

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

SKYPE

Thursday, May 18, 2017 –2:40 PM

1. OPENING

An Executive Committee meeting of the Newfoundland & Labrador English School Board was held on Thursday, May 18, 2017. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for joining.

The meeting was called to order by telephone at 2:42 PM.

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

Regrets: Bruce Cluney

Also in Attendance: Anthony Stack, CEO/Director of Education
Terry Hall, Assistant Director of Education
Jackie Crane, Executive Assistant

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA Agenda amended to include 5.9 and 6.0 (Winston Carter/John Smith) Carried

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

3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- 3.1 Minutes March 17, 2017 (Tom Kendell/Winston Carter) Carried
- 3.2 Minutes April 18, 2017 (John Smith/Winston Carter) Carried

4. BUSINESS ARISING

- 4.1 No business arising.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 School Review Process

The Director, Tony Stack, provided the Executive with an overview of the School Review process. He stated this presentation would be provided to full Board during June 3, 2017 Working Session in Corner Brook. The Executive felt that the staff should provide detailed information on each school which will allow them to make informed decisions. All members agreed to bring this to the Board working session.

5.2 Trustee Attendance at Graduations

Some concerns have been expressed by Trustees wanting to attend graduations in their area but are restricted due to cost. The Director has asked the Executive Committee to provide direction to staff on how to move forward to address this concern. Most committee members questioned the value of attending graduations. The Chair suggested we do not have consensus of the Board on this topic. He stated we will keep status quo on the guidelines for travel to graduations and possibly revisit in the future.

5.3 Composition of Executive Committee

Trustees are also concerned about the amount of representation for the Eastern Region on the Executive Committee. It has been expressed that more Eastern representation is needed. The District are looking for direction from the Executive on how to proceed. The committee decided the representation is sufficient, all regions are represented and they only make decisions for the Board in a timely situation, most decisions are recommended to the full Board for approval.

5.4 Board Meeting Schedule 2017-2018

MOTION: That the Executive Committee, recommend to the Board, the proposed draft Board meeting schedule for 2017-2018 School year. (Tom Kendell/John Smith) Carried

5.5 Strategic Plan Update

The Director provided the Executive committee with an update on the Strategic Plan and said there will be a presentation at June Working session to the full Board. We expect to have the draft ready May 26, 2017. We will be asking for endorsement at the June meeting pending direction from Premier's Task Force.

5.6 Trustee Communication Presentation

Sample PowerPoint provided for review. This could be customized for each trustee and used during a meet and greet with their school community. The committee was fine with this presentation being used by all Trustees. Tony said we will move forward with adapting the PowerPoint for each trustee.

This brought up questions regarding oversight and role of school councils. There was a discussion about School Councils among the trustees. Some may not have been exposed to formal school council training and do not know exactly what falls within their mandate. Government has a training package available. Tony said he will look into providing some oversight for school councils.

5.7 Our Lady of the Cape School- the Francophone school Board would like to partner with us and use a portion of this school for their students. The two schools involved are very close in vicinity.

MOTION: That the Executive Committee give the District staff approval to enter into negotiations with the Francophone School Board regarding a partnership between Our Lady of the Cape School and Ecole Notre-Dame-Du-Cap in Cape St. George. (Lester Simmons/Winston Carter) Caried

5.8 Request from Mobile Community Group

As presented in the Executive package, a letter has been received from the Mobile Community Group asking the Board to vote on reconfiguration at the June Board meeting. The Executive discussed this and felt that we should wait to put this to a vote because circumstances may change and help their situation. They felt we should respond and not place on agenda.

MOTION: that the Executive Committee, on behalf of the Board, respond to the concerned group from Mobile stating that the vote on the reconfiguration will not be on the agenda for the June 3 meeting. (Lester Simmons/Tom Kendell) Carried

5.9 Trustee Professional Development

They were presented with a draft policy regarding Trustee Professional Development and there was a discussion regarding the budgeted amount. The committee agreed with the policy and allotted amounts and asked to bring it to the full Board.

MOTION: That the Executive Committee, recommend to the Board, approval of the draft Trustee Professional Development Policy and the accompany budget. (Winston Carter/Tom Kendell Carried

6.0 Trustee Remuneration

There was a discussion on how to move forward with Trustee remuneration. Goronwy felt we need to have a discussion with the full Board, if they are in agreement, we should devise a plan on how we move forward with Government. 1)We need to determine what remuneration means, 2) determine consensus and 3)put a strategy in place for a positive outcome.

6. ADJOURNMENT

John Smith left meeting at 3:27

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:55 PM, by a motion from Tom Kendell.