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Ashley St. Pierre, Chair

Craig Myles, Director of Education

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

Administrative Staff Present:

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

Regrets: Nanak Sidhu, Student Trustee

Other:
Staff, media, P. Robinson

® attended remotely via Zoom video or audio conference

1.0 Call to Order

Chair St. Pierre called the meeting to order at 6:48 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: 24-11-10 J.Fuscaldo/L.Sargent

That in accordance with BL-102, be it resolved that Student Trustee Sidhu be granted a leave of absence from the November 12, 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 10 trustees were present for the meeting, including one student trustee.

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3.2 Declaration of Conflict of Interest n/a

4.0 Approval of the Agenda

Motion: 24-11-11, C.Phillips/J.Bertram

That the agenda for the Board meeting of November 12, 2024 be approved. – CARRIED

5.0 Motion: 24-11-12, C.Gagne/H.Wesley

That the minutes of the October 8, 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 Monthly Meeting Calendar ✓

6.1.3 AG School Opening Closures and Consolidations

Trustee Sargent asked that this AG be tabled to the December or January CW for discussion.

6.1.4 Draft Director’s Annual Report

6.1.5 Math Achievement Plan Initial Report

Motion: 24-11-13, B. Steer/C.Gagne

That the Near North District School Board approve and endorse the Math Achievement Action Plan submission to the Ministry of Education. – CARRIED

Trustee Fuscaldo requested 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			

6.1.6 Chippewa Rebranding Update

6.1.7 Bullying Awareness Report

6.1.8 2023-24 Summer Learning Report

6.2 Director’s Update

Director Myles noted his report that was included in the agenda package received by trustees the previous week.

6.3 Chair's Remarks

Chair St. Pierre thanked her colleagues for their support in acclaiming her role as Chair and looks forward to great work ahead.

6.4 OPSBA Report

Trustee Steer referred to his report and highlighted the October northern meeting in Thunder Bay that he, Trustee Gagne and Director Myles attended. He noted the numerous attendees and speakers while summarizing the focus of the meeting. He thanked Director Myles and Trustee Gagne for attending and asked them both to comment. Trustee Gagne was pleased to see a focus on student wellness and mental health. Director Myles noted that this conference is always rewarding and the engagement with northern colleagues valuable.

6.5 Student Trustees' Updates

Riley Trudeau reviewed her report with an emphasis on various cultural activities that strengthen indigenous identity. She thanked the Board for supporting her attendance at the OSTA conference in October. She especially noted the leadership of Student Trustee Sidhu, who is OSTA president, who led the conference and ensured all were engaged and included.

6.6 Community Involvement and Question Period n/a

7.0 Items for Decision

7.1 Report from Committee of the Whole Public Session

Motion: 2024-11-14 C.Gagne/J.Bertram

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

Motion: 2024-11-15 J.Fuscaldo/H.Wesley

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

7.2 OPSBA Public Education Symposium January 2025

Motion: 2024-11-16 H.Wesley/C.Phillips

That the Board approve the attendance of the following trustees to the Public Education Symposium January 24 and 25, 2025 in Toronto: Howard Wesley, Julie Bertram, Louise Sargent, Riley Trudeau, Ashley St. Pierre, Bill Steer, Jeanie Fuscaldo. - CARRIED

7.3 SEAC Membership

Motion: 2024-11-17 C.Phillips/C.Gagne

That the Board appoint Tammy Adjoudj and alternate Sean Byers to the Near North District School Board Special Education Advisory committee for the 2024/2025 school year. - CARRIED

7.4 Confirmation of Signing Officers

Motion: 2024-11- 18 C.Gagne/C.Phillips

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7.5 NNDSB Charity Works- Membership for Approval

Motion: 2024-11-19, J. Fuscaldo/H.Wesley

Whereas the NNDSB Charity Works constitution delineates the organizational structure based on the Board of Trustees Organizational meeting; And whereas, the Board has conducted the organizational meeting for 2024; Be it resolved that the directors of NNDSB Charity Works shall be:

- Ashley St. Pierre Chair of the Board of Trustees
- Craig Myles Director of Education
- Seija Van Haesendonck Superintendent of Business

With a term effective immediately and ending at the close of the next Annual Organizational meeting for the Board of Trustees of Near North District School Board. - CARRIED

8.0 Committee Reports

8.1 Finance Committee Report
Quarterly Report

8.2 Committee Meeting Minutes Presented for Information
SEAC – September 19, 2024 (official)
MYSP – October 30, 2024 (unofficial)
Finance – September 17, 2024 (unofficial)

9.0 Next meeting Date: December 10, 2024

10.0 Adjournment

Motion: 24-11-20, L.Sargent/C.Phillips

That on November 12, 2024 we do now adjourn at 7:50 pm. – CARRIED



Ashley St. Pierre
Chair



Craig Myles
Director

RESOLUTION SUMMARY

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