

Strawberry Marsh Rd
Saturday, March 5, 2016
9:00 A.M

Board Meeting Minutes

1. OPENING

A meeting of the Newfoundland & Labrador School Board was held on Saturday, March 5, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by the Chair, Milton Peach.

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

Regrets: Gary Baikie
Don Brown
Kim Cheeks

Also in attendance: Darrin Pike, CEO/Director of Education
Jackie Crane, Executive Assistant
Heather Hillier, Senior Administration Officer
Jeff Thompson, Associate Director of Education
Anthony Stack, Assistant Director of Education
Gerald Buffett, Assistant Director of Education
Terry Hall, Assistant Director of Education
Ken Morrissey, Director of Communications
Cheryl Gullage, Manager of Communications

The Chair welcomed the trustees and staff to the meeting. He acknowledged and welcomed, MHA Lorraine Michael, MHA Gerry Rogers, Minister Gamin-Walsh and former trustee Derek Winsor. As well, he acknowledged the individuals from school communities of Conche, Whitbourne and Holy Cross.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: The Board agreed to unanimously adopt the agenda. (Wayne Lee/John George) *Carried*

3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

3.1 The minutes of January 23, 2016, Board meeting were adopted as presented. (Newman Harris/George Sheppard) *Carried*

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Notices of Motion

Mr. Tony Stack, Assistant Director of Education- Operations presented a detailed PowerPoint to the trustees regarding the five school systems under review and the school review process.

Following the presentation Mr. Goronwy Price, Vice Chair of the Board read the following notices of motion. Public consultations will follow and a vote on these notices of motion will take place on April 16, 2016.

Holy Cross Junior High School, 7-9 (St. John's):

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

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling in the Eastern Region is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

Holy Cross Junior High School, 7-9 (St. John's), will close effective June 2016

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that:

Holy Cross Junior High School's Grade 7-9 student attendance will be rezoned to attend Brother Rice Junior High School (St. John's), effective September 2016

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that:

Bishop Abraham Elementary students will be rezoned to attend Brother Rice Junior High School (St. John's) after completing Grade 6, effective September 2016

Prince of Wales Collegiate, Holy Heart of Mary High School, and Brother Rice Junior High School, 7-9 (St. John's):

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



WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling in the Eastern Region is required to achieve that objective,
WHEREAS a split feeder system exists where some Brother Rice Junior High students attend Prince of Wales Collegiate and some attend Holy Heart of Mary High School after Grade 9,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

A single feeder system be employed for Brother Rice Junior High students with all students attending Holy Heart of Mary High School after completing Grade 9, effective September 2017

Whitbourne Elementary, K-6 (Whitbourne)

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

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling in the Eastern Region is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

Whitbourne Elementary, K-6 (Whitbourne), will close effective June 2016

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that:

Whitbourne Elementary School's Grade K-6 student attendance will be rezoned to attend Woodland Elementary, K-6 (Dildo), effective September 2016

Heritage Academy, K-3 (Greenspond)

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

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling in the Central Region is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

Heritage Academy, K-3 (Greenspond), will close effective June 2016

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that:

Heritage Academy's Grade K-3 student attendance will be rezoned to attend Pearson Academy, K-12 (New-Wes-Valley), effective September 2016

Long Island Academy, 7-12 (Beaumont)

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

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling in the Central Region is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:



Long Island Academy, 7-12 (Beaumont), will close effective June 2016

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that:

Long Island Academy's Grade 7-12 student attendance will be rezoned to attend Dorset Collegiate, K-12 (Pilley's Island), effective September 2016

Sacred Heart All Grade, K-12 (Conche)

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

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling in the Western Region is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

Sacred Heart All Grade, K-12 (Conche), will close effective June 2016

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that:

Sacred Heart All Grade's Grade K-12 student attendance will be rezoned to attend Cloud River Academy, K-12 (Roddickton), effective September 2016

Mr. Milton Peach, Chair of the Board expressed to the crowd that no decisions have been made, a public consultation process will happen and a vote will take place on April 16, 2016.

4.2 NLESD Quarterly Report

The Quarterly Report was tabled and the following motion was put to the table:

MOTION: That the Board accept the NLESD Quarterly Report as tabled. (Guy Elliott/John George)
Carried

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT January 22 and February 11, 2016.

