

**Minutes of the Public Session Board Meeting of the Near North District School Board held March 22, 2022**

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Jay Aspin, Chair

Craig Myles, Director of Education

The March 22, 2022 **Committee of the Whole Public Session** of the Near North District School Board was held via video and/or teleconference.

**Trustees Present:**

Jay Aspin, Chair  
John Cochrane, Vice-Chair  
Al Bottomley  
Bill Steer  
Caren Gagne  
Donna Breault  
Louise Sargent  
Nichole King  
Allen Lewis Trodd, Student Trustee  
Cecilia Darling, Student Trustee

**Administrative Staff Present:**

Craig Myles, Director of Education  
Gay Smylie, Superintendent of Education  
Deb Bartlett, Communications Officer  
Krista Messenger, Executive Assistant  
Melanie Gray, Superintendent of Education

**Trustees Absent:**

Rob Learn

**1.0 Call to Order**

Chair Aspin called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

**1.1 Land acknowledgement**

Chair Aspin read the declaration aloud.

**1.2 Attendance**

Attendance indicated that 10 trustees are present for the meeting, including the two student trustees.

**1.3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

NIL

**2.0 Approval of the Agenda and Previous Minutes**

Chair Aspin noted a correction to the agenda regarding the date of the meeting. The motion was amended and read aloud.

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*Motion: J. Cochrane/ C. Gagne*

That the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting of March 22, 2022, and the minutes of the previous meetings of February 15, 2022, be approved - **Carried.**

**3.0 In-Camera**

At this time, Chair Aspin advised the Committee of the Whole would be moving into a private session. Members of the public were excused and advised they would be permitted back into the meeting once the Board arose in public session.

*Motion: L. Sargent/ D. Breault*

That the Committee of the Whole move into an in-camera session. - **Carried.**

A brief pause was noted to coordinate the appropriate video conference controls.

**4.0 Arise and Report**

The Committee arose and reported in the public session of Committee of the Whole. A brief pause was noted to coordinate the appropriate video conference controls to permit members of the public to re-enter the virtual meeting.

**5.0 Business Arising**

Chair Aspin noted this is a nil report this evening.

**6.0 New Business**

**6.1 Review of NNDSB Bylaw Amendments**

Chair Aspin referred trustees to the report contained in the package. It is noted that the  
to align with legislative changes made to the next

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6.4 Review of Trustee Initiative Fund application- \_\_\_\_\_ the  
Director Myles was invited to review the second TIF application included in the agenda package. Highlights of the discussion are noted as:

Festival of the Sound to prepare  
the application requesting funding for  
a school music education program in 10 schools over a two-week  
period.

Parry Sound family of schools since  
2005, impacting the lives of thousands of NNDSB students in Grades 4-6.  
This long-standing partnership supports commitments to excellence in  
relationships, as well as providing a unique opportunity for students, noting how