



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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

**Newfoundland and Labrador English
School Board Minutes**
March 30, 2021

1. OPENING

The Newfoundland and Labrador English School Board (NLESB) meeting took place on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 via teleconference (zoom). The meeting was called to order by the Chair of the Board, Goronwy Price, at 12:00 PM.

Members present: Mr. Goronwy Price, Chair
Mr. Wayne Lee, Vice-Chair
Mr. Guy Elliott
Mr. Raymond Bennett
Ms. Pamela Gill
Mr. Scott Burden
Mr. Thomas Kendell
Mr. John George
Mr. Winston Carter
Mr. Kevin Ryan
Ms. Jean Butt
Mr. Eric Ayers
Mr. Steve Tessier

Regrets:

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
Mr. Justin Hewitt, Parliamentarian
Ms. Elaine Cross, Executive Assistant

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 January 23, 2021 Minutes adopted (Pamela Gill/Ray Bennett) Carried

4. Business Arising

4.1 No business arising.

5. Director's Report

Mr. Stack presented the Director's Report to the Board, which included highlights from online learning and a message to graduating students regarding post secondary.

The Chair thanked the Director for his report.

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 Committee Report – March 2, 2021

Chair of the Programs and Human Resources Committee, Trustee Ryan, provided an update to the Board from the March 2, 2021 meeting of the committee. (Details are contained in the committee minutes.)

Two policies were brought forward for approval.

Student Travel Policy

Recent events related to student travel has caused the District to review guidelines related to student travel.

The Newfoundland and Labrador English School District (the "District") recognizes and encourages the educational value of well-planned and properly organized learning experiences beyond the classroom. The District is committed to equitable inclusion of all students in safe, curriculum-based excursions and extra-curricular opportunities

Student travel can contribute to the overall educational, cultural, social and recreational development of students. Travel does, however, carry inherent risks, and it may impact instructional time. This policy and the associated Administrative Procedures/Regulations outline the criteria for planning and implementing student travel in order to promote safety and the effective use of instructional time.

Changes to this policy are:

1. International student trips must be contracted with providers who are approved by the District.
2. Policy Directive 8 now includes weather or road warnings instead of advisories. Warnings usually occur closer to potential departure times.

This policy is applicable to all students, school groups and schools within the jurisdiction of the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District.



After discussion, the committee recommended the policy for Board approval.

Motion: That the Board approve the amended Student Travel Policy as presented, as recommended by the Programs and Human Resources Committee. (Kevin Ryan /Pamela Gill)

Protection of Privacy Policy

The District recognizes the importance of providing guidance and direction for the protection of personal information and the development and implementation of a Privacy Management Program. This policy provides a framework under which all parties can fulfil their roles and responsibilities and ensure compliance to legislation and District policies and procedures. This policy applies to all District employees, service providers, volunteers and the Board of Trustees.

This policy addresses the following regarding the protection of personal information:

- The collection, use, disclosure and protection of personal information;
- Access to, and the right to challenge, personal information in the custody and control of the District and third-party providers; and
- The process to report a privacy breach.

After discussion, the committee recommended the policy for Board approval.

Motion: That the Board approve the Protection of Privacy Policy as presented, as recommended by the Programs and Human Resources Committee. (Kevin Ryan /Thomas Kendell).

An Opportune Time for Educational Change (Discussion Item)

Mr. Walsh submitted a discussion document “An Opportune Time for Educational Change”. The focus of the paper was on high stakes testing and the negative impact this type of assessment has on student learning. In particular, the paper focused on the impact that public exams have on assessment and evaluation as far back as elementary grades. Committee members engaged in a discussion on the merits of high stakes assessments and brought forth varying viewpoints and posed questions for staff to consider. Further discussion on this topic will occur over the next several months.

MOTION: That the Board approve the Programs and Human Resources Committee Report of March 2, 2021 as presented. (Kevin Ryan/Jean Butt) Carried.

Trustee Tessier noted the following regarding the Notice of Motion for Bayview Primary:

At the Meeting on November 21, 2020, I gave Notice of a Motion to be brought before the Board at the March 6, 2021 Board meeting regarding the potential closure of Bayview Primary. Due to intervening events, the Board is not in a position to address the issue at this meeting. Therefore, this motion will be brought before the Board at the June 12, 2021 meeting for vote, with the necessary amendments regarding dates.

7. New Business

7.1 Education Foundation Report – No Report



7.2 NLISE – No Report

7.3 School Milk Foundation Report – December 9, 2020

Trustee Ayes was not available to participate in the December 9, 2020 meeting, however the minutes from the meeting have been included in the board package.

MOTION: That the Board approve the School Milk Foundation Report as presented. (Eric Ayers/Steve Tessier) Carried.

8. Correspondence sent to the District

8.1 Ministerial Approval – Two Closeout Days for Professional Learning

9. Correspondence sent from the District

9.1 Ministerial Request – Sale of Bayview Collegiate

10. Adjournment to Closed at 12:35 pm by a motion from Trustee Kevin Ryan.

Chair

Recording Secretary

