

Strawberry Marsh Rd
Saturday, March 8, 2014
9:30 a.m

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1. OPENING

A meeting of the Newfoundland & Labrador School Board was held on Saturday, March 8, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 9:38 a.m. by the Chair, Milton Peach.

Members present: Milton Peach, Chair
Goronwy Price
Guy Elliott
Nada Borden
John George
George Sheppard
Rick Martin
Eric Snow
Fred Douglas
Wayne Lee
Newman Harris
John McCarthy
Kim Cheeks

Regrets: Gary Baikie
Don Brown

Also in attendance: Darrin Pike, CEO/Director of Education
Jackie Crane, Executive Assistant
Heather Hillier, SAO
Jeff Thompson, Associate Director of Education
Anthony Stack, Assistant Director of Education
Gerald Buffett, Assistant Director of Education
Mr. Larry Blanchard, Assistant Director of Education
Ken Morrissey, Director of Communications

The Chair welcomed the trustees and staff to the meeting. The Chair acknowledged the attendance of both Ms. Sarah Colborne Penney and Mr. Derek Drodge, both were involved with the process to name the west end high school. He welcomed both to the meeting and later acknowledged Mr. Derek Winsor former trustee with the previous Eastern School District.

He asked that a friendly amendment be made to the agenda to include two additional pieces of correspondence from the Minister, one regarding trustee zones and one regarding approval for Winter Games in Clarenville. Both of these were inadvertently left off the agenda. An amendment was also required for the addition of a report from the Education Foundation for the meeting that took place on March 5, 2014.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: The Board agreed unanimously to adopt the agenda with the friendly amendment to add the Foundation Report and two additional pieces of correspondence. (George Sheppard/Fred Douglas)
Carried

3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

3.1 The minutes of January 18, 2014, Board meeting were adopted as presented. (Newman Harris/Wayne Lee) *Carried*

4. BUSINESS ARISING

No business arising.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 FINANCE & OPERATIONS – January 18, 2014

Trustee, Ms. Nada Borden, Chair of the Finance & Operations Committee provided an overview of the Committee meeting held on January 18, 2014 and brought forward the following recommendation for the Board's consideration and approval:

Annual Budget

MOTION: That the Board, approve the interim Annual Budget policy as tabled at the January 18, 2014 meeting of the Finance and Operations Committee of the Board. (Nada Borden/Wayne Lee)
Carried

Copy/Print Technology

MOTION: That the Board, approve to:

- Purchase up to \$500,000 (inclusive of net HST) worth of replacement copy/print/duplication technology from Xerox under the provincial RFP, and
- Arrange the necessary lease financing with a five year amortization term, with such lease financing subject to Ministerial approval. (Nada Borden/Wayne Lee) *Carried*



Trustee Price asked if there would be Provincial coverage for service in all regions. Mr. Larry Blanchard confirmed that service will be provided to all areas.

Repairs and Maintenance Budget

MOTION: That the Board approve the repair & maintenance requests and submit to the Department of Education, with District staff having authority to refine the listing as needed. (Nada Borden/Wayne Lee)
Carried

5.2 PROGRAMS & HUMAN RESOURCES- January 18, 2014

Trustee Fred Douglas, Chair of Programs & Human Resources Committee provided an overview of the committee meeting held on January 18, 2014 however, there were no motions to bring forward from the meeting.

5.3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT- January 17, 2014

Trustee Goronwy Price, Vice Chair of the Executive Committee provided an overview of the committee meeting held on January 17, 2014 and brought the following recommendations forward for the Boards consideration and approval:

NLESB Interim Plan 2013-2014 Draft

MOTION: That the Board, approve the NLESB Interim Plan 2013-2014 (Draft) as tabled at the January 17, 2014 Executive Committee. (Goronwy Price/Eric Snow) Carried

Records, Retention & Disposal Schedule (Draft)

MOTION: That the Board, approve the Records Retention & Disposal Schedule (Draft) for recommendation to the Government Records Committee as tabled at the January 17, 2014 Executive Committee meeting. (Goronwy Price/Guy Elliott) Carried

Revised Board Meeting Schedule

MOTION: That the Board, approve the revised Public Board Meeting Schedule as tabled at the January 17, 2014 Executive Committee Meeting amended with the addition of an April 12 Board meeting. (Goronwy Price/Guy Elliott) Carried

5.4 EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT- March 5, 2014

Chair of the Education Foundation, Trustee McCarthy, provided an update from the meeting of March 5, 2014. There was a discussion regarding the new name, scholarship amounts and school community grants. Some research is being done on the availability of the preferred name and an increase in the amount of money provided for scholarships and grants. It was felt that there was a very positive response from across the Province regarding the Foundation being implemented in all regions.



