

approved. **Carried.**

6.0 Business Arising

It is noted that there is no business arising brought forward for discussion. The floor was opened to trustees for inquiries or comments, with none rose.

7.0 New Business

7.1 Trustee Initiative Fund (TIF) application- Festival of the Sound

Trustees were referred to the TIF application contained in the agenda package. It is noted that the application is requesting \$20,000.00 in funding from the trustee initiative fund. Highlights of the discussion are noted as:

For the record, Chair Lougheed reiterated that Vice-Chair Wesley has declared a conflict with this agenda item, and therefore will not be invited to comment on this item.

The Festival of the Sound (FOTS) program has run in the Parry Sound family of schools since 2005, impacting the lives of thousands of NNDSB students in Grades 4-6. This long-standing partnership supports commitment to Excellence in Relationships, as well as providing a unique opportunity for our students.

Director Myles noted the funding will be to

intermediate and senior division students in all regions of the Near North District School Board. SO Gray is on hand for further questions and noted that the FOTS Executive Director is in attendance this evening as a member of the public to showcase further support for the application. Sincere thanks were expressed to the FOTS artists, as it is recognized the actual costs associated with this production total \$48,500.00. A significant portion of projected costs will be subsidized by the FOTS.

Chair Lougheed opened the floor for questions or comments regarding the application. Support expressed by Trustee Phillips for the application, with recognition for the opportunity this will create for students.

With no further comments, it is recognized that consensus has been achieved regarding support for this application. A motion will be presented in regular session to confirm.

7.2 Notice of Motion- Trustee Sargent

Trustees were referred to the Notice of Motion filed by Trustee Sargent contained in the agenda package with regard to the separation of Committee of the Whole and Board meetings.

It is noted that in order to proceed to discussion, the notice requires a seconder. The floor was opened for expressions of support. Trustee Bertram noted she will second the motion. Chair Lougheed noted Trustee Sargent is permitted to speak first for up to three minutes, and then the floor will be opened for discussion by trustees. Highlights are noted as:

Opening comments by Trustee Sargent to recognize that the notice of motion

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