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Ashley St. Pierre, Chair

Craig Myles, Director of Education

The January 14, 2025 **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
Student Trustee Sidhu

Regrets: n/a

Administrative Staff Present:

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

Other:

Staff, Union partners, media

1.0 Call to Order

Vice-Chair Wesley called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

1.1 Land acknowledgement

Vice-Chair Wesley read the declaration aloud.

1.2 Attendance

Attendance indicated that 11 trustees were present including two Student Trustees.

1.3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest n/a

2.0 Closed Session

Motion: CW 25-01-01, B.Steer/C.Gagne

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) (c) and (e). – CARRIED

3.0 Approval of the Agenda

Motion: CW 25-01-02, L.Sargent/J.Bertram

That the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting of January 14, 2025, be approved.- CARRIED.

4.0 Review of Previous Minutes

Motion: CW 25-01-03, C.Phillips/C.Gagne

That the minutes for the Committee of the Whole meeting of December 10, 2024 be approved. – CARRIED.

Trustee Sargent asked the status of the letter re the low barrier shelter and requested it be a standing item on CW. Director Myles advised that the draft currently is being reviewed by staff.

5.0 Notice of Motion – Trustee Steer

Trustees were referred to the Notice of Motion filed by Trustee Steer contained in the agenda package regarding school board efficiencies. It was noted that to proceed to discussion, the notice requires a seconder. Trustee Gagne seconded the motion. Trustee Steer introduced the motion and invited trustees to discuss/comment.

A friendly amendment was approved changing “draft” to “send” and the addition of the sentence “and that the letters be shared with all OPSBA member boards.” Vice-Chair Wesley noted there is consensus to move the recommendation forward to the Board meeting for approval.

That in the interests of applying more resources to student success and well-being, the NNDSB Board of Trustees send a letter to the Minister of Education asking the Ministry to initiate, study and begin consultations regarding efficiencies within the four-school board system model. And that the NNDSB also sends a letter to OPSBA asking it to advocate the same with the Ministry of Education on its’ members boards’ behalf, and that the letters be shared with all OPSBA member boards.

6.0 Adjournment

Motion: CW 25-01-04, J.Bertram/C.Gagne

That on January 14, 2025 we do now adjourn at 6:14 pm. - CARRIED