

*OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR*

*Chair: Milton Peach, B.A., B. A. (Ed)  
C.E.O./Director of Education: Darrin Pike, B. Sc., B.Ed., M.Ed.*

**March 14, 2014**  
*Executive Meeting*  
*4:00 pm.*

**TELECONFERENCE**

**1. OPENING**

An Executive Committee meeting of the Newfoundland & Labrador English School Board was held by on Friday, March 14, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 4:12 p.m. by the Chair, Milton Peach.

Members present: Milton Peach, Chair  
(Teleconference) Goronwy Price  
Guy Elliott  
Nada Borden  
John George  
Eric Snow

Also in attendance: Mr. Darrin Pike, CEO/Director of Education  
Ms. Jackie Crane, Executive Assistant

The Chair welcomed the trustees and staff to the meeting and thanked all for making the time to call in for the teleconference. He apologized for the late notice but a pressing matter regarding public hearing attendance by trustees which needed to be addressed.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA** *(Goronwy/Eric) Carried*

**Motion:** The Executive Committee agreed unanimously to adopt the agenda.

**3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

No minutes to consider as this meeting was called at short notice to deal with a pressing issue.

**4. BUSINESS ARISING**

There was a discussion around the requirement for attendance at the public hearings. Some trustees had contacted Milton and felt that sitting at home and listening to presentations for hours on end was not a desirable or an effective means of capturing the public input. It was felt it could be legally challenged.

Legal advice has been sought and there are pros and cons for each option. The CEO went through the pros and cons with the committee stating there are basically three approaches. Regardless of the approach used we will need eight (8) trustees present, either by teleconference, videoconference or in person to proceed.

### **A). Two Trustees & the Chair Attending with Majority of Trustees Online**

#### Pros

- This meets the minimal legal requirement.
- Is cost considerate

#### Cons

- This may not be perceived well by the school communities – poor optics
- Legal advice states more trustees attending in person is the best approach.

### **B). All Trustees Attending in Person**

#### Pros

- More trustees present the better
- Optically would likely be most acceptable to the school communities

#### Cons

- This approach has a high cost
- This approach sets a high expectation, precedent, for subsequent meetings (i.e. Grand Falls-Windsor, Corner Brook or the Northern Peninsula)

### **C). Regional Representation Plus Chair – Majority attending online**

#### Pros

- Optically would likely be acceptable to school communities
- Not as costly as entire Board attending
- Meets and exceeds minimal legal requirement
- Easier process to replicate for future such meetings

#### Cons

- Different regions have different numbers of trustees
- There is still a likely cost to be incurred
- Would require majority of trustees online



It was acknowledged by all trustees that it is quite challenging to sit and listen on a teleconference for three plus hours, however it was also acknowledged that funding was not available for all trustees to attend. With that in mind it was decided to request extra funding from the Department of Education to allow all trustees that wanted to attend the opportunity to do so. It was agreed that a letter would be written requesting additional funding to support trustee attendance.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m. by a motion from John George.

