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Ashley St. Pierre, Chair

Craig Myles, Director of Education

The April 8, 2025 **Public Session Board Meeting** of the Near North District School Board was Board was via a Zoom video.

Trustees Present:

Ashley St. Pierre ®
Bill Steer ®
Julie Bertram ®
Caren Gagne ®
Chantal Phillips ®
Howard Wesley ®
Jeanie Fuscaldo ®
Louise Sargent ®
Shane Hall ®
Nanak Sidhu, 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
Maureen Egan, Office of the Director ®
Glenn Morrison, Manager of IT
Deb Bartlett, Communications ®
Liana Blaskievich, Exec. Officer Corporate Affairs ®

Regrets:

Riley Trudeau, Student Trustee

Other:

Staff, media, community members ®

1.0 Call to Order

Chair St. Pierre called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Members of the public were welcomed virtually.

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

Vice-Chair Wesley read the Land Acknowledgement.

2.0 Requests for Leaves of Absence

Motion: 25-04-01, H.Wesley/S.Hall

In accordance with BL-102, be it resolved that Student Trustee Riley Trudeau be granted a leave of absence from the April 8, 2025 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 trustees.

3.2 Declaration of Conflict of Interest None declared.

4.0 Approval of the Agenda

Motion: 25-04-02, B.Steer/J.Bertram

That the agenda for the Board meeting of April 8, 2025 be approved. – CARRIED

5.0 Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion: 25-04-03, L.Sargent/J.Fuscaldo

That the minutes of the March 18, 2025 regular board meeting be approved as amended. The amendment being the addition of the Student Trustees' reports. – CARRIED.

6.0 Communication to the Board

6.1 Information Items

- 6.1.1 Monthly Tender Report (nil report)
- 6.1.2 Monthly Committee Meeting Calendar
- 6.1.3 AG Sex Trafficking (consultation)
- 6.1.4 Director's Update

6.2 Chair's Remarks

Chair St. Pierre

6.3 OPSBA Report

Trustee Steer had provided in advance via email the agenda of the Northern meeting held on Saturday April 5. He briefly highlighted many of the valuable topics covered for trustees including how to ask effective questions at the board table, trustees' roles and responsibilities, and motions. Trustee Steer also advised that lack of staff and absenteeism continues across the province. Trustee Sargent asked the status of the motion re school board efficiencies. Trustee Steer explained it has been accepted for the June AGM agenda.

6.4 Student Trustees' Updates

Student Trustee Sidhu reviewed his report to the Board highlighting various activities and events across all schools. Student Trustee Trudeau's report was provided in the agenda package.

6.5 Community Involvement

Scheduled Delegations – n/a

7.0 Items for Decision

7.1 Report from the Committee of the Whole Public Session

Motion: 25-04-04, S.Hall/J.Fuscaldo

That the draft correspondence to the Mayor of North Bay be finalized for distribution. –

CARRIED

Motion: 25-04-05 J.Fuscaldo/H.Wesley

That based on relevant administrative guidelines, the Board of Trustees formally recognize volunteers with a certificate of appreciation at April Board meetings. – CARRIED

Motion: 25-04-06 C.Gagne/S.Hall

That the following trustees be approved to attend the OPSBA Labour Relations Symposium May 1-2 in Toronto: B. Steer. – CARRIED

Motion 25-04-07 L.Sargent/S.Hall

That the following trustees be approved to attend the OPSBA Annual General Meeting June 12-14 in Niagara-On-the-Lake: H.Wesley, C. Gagne, A. St. Pierre, B. Steer. – CARRIED

Motion 25-04-08 B.Steer/C.Gagne

That the following Student Trustees be approved to attend the OSTA Annual General Meeting May 22-24 in Toronto: Riley Trudeau, Nanak Sidhu and incoming Student Trustee Dev Bassi. – CARRIED

8.0 Committee Reports and Minutes

8.1 Finance Committee Quarterly Report

8.2 Committee Meeting Minutes Finance – March 24, 2025 (unofficial)

Trustee Gagne advised that the Governance Committee has met and began its review of the Governance Manual.

Trustee Sargent referenced hearing the word deficit throughout recent meetings and asked for a finance section at the next CW. Trustee Fuscaldo commented that before we consider a deficit budget or cutting programs we could consider cutting participation with OPSBA.

Trustee Fuscaldo asked which budget trustee expenses related to OPSBA conferences are drawn from. SBO Van Haesendonck explained that trustee expenses are specifically enveloped to trustees only and strictly used for such purposes and other expenses related to their time in office.

Trustee Fuscaldo suggested splitting the Trustee Initiative fund across all schools as was done last year.

9.0 Next meeting Date: May 13, 2025

10.0 Adjournment

Motion: 25-04-09, C.Gagne/S.Hall

That on April 8, 2025 we do now adjourn at 7:01 pm. – CARRIED



Ashley St. Pierre
Chair



Craig Myles
Director

RESOLUTION SUMMARY

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