



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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

**Newfoundland and Labrador English
School Board Minutes**
August 5, 2019

1. OPENING

A Special meeting of the Newfoundland and Labrador English School Board (NLESB) took place via Skype on Monday, August 5, 2019 at the District Conference Centre, 40 Strawberry Marsh Rd, St. John's, NL. The meeting was called to order by the Chair of the Board, Goronwy Price, at 12:00.

Members present: Mr. Goronwy Price, Chair
Mr. Wayne Lee, Vice Chair
Mr. Peter Whittle
Ms. Pamela Gill
Mr. Winston Carter
Mr. Scott Burden
Mr. Eric Ayers
Ms. John George
Mr. Hayward Blake
Mr. Kevin Ryan

Regrets: Ms. Jennifer Aspell
Mr. Keith Culleton
Mr. Raymond Bennett
Mr. Thomas Kendell
Mr. Lester Simmons

Also in attendance: Mr. Anthony Stack, CEO/Director of Education
Mr. Ed Walsh, Associate Director of Education (Programs and Human Resources)
Mr. Terry Hall, CFO/ Assistant Director of Education (Corporate Services)
Ms. Georgina Lake, Assistant Director of Education (Student Services)
Ms. Christina White, Assistant Director of Education (Programs) Labrador Region
Ms. Cheryl Gullage, Manager of Communications
Ms. Bernadette Cole-Gendron, Solicitor
Ms. Elaine Cross, Executive Assistant

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: It was moved by Eric Ayers and seconded by John George that the agenda be adopted as presented. (Carried)

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Deferred to next meeting.

4. Business Arising

4.1 Basque Memorial /Labrador Straits Grade Configuration

At the last Board meeting on June 8, 2019, a motion was passed to conduct a grade configuration review of Basque Memorial and Labrador Straits Academy. This was the result of a request from the community to consider reconfiguring Basque Memorial from a K-12 school to a K-6 school and transport students in grades 7 to 12 to Labrador Straits Academy. A parent meeting was held on June 27, 2019 where parents indicated their full agreement and wish to have this request expedited in order to take effect for September 2019.

The following motion was put forward by Vice-Chair Wayne Lee.

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 Basque Memorial School system in Zone 4 is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

Basque Memorial be reconfigured from a Kindergarten to Grade 12 school to a Kindergarten to Grade 6 school and that Grades 7 to 12 be assigned to Labrador Straits Academy effective September 2019. (Wayne Lee /Eric Ayers) Carried

Trustee Burden raised the issue of courtesy seating for those in grades K-6 remaining at Basque Memorial. Mr. Hall indicated that any such requests would fall within current policy guidelines.

5. Committee Reports

No reports.

6. New Business

No new business.

7. Adjournment to closed session at 12:25 by a motion from Wayne Lee.

Chair

Recording Secretary