

**Minutes of the Committee of the Whole- Public session of**

*Motion: J. Cochrane/ C. Gagne*

That the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting of October 11, 2022, is approved as amended, and the minutes of the previous meetings of September 13 2022, be approved as presented - **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: B. Steer/ 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

## 6.2 Governance Policy Report

Trustees were referred to the report included in the agenda package. Chair Aspin noted this item September to approve the creation of two new governance policies. The drafts are included for review and have been published on the website for input as part of the 30-day consultation period. It is noted that consensus is being sought to approve the draft governance policies conditional on the positive acceptance of the community so it can be completed by the current Board.

Comment from Trustee Sargent to note her support for the Student Trustee policy. The recognition of the role of the Indigenous Youth Circle in support of the Indigenous Student Trustee e.

With no further comments raised, it is noted that consensus has been achieved regarding the recommendations presented.

## 6.3 Dreamcoat Update

It is noted that a report is included in the agenda package with regard to this item. Chair Aspin noted that trustees are fully supportive of renew the expired lease with Dreamcoat Fantasy Theatre. The Director was invited to provide further comments and noted NNDSB makes decisions based on student safety and well-being and core instruction as a priority. For the reasons stated in the report, the board is not able to continue offering space to the group. NNDSB wishes Dreamcoat well and trusts that another community partner can support them and their valuable community program.

## 6.4 Notice of Motion- Trustee Gagne

It is noted that Trustee Gagne provided a Notice of Motion in alignment with NNDSB Bylaw 102. Chair Aspin referred trustees to the brief included in the agenda package and advised Trustee Gagne would be given one minute to speak to this item and then the floor would be open to discuss and determine consensus.

Remarks from Trustee Gagne to note she is seeking consensus to bring a motion forward recommending that NNDSB writes a letter to the Ministry of Education advocating for a stronger commitment to student transportation supports. Though this is a concern shared across the province, bus cancellations are particularly disruptive in the zone represented by Trustee Gagne.

Chair Aspin inquired if a trustee was willing to second the proposed motion as outlined on Trustee Gagne Trustee Steer noted he would be pleased to and requested that OPSBA receive a copy of the letter as this is an item discussed on an ongoing basis.

Chair Aspin opened the floor for discussion on this item and the proposed amendment. With no further comments raised, it is noted that consensus has been achieved regarding the amended Notice of Motion presented.

## 6.5 Notice of Motion- Vice-Chair Cochrane

It is noted that Vice-Chair Cochrane provided a Notice of Motion in alignment with NNDSB Bylaw 102. Chair Aspin referred trustees to the brief included in the agenda package and advised Vice-Chair Cochrane would be given one minute to speak to this

item and then the floor would be open to discuss and determine consensus.

Remarks from Vice-Chair Cochrane to note he is seeking consensus to bring a motion forward recommending NNDSB develop a thorough report regarding the information stated in a letter received from the Town of Parry Sound with regard to the area population and the impact on the JK-12 Parry Sound build and correct any misinformation circulating about NNDSB and this issue. Following receipt of the letter, Vice-Chair Cochrane was invited to a meeting with Town officials. Unfortunately, the Mayor was not in attendance. Concerns were expressed regarding the population growth as it relates to the building size and amenities. Vice-Chair Cochrane recognized the need to bring this forward to the Board to ensure it can take action to consider the information

Chair Aspin inquired if a trustee was willing to second the proposed motion as outlined on Vice-Chair Cochrane Notice of Motion. Trustee Gagne noted she would be pleased to second the Motion.

Chair Aspin opened the floor for discussion. With no further comments raised, it is noted that consensus has been achieved regarding the Notice of Motion presented.

#### 6.6 Notice of Motion- Trustee King

It is noted that Trustee King provided a Notice of Motion in alignment with NNDSB Bylaw 102. Chair Aspin referred trustees to the brief included in the agenda package and advised Trustee King would be given one minute to speak to this item and then the floor would be open to discuss and determine consensus.

Remarks from Trustee King to note she is seeking consensus to bring a motion forward recommending the Board receive an updated report regarding the actions taken and continued next steps to support the healing process following the damage to the PSHS Shapatuan. It is noted that Board representatives attended a Talking Circle organized by Wasauksing First Nation where commitments were made on next steps to strengthen The Notice of Motion is intended to ensure this planning remains on track with respect to these plans.

Chair Aspin thanked Trustee King for bringing forward this motion, as the Board values the relationships with First Nations partners. Chair Aspin inquired if a trustee was willing to second the proposed motion as outlined on Notice of Motion. Vice-Chair Cochrane noted he would be pleased to second the Motion.

Chair Aspin opened the floor for discussion. With no further comments raised, it is noted that consensus has been achieved regarding the Notice of Motion presented.

### **7.0 Question Period**

Chair Aspin noted that the Board would be adapting the procedure for Question Period to the virtual meeting environment. It is noted the process is defined as part of BL-11

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