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Overview

The Board of Trustees of the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District held a regular public meeting at East Point Elementary in St. John's, February 3, 2018. The Chair opened the meeting by noting that for the first time, the public meeting was being broadcast online. The webcast can be viewed here:

<https://www.nlesd.ca/schools/schoolreview/index.jsp>

Below are highlights of the meeting.

School Reviews

Trustees held extensive consultations with school communities regarding the school review process.

Motions carried were:

- Closure of H. L. Strong Academy (Little Bay Islands), effective June, 2018.
- Consolidation of Our Lady of Mercy Elementary and Appalachia High School (St. George's), effective in September, 2018.

A transition team will be established to assist in the consolidation process of Our Lady of Mercy Elementary and Appalachia High School with information to be provided to the school communities in the near future.

Motions defeated were:

- Closure of James Cook Memorial (Cook's Harbour);
- Closure of LeGallais Memorial (Isle aux Morts);
- Closure of Swift Current Academy; and,
- Closure of Leading Ticks Primary.

Policies Approved

The two standing committees of the Board recommended approval of three policies. Finance & Operations Committee recommended the Internal Audit policy and the Programs & Human Resources Committee recommended the Political Activities in Schools policy, and the Research Studies and Survey policy. All policies were approved.

Reports

Chair Price provided trustees with an update on activities of the Canadian School Boards Association, including dialogue about recent changes to school boards in Nova Scotia. Committee chairs provided updates regarding recent meetings and policy development. Director Stack and Associate Director Warren provided trustees with a presentation which demonstrated the classroom use of Levelled Learning Intervention and Benchmark Assessment System programs.