

Ashley St. Pierre, Chair

Craig Myles, Director of Education

Environment Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 12, 2024

Virtual Meeting

Committee Members Present

Julie Bertram
Jeanie Fuscaldo
Bill Steer
Howard Wesley
Liana Blaskievich, Corporate Affairs Officer

Staff Resources Present

Patricia Lupton, Executive Assistant
Maureen Egan, Director's Office

1.0 Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm.

Moved by Trustee Bertram and seconded by Trustee Wesley that the addition of two new agenda items 3.0 and 4.0 to the December 12, 2024 agenda be approved. - CARRIED

Moved by Trustee Wesley and seconded by Trustee Steer that the agenda for the Environment Committee meeting of December 12, 2024 be approved. – CARRIED

2.0 Election of Chair

Moved by Trustee Steer and seconded by Trustee Wesley that Julie Bertram be elected Chair of the Environment Committee. – CARRIED

3.0 Objective and Aspirations of Members of the Environment Committee

A roundtable ensued regarding committee members' aspirations for the Environment Committee including a desire to protect green space around schools which distinguish NNDSB from other districts and offer nearby experiential learning opportunities for students on field trips. Further aspirations were expressed such as continuing best practices of forestry management on NNDSB property and adding to the canopy; sustainable procurement practices which evaluate lifetime of products as well as cost; sustainable building practices as demonstrated at Woodland PS; understanding of

recycling practices which vary by necessity within our region; and overall support of sustainability practices within the board.

4.0 Purpose of Committee

A fulsome discussion occurred regarding the purpose and nature of the Environment Committee. It was noted that it is not an ad hoc or advisory committee under the *Education Act*. It is a confirmed committee about the environment that will be supportive of the board around sustainability. From time to time, the Environment Committee will perform outreach to the community in the form of surveys as well as inviting experts in the environmental field to present to the Committee at future meetings.

Moved by Trustee Fuscaldo and seconded by Trustee Steer that the Executive Officer Corporate Affairs provide a report of the board's current operations pertaining to the environment at the next meeting of the Environment Committee. - CARRIED

5.0 Business Arising

5.1 Terms of Reference – deferred

5.2 Environment Responsibility - deferred

6.0 Next Meeting and Adjournment

Next meeting date to be scheduled in the first quarter of 2025 by the Executive Officer of Corporate Affairs.

With no further business to note, the committee moved to adjournment.

Moved by Trustee Wesley and seconded by Trustee that the Environment Committee stands adjourned at 2:39 pm. – CARRIED.