

Minutes of the Public Session Board Meeting of the Near North District School Board held June 15, 2021

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Jay Aspin, Chair

Craig Myles, Director of Education

The June 15, 2021 **Public Session of Committee of the Whole** of the Near North District School Board was held via video and/or teleconference.

1.0 Call to Order

Chair Aspin called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

1.1 Land acknowledgement

Chair Aspin read the declaration aloud.

Motion: H. Fry/ R. Learn

That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on May 18, 2021, be approved. - **Carried**

4.0 Bring Forward Business

The Chair confirmed there was no outstanding business contained in the May 18, 2021 meeting minutes to bring forward.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Farewell Remarks to Trustee Fry

It is noted that Trustee Harry Fry has tendered his resignation from the NNDSB Board of Trustees effective June 30, 2021. Trustee Fry is relocating out of the district of Nipissing to be closer to family. Chair Aspin opened the conversation by commending Trustee Fry for his leadership and commitment in service to students. The floor was opened for round table remarks. Trustees recognized Trustee Fry for his committee work, passion for education, and service to constituents. Director Myles and the senior leadership team offered warm regards and accolades on behalf of staff.

Trustee Fry expressed his gratitude to fellow trustees and administration for their well wishes and compliments.

5.2 Trustee Vacancy- Next Steps

Chair Aspin provided an update for trustees to note that on appointing a successor to represent zone 2 following the departure of Trustee Fry. It is noted that the Education Act requires the Board to fill the vacancy within 90 days, which means that NNDSB has until September 28, 2021.

Comment from Trustee Sargent to note historical practice has been to select the next candidate from the electoral list. Chair Aspin noted the Education Act delineates this option, as well as two others (such as calling a by-election, and appointing a qualified candidate). All three will be explored and form part of the report developed by the Board. No further questions were asked from trustees.

5.3 Summer Committee Work

Item presented for information to note that while traditionally the Board of Trustees recesses for the summer, it may be that trustees will be called upon to convene prior to September. It is noted that the Board will be called upon to convene prior to September to give ample notice and with respect for scheduling availability.

The Director thanked trustees for their commitment to supporting the work of the NNDSB. The floor was opened for questions, with none rose.

6.0 Motion to Adjourn

Motion: H. Fry/ L. Sargent

That we do now adjourn at 6:25 PM. **Carried**