



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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

**Newfoundland and Labrador English
School Board Minutes**
February 1, 2020

1. OPENING

The Newfoundland and Labrador English School Board (NLESB) meeting took place on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at the District Conference Centre at 40 Strawberry Marsh Road, St. John's, NL. The meeting was called to order by the Chair of the Board, Goronwy Price, at 2:00 PM.

Members present: Mr. Goronwy Price, Chair
Mr. Hayward Blake, Vice-Chair
Mr. Wayne Lee
Mr. Winston Carter
Mr. Lester Simmons
Ms. Pamela Gill
Mr. Thomas Kendell
Mr. Keith Culleton
Mr. Scott Burden
Mr. Kevin Ryan
Mr. Eric Ayers
Mr. John George
Mr. Steve Tessier
Mr. Peter Whittle

Regrets: Mr. Raymond Bennet
Ms. Jennifer Aspell

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. Heather May, Director of Strategic Planning, Policy and Communications
Ms. Susan Tobin, Manager of Policy
Ms. Cheryl Gullage, Manager of Communications
Mr. John Way, NLESB
Mr. Ian Wallace, Parliamentarian
Ms. Elaine Cross, Executive Assistant

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: It was moved by Steve Tessier and seconded by Thomas Kendell that the agenda be adopted with the addition of one item regarding the Marystown Central High School System Notice of Motion.
(Carried)

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 December 7, 2019 Minutes adopted (Wayne Lee/Pamela Gill) Carried

4. Business Arising

4.1 School System Reviews

During the Board working session prior to this meeting, trustees were presented with information received up to this point on the School System Review that is currently underway. After some discussion, the Board decided not to move forward with one of the Notices of Motion that were presented at the December 7, 2019 meeting regarding the Marystown Central High School System.

Vice Chair Hayward Blake presented the following Notice:

At the Board meeting of December 7, 2019, the Board gave notice that the following motion would be voted on at the Board meeting of March 28, 2020:

Marystown Central High School System, Marystown Central High (10-12), Pearce Junior High (8-9), Sacred Heart Academy (K-7), Donald C. Jamieson Academy (K-7):

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

WHEREAS a reconfiguration of grading in the Marystown Central High School system is required to achieve that objective;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

Sacred Heart Academy will be reconfigured from grades K-7 to grades K-4.

Donald C. Jamieson Academy will be reconfigured from grades K-7 to grades 5-7.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that:

Effective September 2020, students will attend the appropriate school in accordance with the new grade configuration. Sacred Heart Academy student attendance zone will be rezoned to include the current student attendance zone for Grades K-4 for Donald C. Jamieson Academy. Donald C. Jamieson Academy student attendance zone will be rezoned to include the current student attendance zone for Grades 5-7 for Sacred Heart Academy.



The Board is giving notice that this motion will no longer be put forward for a vote at the March 28, 2020 Board Meeting.

Chair Price reiterated that this motion is no longer on the table.

5. Director's Report

Mr. Stack presented the Director's Report to the Board, which highlighted ongoing work happening at the District, including the School System Review process, infrastructure priorities, Kids in the Know Program, Status of Women Liaison initiative, and the Fall Update of the Strategic Plan.

The Chair thanked the Director for his report. He also thanked District Staff and the Senior Management Team for their work during the recent State of Emergency.

6. Committee Reports

6.1 Executive Committee Report – No Report

6.2 Finance and Operations Committee Report – No Report

6.3 Programs and Human Resources Report – No Report

7. New Business

7.1 Education Foundation Report – November 4, 2019

Chair of the Education Foundation, Trustee Kendell, provided an update to the Board from the November 4, 2019 meeting of the committee. (Details are contained in the committee minutes.)

Approval of Audited Financial Statements for period ending December 31, 2018

The audit of the Newfoundland and Labrador Education Foundation for the year ended December 31, 2018 was completed.

The Foundation received \$110,345 in charitable donations in 2018. There was a substantial decrease of \$80,897 from the prior year. Proceeds from the payroll 50/50 draw were \$212,052. A portion of the surplus from the 50/50 draw was provided to students as scholarships. The Foundation's unrestricted cash position increased to \$392,712. This increase is accountable to the Innovation Awards and Grants being deferred. All CRA obligations regarding disbursement quotas were met.

Motion: Moved by Pamela Gill, seconded by Hayward Blake that the Newfoundland and Labrador Education Foundation Board approve the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018 for the Newfoundland and Labrador Education Foundation. *Carried.*

Discussion on Scholarships/Grants for 2019/2020 school year

Discussion surrounding a way forward to implement additional Scholarships/Awards/Grants for students and for schools for the current school year.



