

Ashley St. Pierre, Chair

Craig Myles, Director of Education

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**Multi-Year Strategic Plan Committee**

Wednesday October 30, 2024

Virtual meeting conducted over Teams

Committee Members Present

Bill Steer, Committee Chair  
Chantal Phillips, Trustee  
Julie Bertram, Trustee  
Craig Myles, Director  
Liana Blaskievich, Officer of Corporate Affairs

Staff Present

Chris Walkling, Principal  
Maureen Egan, Executive Assistant

Committee Regrets

Ashley St. Pierre

**1.0 Call to Order**

Committee Chair Steer called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Attendance was called to note the meeting has quorum.

**1.1 Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved by L. Blaskievich and seconded by C. Myles that the agenda for the Multi-Year Strategic Plan Committee is approved. - **CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.1 MYSP Committee minutes- May 22, 2024**

Review of the minutes contained in the agenda package. The floor was opened for comments or amendments, with none rose.

Moved by L. Blaskievich and seconded by J. Bertram that the Committee approves the Multi-Year Strategic Plan Committee minutes as presented for the meeting held on May 22, 2024. - **CARRIED**

**3.0 Fall Parent Session**

Director Myles noted the upcoming parent/community date which is a Ministry requirement. He also noted that the Ministry is becoming more involved in the structure of MYSP and was pleased to advise that NNDSB is adhering to those expectations and guidelines. He will update the committee on further Ministry changes.

Director Myles welcomed SAWB Principal Chris Walkling to the Committee and explained Chris' expertise in data collection, student achievement and well-being. Chris ensures NNDSB priorities are in alignment with Ministry expectations. Director Myles thanked both Chris and Liana for their hard work.

L. Blaskievich noted that the parent session planned for November will be similar to the one held in the spring. Trustee Philips asked that the presentation be available on the website. L. Blaskievich noted the spring video is on the MYSP page on our website.

#### **4.0 Verbal Progress report**

L. Blaskievich provided the quarterly report on the pillars.

Excellence in Relationships: The Assistant Deputy Minister visited NNDSB on September 18 and was highly impressed with our educators and programs ie One Kids Place. We are fortunate to have numerous community partners.

Communications: We continue to provide media interviews re vaping and cell phone usage. There has been minimal issues surrounding both because NNDSB has been pro active in this area. CBC morning show was hosted FJ McElligott that was highly positive and rewarding.

Teaching and Learning: Our math lead has already done their diagnostics and a report going to Board. They continue to work with parents via evening sessions. In literacy, screening students has been very successful re baseline data. Reading assessments - 98% k-grade two and 97% k-grade 8 completed.

Innovation: Cyber awareness month October with extensive learning.

Trustee Phillips was pleased to see evolution of the presentation of data. She said it is important to convey to families why we are doing screenings and the direct impact on students.

She suggested that what trustees hear in the community would be valuable to address. For example aggression towards teachers. Would be great if we could communicate how increasing full-time employment of educational assistants will assist problem behaviours in classroom. She suggested creating a presentation that includes key concerns from community ie strategies around bussing problems, behavior in classroom, etc.

L. Blaskievich noted it is always good to keep community educated. It is important for us to understand the priorities of our community. She would like to see more research to see said concerns. We should be careful before we start speaking to very complicated things in teacher practices. We need to hear concerns before deciding if they belong here.

Director Myles advised that we are always looking at avenues to see when we can report on those things and make it easier for public.

## **5.0 Consultation Report**

Principal Walking referred to the release of Bill 98 in August 2023. Since then staff engaged with a broad range of student and staff groups, board committees, parents, and community organizations. These engagements have focused on the Student Achievement Plan and actions to support and improve student achievement and well-being. Engagements included the NNDSB Parent Involvement Committee, Indigenous Education Council, Special Education Advisory Committee, Equity Advisory Circle, MYSP Committee, as well as Indigenous Youth Circle.

He noted that we are always looking at indicators to include in the Student Achievement Plan. For example, student mental health identified as foundation for academic success, staff engagement and consultation via surveys. He emphasized how active listening guides our work. Director Myles thanked C. Walking and L. Blaskievich for this significant work.

Trustee Phillip asked the Committee to consider forward thinking for upcoming MYSP planning.

L. Blaskievich suggested it would be better to wait and have done as much consultation as we can. It is too early otherwise and we are still gathering data. To suggest changes in this year, when our MYSP is not going to be revised until 2026 is a bit early. Need to keep gathering data then a better scope and sequence re revisions moving forward.

## **6.0 Adjournment**

The next meeting date will be scheduled at the call of the Chair.

There being no further business to discuss, on October, 2024, the Multi-Year Strategic Plan Committee stands adjourned at 9:44 am.