Trustee, Mr. Goronwy Price, Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee for 2015-2016 year provided an overview of both of the above noted committee meetings. He stated that both meeting were held to address some time sensitive issues. Two motions were passed by the executive on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

5.2 FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT FROM January 23, 2016

Trustee, Mr. Goronwy Price, Chair of the Finance & Operations Committee for 2015-2016 provided an overview of the meeting held on January 23, 2016. He brought the following motion forward:

1. Parking Lot and Traffic Safety



A draft Parking Lot and Traffic Safety policy was tabled by the Assistant Director of Education – Operations, Mr. Tony Stack, outlining the terms and conditions under which the Newfoundland and Labrador English Schools will manage all activities involving traffic flow and parking on school property to ensure a safe environment exists.

MOTION: That the Board, approve the Parking Lot and Traffic Safety Policy as tabled at the January 23, 2016 meeting of the Finance and Operations Committee. (Goronwy Price/Wayne Lee) Carried

5.3 PROGRAMS & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT FROM January 23, 2016

Trustee, Mr. Fred Douglas, Chair of the Programs & Human Resources Committee for 2015-2016 provided an overview of their last meeting. He put the following motion forward:

1. Consideration of Draft Policy PROG-315 ‘Service Dogs’

MOTION: that the Board, approve the ‘Service Dogs’ policy as tabled at the January 23, 2016 meeting of the Programs and Human Resources Committee of the Board. (Fred Douglas/George Sheppard) Carried

2. Consideration of the Draft Policy PROG-316 ‘Tobacco Free’

MOTION: that the Board, approve the ‘Tobacco Free’ policy as tabled at the January 23, 2016 meeting of the Programs and Human Resources Committee of the Board. (Fred Douglas/Eric Snow) Carried

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Newfoundland and Labrador School Boards Association

On April 14 the AGM for the NLSBA will take place. We currently have three reps that sit on the NLSBA, Milton Peach, John George and Goronwy Price. There will also be two representatives from the Fracophorum Board. Today we need to reaffirm or appoint our representatives. The Chair opened the floor to nominations:

Eric Snow nominated Goronwy Price seconded by John George (accepted)

Rick Martin nominated John George seconded by Goronwy Price. (accepted)

Nada nominated Wayne Lee seconded by George Sheppard. (Declined)

George Sheppard moved to close nominations. Goronwy Price and John George were acclaimed to the positions as well as Chair of the Board, Milton Peach.



6.2 School Milk Foundation Report

Trustee Nada Borden did not have a report to the Board from the School Milk Foundation because there was not a meeting.

6.3 Education Foundation Report

The Education Foundation Committee met on February 11th.

During the meeting it passed 2 motions and discussed a number of other items.

Motions passed were as follows:

- Participation has increased but there is still room for growth in certain regions. Therefore, it was agreed to the purchase of promotional mugs to be presented to the bi-weekly 50/50 winners to be more visible.
- Second, the committee discussed the composition of the teacher innovation award and grant review committee where it passed a motion that the chair or chair designate act as a committee member. Finalization of the committee will happen in the near future.

The committee also discussed the following:

- Establishment of Friday, June 24 as the deadline for this year's scholarship applications.
- Requests for grants from outside organizations (i.e. DARE program) was discussed and a review is underway to determine what is appropriate to consider.
- Financial update was provided by Terry Hall showing a healthy stable cash position. It was also noted that participation in the 50/50 draw has increased year over year but there was still room for growth.

7. Correspondence to Department of Education

7.1 January 25, 2016, Request Approval for Assistant Director of Programs- Labrador

7.2 February 1, 2016, Request for Ownership of Former School for the Deaf (NSD)

8. Correspondence from Department of Education

8.1 January 15, 2016 Response to Capital Priorities Submission

8.2 January 28, 2016, Response to Assistant Director of Programs- Labrador

8.3 February 8, 2016, Assessment and Evaluation Policy



9. **Director's Report-** Mr. Darrin Pike, CEO/Director of Education presented his update for March 2016. (attached)

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM by motion from Guy Elliott.

Chair

Recording Secretary

