

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

SKYPE SESSION

Thursday, December 15, 2016 – 12:00 PM

1. OPENING

An Executive Committee meeting of the Newfoundland & Labrador English School Board was held by Skype on Thursday, December 15, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM.

Members present: Goronwy Price, Chair
Thomas Kendell
John Smith
Bruce Cluney
Lester Simmons
Winston Carter

Also in attendance: Mr. Darrin Pike, CEO
Mr. Anthony Stack, Associate Director of Education
Mr. Terry Hall, Assistant Director of Education
Mr. Lloyd Collins, Assistant Director of Education
Ms. Jackie Crane, Executive Assistant

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Executive meeting and said that this is our first skype session and all trustees should send any issues they have to IT department to address for them to ensure meetings on Skype run smoothly.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA (Winston Carter/Tom Kendell) Carried

MOTION: The Executive Committee agreed unanimously to adopt the agenda as presented.

3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Deferred to next meeting

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 No business arising.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Board related committees:

The Chair reviewed the committee membership of each of the committees below. He stated that all committees will be reviewed and trustees polled for interest to sit on each committee. The one exception to this will be the Negotiation Team which has already gone to cabinet and are meeting very soon to start public sector bargaining. After we know how much interest there is in the remaining committees we can then decide how we will appoint/elect for each position.

- 5.1.1 NLSBA/CSBA (Goronwy Price President/NLESD Chair)
- 5.1.2 School Milk Foundation (vacant)
- 5.1.3 Negotiation Team (John George/Wayne Lee with Lloyd Collins and Darryl Feener)
- 5.1.4 Teachers' Certification Committee (Goronwy Price and Brian Shortall- Fed of School Boards)
- 5.1.5 Educational Leave Committee (Brian Shortall) Found in collective agreement – gove. Appointment made a number of years ago)
- 5.1.6 Teachers' Certification Review Committee- teacher discipline review (John George (NLSBA rep), NLTA rep and citizen rep.

5.2 Assistant Director of Education for Programs (Western Region)

The Chair informed the committee that George Keeping, longtime Assistant Director of Programs will be retiring as of December 31. We will have a public competition for the job which takes time, depending on the number of applicants, it could be upwards of a couple of months before the process is complete.

The CEO, told the committee that past practice has been to appoint a temporary candidate to ensure all student needs are addressed and a smooth transition takes place.

The committee agreed on the temporary appointment and the Chair asked that we go to closed session to address this topic.

MOTION: that the executive committee move to closed session. (Tom Kendell/Bruce Cluney)
Carried

MOTION: that the executive committee move to open session (Winston Carter/Lester Simmons)
Carried

5.3 2016-2017 School Catchment Area and Grade Configuration Reviews

Mr. Tony Stack, Associate Director of Education provided the executive committee with an overview of the schools that will need catchment area and grade configuration reviews. He provided a briefing on each and the following motions were carried:



MOTION: that the Executive committee endorse the District staff plan to develop one or more catchment scenarios, an associated online briefing package, and an online consultation instrument in advance of bringing a recommendation to the Board for approval of a reconfigured PWC feeder system. (John Smith/Winston Carter) Carried

MOTION: that the Executive committee endorse the District staff plan to develop one or more catchment scenarios, an associated online briefing package, and an online consultation instrument in advance of bringing a recommendation to the Board for approval of a catchment for the new CBS K-7 school. (John Smith/Bruce Cluney) Carried

MOTION: that the Executive endorse the District to begin:

1. Consultation with the MPSH system to potentially move Grade 6 from PE to MPI and zone Galway to MA.
2. Consultation with the Mobile system to reconfigure grades based on an approved extension to MHS.
3. A survey to be distributed to the school communities of the CHS system regarding a potential review for reconfiguration of grade levels. (Lester Simmons/Bruce Cluney) Carried

MOTION: that the Executive committee endorse the District staff plan to consult with the school communities of SGE and HES regarding the amalgamation of their schools into a new school community housed at G.C Rowe complex. (Bruce Cluney/Winston Carter) Carried

5.4 School Reviews

There was a discussion regarding school reviews and whether or not the new Board would like a briefing on the process as well as a list of schools that the District would recommend the Board review. All trustees felt a full briefing on the school review process would be very beneficial at the next Board meeting. The CEO committed to providing the Board with a detailed overview.

5.5 Board Meeting Schedule

The Chair stated he has polled the trustees and there was a general consensus to move the Board meetings to weekends to allow for working trustees to attend. As well all agreed to move the meetings around the Province. It was stated that the cost would increase to do this and the following motion was carried:

MOTION: that the Executive Committee, recommend to the Board, the amended Board meeting schedule to reflect the April meeting being moved to Corner Brook and an updated budget approval to cover additional costs, as well all remaining scheduled Board meetings to take place on Saturday and Sunday. (John Smith/Bruce Cluney) Carried

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:34 PM, by a motion from Lester Simmons.

