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Ashley St. Pierre, Chair

Craig Myles, Director of Education

The May 13, 2025, **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
Nanak Sidhu, Student Trustee
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
Maureen Egan, Office of the Director
Glenn Morrison, Manager of IT
Deb Bartlett, Communications
Liana Blaskievich, Exec. Officer Corporate Affairs

Regrets: n/a

Other:

Staff, media, community members

1.0 Call to Order

Chair St. Pierre called the meeting to order at 7:17 pm. Members of the public were welcomed virtually.

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

Vice-Chair Wesley read the Land Acknowledgement.

2.0 Attendance

2.1 Confirmation of Quorum

Attendance indicated that 11 trustees were present for the meeting, including two student trustees. Chair St. Pierre welcomed incoming Student Trustee Dev Bassie who was observing the meeting.

3.2 Declaration of Conflict of Interest None declared.

3.0 Approval of the Agenda

Motion: 25-05-01, L. Sargent/C. Gagne

That the agenda for the Board meeting of May 13, 2025, be approved as amended. The

amendment being the addition of the correspondence from Chair St. Pierre to Minister Calandra and the addition of the report from the CW closed session. – CARRIED

5.0 Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion: 25-05-02, C. Phillips/S. Hall

That the minutes of the April 8, 2025, 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 Student Registration (final) ✓

6.1.4 Mid-year Enrolment Report ✓

6.1.5 Director's Update ✓

6.1.6 2025/26 CW and Board Meeting Schedule ✓

6.1.7 Correspondence ✓

- Minister of Education dated April 14 and April 29
- MPP Smith dated October 15, 2024
- NNDSB to Minister October 21, 2024
- Town of McDougall resolution dated April 16, 2025
- Town of Parry Sound resolution dated April 15, 2025
- OPSBA dated April 11, 2025

6.2 Chair's Remarks

Chair St. Pierre announced the resignation of Trustee Phillips and thanked her for her dedication to the Board. Trustee Phillips presented Chair St. Pierre with a gift and words of praise.

6.3 OPSBA Report

Trustee Steer noted that he had emailed his report to trustees prior to the meeting. He briefed the board on the OPBSA meeting he attended May 2 and 3 in Toronto. He explained that the compulsory webinars and modules released by OPSBA and OESC must be completed by August 31 and reminded everyone of the May 15 provincial budget date which includes educational funding.

6.4 Student Trustees' Updates

Indigenous Student Trustee Riley Trudeau reported that the IYC has been busy with Red Dress Day, the Moose Hide Campaign and powwows.

Teachings and powwows have started at schools, including events at which feeder school students attend secondary school events as a transition activity. IYC is grateful for the Niigan Gdizhaami fund, which supports events in collaboration with Dokis First Nation.

Student Trustee Nanak Sidhu reported that student life across the district has been busy, with cultural celebrations, athletic excellence, artistic flair and community-minded service.

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6.5 Community Involvement
Scheduled Delegations – n/a

7.0 Items for Decision

7.1 Report from the Closed Committee of the Whole Session

Motion: 25-05-03, L. Sargent/H. Wesley

That the Board draft a letter to Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l’Ontario (CSPNE) that we appreciate collaboration, but White Woods PS and its property is not for sale. - CARRIED

A recorded vote was requested by Trustee Sargent.

	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			

7.2 Report from the Committee of the Whole Public Session

Motion: 25-05-04, C. Phillips/H. Wesley

That our next response to the Minister will be a request for a meeting with Chair St. Pierre and other members of NNDSB and that we will invite MPP Smith to attend and seek to find solutions with the Minister for more permanent placement given enrolment projections at the Parry Sound build. - CARRIED

Motion: 25-05-05 J. Fuscaldo/C. Phillips

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Near North District School board hereby allocate the Trustee Initiative Fund divided equally amongst all schools for the fiscal year 2025 to provide assistance to schools as deemed appropriate by each school principal. - CARRIED

8.0 Committee Reports and Minutes

8.1 Committee Meeting Minutes
SEAC – February 2025 (official)

9.0 Next meeting Date: June 10, 2025

10.0 Adjournment

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

That on May 13, 2025, we do now adjourn at 7:50 pm. – CARRIED



Ashley St. Pierre
Chair



Craig Myles
Director

RESOLUTION SUMMARY

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