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Ashley St. Pierre, Chair

Craig Myles, Director of Education

The November 11, 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®

Administrative Staff Present:

Gay Smylie, Superintendent
Seija Van Haesendonck, Superintendent of Business
Timothy Graves, Director Designate
Melanie Gray, Superintendent
Kim Pauli, Superintendent
Maureen Egan, Director's Office
Gerri-Lyn Ciccirelli, Executive Assistant
Glenn Morrison, Manager IT
Deb Bartlett, Communications Officer

Regrets: Shane Hall, Dev Bassi

Other:

Staff, media
Regrets: Craig Myles

1.0 Call to Order

Chair St. Pierre called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Tim Graves was Director Designate for this meeting.

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

Vice-Chair Wesley read the declaration aloud.

1.2 Attendance and Confirmation of Quorum

Chair St. Pierre indicated that 8 trustees were present.

1.3 Request for Leave of Absence

Motion: CW 25-11-01 J.Aspin/L.Sargent

In accordance with BL-102, be it resolved that Trustee Shane Hall and Student Trustee Dev Bassi be granted a leave of absence from the November 11, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting, as confirmation of regrets was received in advance of the meeting.

1.4 Declaration of Conflict of Interest
None declared

2.0 **Closed Session**

Motion: CW 25-11-02, B.Steer/L.Sargent
That the committee move into closed session to discuss items pertaining to *The Education Act* RSO 1990, c.E.2 section 207 (2) (d)(e). – CARRIED

3.0 **Approval of the Agenda**

Motion: CW 25-11-03, J.Aspin/B.Steer
That the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting of November 11, 2025, be approved as amended, the amendment being the deferral of Item No. 6.1.

4.0 **Review of Previous Minutes**

Motion: CW25-11-04 L.Sargent/K.Messenger
That the minutes for the Committee of the Whole meeting of October 14, 2025, be approved as corrected, the correction being that the motion to approve the October 14 agenda was approved as amended with the amendment being the removal of item 5.2

5.0 **Business Arising**

5.1 Parry Sound New JK-12 School Update

The report provided to the Trustees in the meeting package was reviewed. No questions were noted.

5.2 Minister's Report and Directives Update

Chair St. Pierre updated Trustees on the Minister's report. Trustee Sargent requested more time to review progress report No. 2.

Trustee Gagne advised that the Governance Committee plans to meet bi-weekly to continue the revisions to the Governance manual.

Trustee Aspin questioned a Facebook post regarding a potential meeting in Parry Sound. Confirmation for this meeting has not been received.

6.0 **Adjournment**

6.1 Motion: CW 25-11-05 B.Steer/J.Arkwright
That on November 11, 2025, we do now adjourn at 7:10 p.m.

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