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Ashley St. Pierre, Chair

Craig Myles, Director of Education

The October 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, Chair
Howard Wesley, Vice Chair®
John Arkwright
Jay Aspin
Caren Gagne
Louise Sargent
Bill Steer
Krista Messenger
Student Trustee Trudeau
Student Trustee Bassi

Administrative Staff Present:

Craig Myles, Director of Education
Gay Smylie, Superintendent
Seija Van Haesendonck, Superintendent of Business
Timothy Graves, Superintendent
Melanie Gray, Superintendent
Kim Pauli, Superintendent
Maureen Egan, Director's Office
Gerri-Lyn Ciccirelli, Executive Assistant
Glenn Morrison, Manager IT
Liana Blaskievich, Officer Corporate Affairs

Regrets: S. Hall

Other:

Staff, media

1.0 Call to Order

Chair St. Pierre called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:40 pm.

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

Vice-Chair Wesley read the declaration aloud.

1.2 Attendance

Attendance indicated that 8 trustees and two student trustees were present.

1.3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Chair St. Pierre asked for declaration of conflicts. None arose.

2.0 Approval of Agenda – As Amended ✓

Motion: CW25-10-01, J. Arkwright/C. Gagne

That the Agenda be amended to include item 2.1 Closed Session. - CARRIED

2.1 Closed Session

Motion: CW 25-10-02, J. Arkwright/C. Gagne

That the committee move into closed session to discuss items pertaining to *The Education Act* RSO 1990, c.E.2 section 207 (2)(e). – CARRIED

3.0 Review of Previous Minutes

Motion: CW 25-10-03, J.Aspin/B.Steer

That the minutes for the Committee of the Whole meeting of September 9, 2025, be approved – CARRIED.

4.0 Business Arising

4.1 Parry Sound New Jk-12 School Update

The Director referred to the report in the meeting package noting that the Board continues to move forward with the Parry Sound build. The Director encouraged the Board and members of the public to access the Near North District School Board website for the most recent information noting that the information is updated as soon as it received.

5.0 New Business

5.1 OPSBA Emerging Issues Information

The Chair called upon Trustee Steer to present information relating to information being presented at the OPSBA Northern Region Meeting on October 17-18, 2025. Some items include insufficient funding and proposed changes to governance structure. Following a fulsome discussion, the following motion was presented:

Motion: CW 25-10-04, J.Aspin/C.Gagne

That the Near North District School Board express its strong support for the new proposed two-tier governance model for presentation at the OPSBA Conference on October 17 and 18, 2025 - CARRIED

6.0 Adjournment

Motion: CW 25-10-05, J.Aspin/L.Sargent

That on October 14, 2025 we do now adjourn at 6:37 pm. – CARRIED