barrier shelter.

6.0 Adjournment

Motion: CW 2024-11-05 B. Steer/J.Bertram

That on November 12, 2024 we do now adjourn at 5:51 pm. - CARRIED

