



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

*Chair: Goronwy Price
C.E.O./Director of Education (Interim): Anthony Stack*

**Newfoundland and Labrador English
School Board Minutes**
September 30, 2017

1. OPENING

The Newfoundland and Labrador English School Board (NLESB) meeting took place on Saturday, September 30, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. at Waterford Valley High, Topsail Rd, St. John's, NL. The meeting was called to order by Chair of the Board, Goronwy Price. He welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Members present: Mr. Goronwy Price, Chair
Mr. Thomas Kendell
Mr. Wayne Lee
Mr. John George
Mr. Hilary Primmer
Mr. Corey Parsons
Mr. Peter Whittle
Mr. Lester Simmons
Mr. John Smith
Mr. Keith Culleton
Mr. Raymond Bennet
Mr. Scott Burden
Mr. Winston Carter
Mr. Hayward Blake
Ms. Jennifer Aspell

Regrets: Mr. Kevin Ryan
Mr. Bruce Cluney

Also in attendance: Mr. Anthony Stack, CEO/Director of Education (interim)
Ms. Lucy Warren, Associate Director of Education (interim)
Mr. Lloyd Collins, Assistant Director of Education, Human Resources
Mr. Terry Hall, Assistant Director of Education, Finance & Admin
Mr. Ken Morrissey, Director of Communications
Ms. Cheryl Gullage, Manager of Communications
Ms. Jackie Crane, Executive Assistant

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by John Smith, seconded by Jennifer Aspell, and carried that the agenda be adopted as presented.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 August 18, 2017, (John Smith/Tom Kendell) Carried

4. Business Arising

No Business Arising

5. Committee Reports

5.1 Executive Committee September 15, 2017- No motions coming forward from this meeting. The minutes from this meeting have been provided to the Board and will be posted on line when approved by Executive Committee.

MOTION: that the Board accept the Executive Committee Report as tabled. (Tom Kendell/Ray Bennett) Carried

Corey Parsons, Chair of Programs and Human Resources Committee for 2016-2017 year bought the following report forward from the committee: He provided a quick overview of the minutes and put the following motion forward.

5.4 Programs and Human Resources Committee report September 13, 2017.

Comments below are directly from the September 13, 2017 meeting.

This policy was originally presented to the committee last spring. Since then, feedback has been received from principals, focus groups of teachers, district staff, and the NLTA. Lloyd is asking that this resulting document, which has been included in the meeting package, be recommended to the Board for approval.

Trustee Culleton suggested two changes to the Definitions section of the document:

Abuse

Under the first bullet regarding Verbal Abuse, that the word “*excessive*” be removed and replaced with “*any*”. It would then read, “Verbal abuse is *any* use of language...”

Violence

That the phrase “*other than an employee*” be removed so that it reads, “Violence is the attempted or actual exercise by a person of physical force that causes...”

Tony pointed out that we would have to check with legal before changing the definition of Abuse. Lloyd agreed and committed to obtaining an opinion from legal counsel. Barring any legal implications, it was agreed that the changes would be made.

MOTION: that the Board approve of the Prevention of Workplace Violence Policy, with the changes as discussed regarding definitions of Abuse and Violence, as tabled at the September 13, 2017 meeting of the Programs and Human Resources Committee of the Board. (Corey Parsons/John George) Carried



MOTION: That the Board accept the Programs and Human Resources Committee of September 13, 2017.
(Corey Parsons/Lester Simmons) Carried

6. **New Business**

6.1 Annual Report 2016-2017

The Trustees were provided with a presentation overview of our Annual Report. The Annual Report was tabled by Trustee Goronwy Price:

MOTION: that the Board accept the draft Annual Report 2016-2017 as tabled, with any significant changes to come back to the Board. (Goronwy Price/John George) Carried

6.2 Newfoundland and Labrador School Boards Association Report- no report- Tom Kendell asked for some information regarding the NLSBA. Chair Price told the Trustees he will provide that information at the next meeting.

6.3 School Milk Foundation Report- no report

6.4 Education Foundation Report- no report

6.5 NLISE Report- no report

7 **Correspondence sent by the District**

7.1 Request Approval to Finance Buses Over 12 Year Period

7.2 Request to Minister re Play Based Learning

7.3 Request Approval of Extension for Retired Teachers

7.4 Letter to Deputy Minister Utilizing Funds for CBS School

7.5 Response to Paul Davis re Octagon Pond

8. **Correspondence Received by the District**

8.1 External Consultant Approval for Lift at DCC

8.2 Ministerial Approval of NLESD Request to use Special Incentives for Play Based Learning

8.3 Directive from Government Regarding Expenditures

8.4 Approval to Borrow Funds for the Purchase of 27 Buses

8.5 Letter from Paul Davis re Octagon Pond

8.6 Letter from Minister re Trustee Communication

9. **Directors Report-** Director Stack provided an update to the Board.

The Chair thanked Tony for his report.

There was a request for a discussion regarding the comments the Minister made about Trustee Aspell. All at the table agreed to discuss this in our open meeting. After a long detailed discussion regarding comments by both the Trustee and the Minister the following motion was voted on and carried:

MOTION: that the Board write the Minister and ask that he not only apologize to Trustee Aspell but to the Board as a whole for his public comments on September 8, 2017. (Scott Burden/Raymond Bennett) Carried



This motion was also put forward, voted on and carried:

MOTION: that the Board conduct a review of the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District by-laws and the Schools Act 1997, as it pertains to the role, responsibilities and accountability of trustees. (Peter Whittle/Winston Carter) Carried

10. Adjournment at 4:45 PM (Tom Kendell) Carried

Chair

Recording Secretary