Many ideas were brought forward including distribution of scholarships to grade 9 students for specific achievements such as math and reading, and the possibility of a monthly award for the most improved student in reading or math for Junior High students. Another meeting will be scheduled in December to discuss in more detail.

MOTION: That the Board approve the Education Foundation Report of November 4, 2019 as presented. (Thomas Kendell/Pamela Gill) Carried.

7.2 Education Foundation Report – December 8, 2019

Chair of the Education Foundation, Trustee Kendell, provided an update to the Board from the December 8, 2019 meeting of the committee. (Details are contained in the committee minutes.)

Revisit discussion on Scholarships/Grants for 2019/2020 school year

Discussion regarding different approaches and options for scholarships and how to best distribute funds to students. Recommended that we look at awarding scholarships/awards to kids based on financial needs. This could be accomplished in addition to the current scholarship structure. There is also support from the Committee for lower level awards (Grade 7-9) for different categories (Arts, Literacy/Music, etc.)

It is suggested to connect with employees via Thought Exchange to get their opinions on use of the 50/50 money going forward. This will be undertaken by Susan Tobin, Manager, Policy and Planning and results will be reported back to the Committee at the next meeting. She will also check with other Districts across Canada to see what their procedures are for scholarships and grants.

MOTION: That the Board approve the Education Foundation Report of December 8, 2019 as presented. (Thomas Kendell/Peter Whittle) Carried.

7.3 NLISE – No Report

7.4 School Milk Foundation Reports – July 10, September 16, October 2, and October 21, 2019

Trustee Ayers provided an update to the Board from the last School Milk Foundation meetings.

July 10, 2019

Chocolate Milk Update

Ms. Boyd updated the Board on the Canada Food Guidelines Assessment Report which should be finalized by the end of August and also the School Food Guidelines Pilot Project which will be introduced in 11 schools across the province.

Nutrition Presentations

Mr. Young indicated that the presentation revisions have been completed and approved by both government departments. They are ready to implement in September 2019.

School Milk Sales Report

Mr. Moores reviewed the school milk sales report. Further investigation into the decrease in sales will be carried out.



School Milk Promotion Presentation

Mr. Young gave update on the 2019-2020 Promotions available to all schools, the new look and digital availability.

September 16

This Board Conference Call was called to discuss the School Lunch proposal and discuss the chocolate milk removal from the menu with the School Lunch program.

Mr. Pierre Tobin to update DFNL Board on issues with SLA, chocolate milk and school milk price increase.

October 2

Mr. Moores updated the Board as follows:

- School Lunch Association will not offer chocolate milk in their schools this year and juice would still be offered as an option.
- Letters were sent to the SLA schools offering assistance with school milk sales.
- Mr. Moores and Mr. Green met with Mr. Hopkins of SLA to discuss and offer the one-time donation and the offer was rejected by the SLA.

October 21

Crosbie Williams, DFNL's Vice Chair, John Moores and Wayne Simmons met with The School Lunch Chair, Cyril Hayden and Ken Hopkins, Executive Director on October 15, 2019. It was confirmed that the SLA have stopped purchasing chocolate milk because it is too expensive for them to purchase. Mr. Hayden indicated that the plan going forward for SLA is to be in all schools across the province. Discussions continued about this issue and about the future of SMF. The Board decided to put the SLA proposal for funding on hold until the next meeting or conference call. It was also decided to establish a strategic plan or review for SMF going forward and send the document to all board members for review and discussion.

MOTION: That the Board approve the School Milk Foundation Reports of July 10, September 16, October 2, and October 21, 2019 as presented. (Eric Ayers/Lester Simmons) Carried.

7.5 Fall Report

Susan Tobin, Manager of Planning, indicated that the Fall Report was outlined in the Directors Report. The Strategic Plan is on target for June 2020.

8. Correspondence sent to the District

8.1 Ministerial Request – NLESD 2020-23 Strategic Plan

9. Correspondence sent from the District

9.1 Ministerial Request – Quit Claim RCEC Black Tickle

9.2 Ministerial Request – Sale of Land Northwest River



Discussion Item

Chair Price informed the Board the Trustee Lester Simmons is resigning from his position on the Board for Zone 3 (Labrador) due to his relocation out of the province.

10. **Adjournment to closed at 2:45 pm by a motion from Wayne Lee.**

Chair

Recording Secretary

