

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

SKYPE

March 20, 2020 12pm

1. OPENING

An Executive Committee meeting of the Newfoundland & Labrador English School Board was held via Skype on March 20, 2020 at 12 pm.

Members present: Goronwy Price, Chair
Hayward Blake, Vice Chair
Scott Burden
Winston Carter
Kevin Ryan
Jennifer Aspell

Regrets:

Also in Attendance: Tony Stack, CEO/Director of Education
Ed Walsh, Associate Director of Education (Programs and Human Resources)
Terry Hall, CFO/Assistant Director of Education (Corporate Services)
Georgina Lake, Assistant Director of Education (Student Services)
Mr. Douglas Pippy, Director of Provincial Programs
Ms. Bernadette Cole-Gendron, Solicitor
Elaine Cross, Executive Assistant

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: The Executive Committee agreed unanimously to adopt the agenda as presented. (Scott Burden/Hayward Blake) Carried

3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

3.1 MINUTES October 4, 2019 (Hayward Blake/Kevin Ryan) Carried

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 No business arising

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Planning for March 28, 2020 Board Meeting

As a result of the current global situation regarding the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Board has decided to hold its upcoming meeting on March 28, 2020 via Skype. As a result, the consensus is that this is not the ideal environment to have a fulsome discussion on the ongoing School System Review process.

Therefore it is recommended that the Board not proceed with three of the five School System Review Notices of Motion that were put forward at the December 7, 2019 meeting, specifically the Stephenville High School and Piccadilly Central High School Systems, the Phoenix Academy and Gill Memorial Academy School Systems, and the Marystown Central High School System.

The Board would proceed with two of the Notices of Motion – the Dorset Collegiate School System and the Glovertown Academy School System.

After discussion around the table, all Trustees were in agreement with this recommendation, especially given the level of anxiety and uncertainty surrounding the pandemic. There was some discussion regarding deferring the motions to a later date, however due to staffing deadlines, if the Board voted in favour of the motions at a later meeting, it would not be possible for the necessary changes to take effect in June and September 2020, as stated in the Notices of motion. The effective dates in the motions are specific and cannot be changed without altering the current process. If the Board decides to consider any or all of the school systems for review at a later date, it will require new Notices of Motion and the process for consultation and public input would start over.

MOTION: That the Executive Committee recommend to the Board that the Notices of Motions put forth at the Board meeting of December 7, 2019 with respect to the following schools systems: Stephenville High/Piccadilly Central High School Systems, Marystown Central High School System, and Phoenix Academy/Gill Memorial Academy School Systems not be put forth for a vote at the March 28, 2020 Board meeting. The Notices of Motions put forth at the Board meeting of December 7, 2019 with respect to the following schools systems: Glovertown Academy School System and Dorset Collegiate School System proceed to a vote as per the Notice of Motion. (Hayward Blake/Kevin Ryan) Carried.

There will be an update given at the Board meeting on the Waterford Valley High School System.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm by a motion from Winston Carter.