



Newfoundland and Labrador English School Board Meeting Highlights

March 12, 2015

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OVERVIEW

The Newfoundland and Labrador English School Board held a meeting on March 12, 2015 at the Central Region Office, Gander. Below are highlights of that meeting.

GRAND FALLS-WINDSOR SCHOOL SYSTEM

The Board of Trustees approved a Notice of Motion to reconfigure the Grand Falls-Windsor school system. Two K-3 schools will be created (Woodland Primary & the former regional office), Sprucewood Academy will become a Grades 4-6 school and Millcrest Academy will close once an extension to Sprucewood Academy is completed. Woodland Primary will have a new catchment area. These changes will commence in September 2016, pending ministerial approval.

PARADISE ELEMENTARY & ELIZABETH PARK ELEMENTARY

The Board voted to alter the catchments of Paradise Elementary and Elizabeth Park Elementary. The new catchments are as presented at the February 11, 2015 public presentation and extends the boundary of Elizabeth Park Elementary into the Trails End area.

HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

The Board passed a motion to create the new catchment areas for Holy Family Elementary and the new school to be constructed at Octagon Pond. These catchments were known as Catchment B during the public consultation process.

The Board also issued a notice of motion to be voted on March 30, 2015 which proposed two options for consideration by the school community. One option proposes having all Kindergarten and Grade 1 students remain at Holy Family Elementary for the September 2015-16 school year while Grades 2-6 students zoned for the new school at Octagon Pond would attend the former Newfoundland School for the Deaf. The second option proposes adding four modular classrooms to the school for the 2015-16 school year and all students remaining in the school.

POLICIES

The Board of Trustees approved the following policies as recommended by the relevant Board Committees:

- *Social Media Policy;*
- *School Materials and Student Fees Policy; and,*
- *Employee Records Policy.*

PROPERTIES

Approval was granted to sell the former Harriot Curtis Collegiate (St. Anthony) property to Labrador Grenfell Health Authority for a nominal value on an “as-is, where-is” basis.

The Board accepted the Diocesan Synod’s request for right of first refusal and will dispose of the District’s interest in the former Epiphany Elementary (Heart’s Delight-Islington) property on an “as-is, where is” basis.

Approval was granted for the Board to acquire the interest of the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation in the former Roncalli High (Port Saunders) property and to subsequently sell the property to the Town of Port Saunders on an “as-is, where is” basis.

The Board granted approval to sell vacant land in Pouch Cove to the Town of Pouch Cove on an “as-is, where is.”

The Executive Committee of the Board granted approval to acquire through special incentive funding, the former chapel portion of the O’Donel High School (Mount Pearl) building.

All above noted property transactions as subject to the approval of the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development.

FINANCE MATTERS & EXTERNAL AUDITOR

Approval of the revised budget and status update, as of December 31, 2014 was provided by the Board.

The audited financial statements of Holy Heart Theatre for the year ended June 30, 2014 were also approved.

The Board appointed Mr. Byron Smith (CPA, CA) as the external auditor for the Fiscal Financing Agreement for the year ending March 31, 2015.

REPORTS

In his capacity as foundation Chair, Trustee George Sheppard provided a report to the Board of Trustees about the activities of the Newfoundland and Labrador Education Foundation. Trustee Sheppard indicated that 22 scholarships valued at \$1,000 were recently awarded by the Education Foundation. Trustee Sheppard also informed the Board that Mr. Byron Smith has been appointed as External Auditor for the Foundation and in the coming weeks, recruitment for a new Director of Fund Development will begin.

In her role as Board representative, Trustee Nada Borden provided a report regarding the activities of the School Milk Foundation. Trustee Borden outlined the membership of the foundation, its schedule and provided a general overview of operations of the School Milk Foundation.