Trustee McCarthy stated the financials and the minutes will be distributed when available

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 NLESD Constitution (Draft)

Motion: That the Board defer consideration of the proposed draft Constitution to the next regular meeting of the Board and request staff to research additional options for zones (Nada Borden/John McCarthy) *Carried*

6.2 NLESD By-Laws- Second Notice of Motion:

Trustee Borden provided the second notice of motion:

I would like to provide a second notice that the Newfoundland and Labrador English School Board will table its By-Laws , as presented, for debate and vote at the June 14, 2014 Regular Board meeting. (Nada Borden/Fred Douglas) *Carried*

6.3 NLESD Reconfiguration Paradise, Mount Pearl & Goulds- Notice of Motion

Goulds School System

WHEREAS the Newfoundland and Labrador English School Board is committed to providing the best possible educational programs for students; and

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Goulds Elementary be reconfigured from a Kindergarten to Grade 6 school at present to a Kindergarten to Grade 5 school beginning the 2014-2015 school year, and

St. Kevin's Junior High School be reconfigured from a Grade 7 to Grade 9 school at present to a Grade 6 to Grade 8 school beginning the 2014-2015 school year, and

St. Kevin's High School be reconfigured from Grade 10 to Grade 12 school at present to a Grade 9 to Grade 12 school beginning the 2014-2015 school year. (Goronwy Price/John McCarthy)

Mount Pearl Senior High School System

WHEREAS the Newfoundland and Labrador English School Board is committed to providing the best possible educational programs for students; and

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Morris Academy be reconfigured from a Kindergarten to Grade 4



school at present to a Kindergarten to Grade 5 school beginning the 2014-2015 school year, and

that Mount Pearl Intermediate be reconfigured from a Grade 5 to Grade 9 school at present to a Grade 6 to Grade 8 school beginning the 2014-2015 school year and be accommodated in the current Mount Pearl Senior High building, and

that Mount Pearl Senior High be reconfigured from a Grade 10 to Grade 12 school at present to a Grade 9 to Grade 12 school beginning the 2014-2015 school year and be accommodated in the current Mount Pearl Intermediate building. (Goronwy Price/George Sheppard)

O'Donel High School System

WHEREAS the Newfoundland and Labrador English School Board is committed to providing the best possible educational programs for students; and

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the current catchment areas for St. Peter's Elementary and Newtown Elementary be combined into one catchment area for both schools beginning the 2014-2015 school year, and

St. Peter's Elementary be reconfigured from a Kindergarten to Grade 6 school at present to a Kindergarten to Grade 3 school beginning the 2014-2015 school year, and

that Newtown Elementary be reconfigured from a Kindergarten to Grade 6 school at present to a Grade 4 to Grade 6 school beginning the 2014-2015 school year, and

that all Early French Immersion students in St. Peter's Elementary and Newtown Elementary feed to St. Peter's Junior High beginning the 2014-2015 school year, and

that the Board request an extension to St. Peter's Elementary and St. Peter's Junior High School to meet the programming needs of the school communities. (Goronwy Price/John George)

MOTION: New School for Paradise

WHEREAS the Newfoundland and Labrador English School Board is committed to providing the best possible educational programs for students; and

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board request funding for a new school construction in the Paradise area to address future population growth beyond the elementary grade level. (Goronwy Price/George Sheppard) Carried

6.4 Correspondence from Minister- Ministerial approval Gander site selection

6.5 Correspondence from Minister- Ministerial approval to borrow funds to purchase 31 new school buses



6.6 Correspondence from Minister- Ministerial letter regarding Strategic Plan

6.7 Correspondence to and from Chair

6.8 Correspondence from Minister- Trustee zones

6.9 Correspondence from Minister- Approval for Winter Games in Clarenville

7. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION (Fred Douglas)

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary

