

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 | 5:00 PM

AGENDA

1.0 Call to Order

- 1.1 Land acknowledgement
- 1.2 Attendance
Confirmation of Quorum
- 1.3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

2.0 Closed Session

Motion:

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) (a).

3.0 Approval of the Agenda ✓

Motion:

That the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting of February 11, 2025, be approved.

3.0 Review of Previous Minutes ✓

Motion:

That the minutes for the Committee of the Whole meeting of January 14, 2025, be approved.

4.0 New Business

Notice of Motion – Trustee Wesley and Trustee Fuscaldo ✓

That the regular Board meeting time shall be changed from 6:30 PM to 2:30 PM, effective March 11, 2025, to improve accessibility, inclusivity, and effectiveness for students, staff, trustees, and the public.

AND THAT The Committee of the Whole meetings shall be scheduled for 1:00 PM to align with the Trustees' prior decision to hold Committee of the Whole meetings on the same day as the regular Board meeting

5.0 Adjournment

Motion:

That on February 11, 2025 we do now adjourn at _____ pm.



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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

Title:	NOTICE OF MOTION - ADJUST REGULAR BOARD MEETING TIME
Contact:	Jeanie Fuscaldo & Howard Wesley
Date Submitted:	Feb 10, 2025
Mandate:	In alignment with NNDSB Bylaw 102, I am providing notice to the Secretary of the Board, Director Myles, requesting an item be placed on the agenda for discussion during the February Committee of the Whole meeting.
Background:	<p>Whereas the current schedule for Committee of the Whole meetings at 5:00 PM and Board meetings at 6:30 PM presents challenges for trustees, staff, students, and community members;</p> <p>Whereas adjusting the meeting times to earlier in the day would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support traveling board meetings by aligning with standard working hours and minimizing late-night travel; • Provide time for informal engagement among trustees and staff with a light snack from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM; • Reduce the burden on staff, eliminating the need to work late into the evening and improving work-life balance; • Encourage student participation by enabling opportunities for at students to interact with the board during the school day; • Reduce student schedule conflicts with after-school activities; • Enhance safety by limiting night-time travel for trustees and staff; • Leverage research showing improved decision-making and cognitive performance during daytime hours; • Support staff retention and morale by demonstrating consideration for their time and well-being; • Facilitate scheduling by aligning meetings with working hours, freeing evenings for personal time; • Improve alignment with business hours, making it easier to engage with external consultants or resources as needed;

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase efficiency for schools by allowing school staff and leaders to participate briefly during work hours without requiring late-night commitments;• Reduce overtime costs and energy usage associated with evening operations;• Reduce overnight accommodations for traveling staff and Trustees• Accommodate caregivers and individuals with health considerations who may find evening hours challenging. |
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Resolutions:

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