

Jay Aspin, Chair

Craig Myles, Director of Education

The October 13, 2020 **Committee of the Whole** of the Near North District School Board was held in the boardroom and via teleconference.

Trustees Present:

Jay Aspin, Chair
John Cochrane, Vice-Chair
Al Bottomley

Administrative Staff Present:

Trustee Fry asked if we received feedback from Mr. Green since school started. SBO Therrien did contact him and informed him that this was on the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Chair Aspin said he spent time with the principal looking at this situation. He was very impressed with the set up and it was clear student safety was the priority. He noted that he was on site at rush hour in the afternoon and saw that parents do use the pickup area adjacent to the school and on Chippewa street. He walked the pathway to Devonshire and saw that it was well groomed and safe. The Consortium has done well managing this issue and making the whole area logistically possible and with student safety in mind.

3.0 New Business

3:2 Consolidation Phase 2 Plan and Proposed Budget (included).

Director Myles introduced the report this evening that Executive Officer Pavone will be presenting. Priorities for September have been completed and now phase two begins which is the next priorities that require financial approval.

Executive Officer Pavone reviewed the final report re phase one of the consolidation process including a summary since last September. He acknowledged the tireless efforts of staff including the principals at the schools, our senior team, Director Myles, SO Smylie and other NNSB staff.

Vice-Chair Cochrane congratulated the team saying the efforts are first class and an excellent example of the unions, teachers, management and staff working together. He is very proud of these achievements and it is wonderful for our students and families.

Executive Officer Pavone reviewed phase two of the report. In January no budget was in place reflecting the consolidation process and Exec Council requested \$1.4m for phase one. We were cognizant of what we could accomplish at the time and focused on priority programming. Now that we are in the new budget year we wanted to be ahead of process and are respectfully submitting phase two. He reviewed the funding priorities for phase two.

Chair Aspin said this is a real success story despite the negativity we faced. We have combined high schools, increased enrolment and increased programming. Accolades to everyone involved for an excellent job. Now our focus is to finish the job and we will have two first class high schools that will shine comparable to any in the province.

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