



# Newfoundland and Labrador English School Board

## Meeting Highlights January 22, 2016

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### OVERVIEW

The Newfoundland and Labrador English School Board held a regular meeting on January 22, 2016 at the District Conference Centre, St. John's. Below are highlights of the meeting.

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

Trustee Goronwy Price, Chair of the Finance & Operations Committee, provided an update on the budget for the period ending September 30, 2015. Trustee Price indicated that expenses are expected to remain balanced and within budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

### SCHOOL REVIEW PROCESS

Assistant Director of Education (Operations), Tony Stack, presented to the Board five potential school systems to review, begin discussions with the school councils and seek initial public feedback. The Board approved reviewing the following school systems:

- Holy Heart High School & Prince of Wales Collegiate System (Holy Cross Junior High & Brother Rice Junior High);
- Crescent Collegiate System (Whitbourne Elementary & Woodland Elementary);
- Pearson Academy System (Heritage Academy);
- Long Island Academy; and,
- Sacred Heart All Grade.

### POLICY

The Board approved amendments to the *Child Protection* policy (PROG-305) which has also been shared with the Provincial Government.

### QUARTERLY REPORT

The Quarterly Report for the period of October, November and December was tabled for review and feedback. The report will be brought to the next meeting of the Board for approval.

### REPORTS

Trustee George Sheppard updated trustees on the innovation awards and grants and indicated that criteria have been drafted by the committee and will be shared with Foundation members during the upcoming week and then circulated to the Board and District staff. Board members were asked to encourage educators to apply. The application deadline is March 4, 2016

Trustee Price updated trustees on the operations of the Newfoundland and Labrador School Boards Association and informed them that the next meeting will take place in February.

Trustee Nada Borden provided an update on the School Milk Foundation which is shifting the focus of its social media activities, has rebranded with a new website and participated in three fall trade shows.

Director of Education Darrin Pike provided his report which updated trustees on mental health and wellness activities, full-day Kindergarten preparation, the quarterly report, implementation of Google Apps for Education and the welcoming of Syrian students throughout the District.