



# Newfoundland and Labrador English School Board

## Meeting Highlights March 5, 2016

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### OVERVIEW

The Newfoundland and Labrador English School Board held a regular meeting on March 5, 2016 at the District Conference Centre, St. John's. Below are highlights of the meeting.

### SCHOOL REVIEW PROCESS

Tony Stack, Assistant Director of Educations (Operations), presented on the school review process, and provided information about the school systems and school community feedback received. Trustee Goronwy Price, Vice Chair of the Board, moved notices of motion which involve the potential closure of five schools in the following school systems, as well as an alteration to the feeder systems of Holy Heart High School and Prince of Wales Collegiate:

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

Public consultations will occur with the school communities, including submission of feedback and a public feedback session in each school system. Voting on the notices of motion will occur on April 16, 2016.

### POLICIES

The Board approved three policies based upon recommendations of the responsible board committee:

- Service Dogs (PROG-315)
- Tobacco Free (PROG-316)
- Parking Lot and Traffic Safety (OPER-604)

### QUARTERLY REPORT

The Quarterly Report for the period of October, November and December was accepted by the Board of Trustees.

### REPORTS

Trustee Price updated trustees on the operations of the Newfoundland and Labrador School Boards Association (NLSBA) and informed them the AGM will occur on April 14, 2016. Trustee Price and Trustee John George were acclaimed as the Board's representatives on NLSBA, along with Chair Milton Peach who is an automatic member.

Trustee George Sheppard updated trustees on the last meeting of the Education Foundation which occurred February 12, 2016. Trustee Sheppard reported that the foundation is in a healthy cash position and membership in the 50/50 lottery is expanding. An application deadline of June 24, 2016 was established for the scholarship program and membership of the innovation awards and grants review committee was also discussed, with the Foundation further encouraging applications for the awards and grants this year.

Director of Education Darrin Pike provided his update to trustees which included demonstrations of student intervention processes in development and math curriculum activities. Director Pike also provided an update on the arrival of Syrian refugee students and their adjustment to our school system.

