



**3.0 In-Camera**

At this time, Chair Aspin advised the Committee of the Whole would be moving into a private session. Members of the public were excused and advised they would be permitted back into the meeting once the Board arose in public session.

*Motion: A. Bottomley/ D. Breault*

That the Committee of the Whole move into an in-camera session. - **Carried.**

A brief pause was noted to coordinate the appropriate video conference controls.

**4.0 Arise and Report**

## Minutes of the Public Session Board Meeting of the Near North District School Board held May 10, 2022

Remarks from Trustee Steer to note he is seeking consensus to bring a motion forward recommending OPSBA begin to investigate the four-day work week model as its application and impact to the educational system. It is noted that there is increasing traction for this work week model with employers in the province so proactive engagement by OPSBA would be very timely.

Chair Aspin inquired a trustee was willing to second the proposed motion as outlined on Trustee Steer's Notice of Motion. Vice-Chair Cochrane noted he would be pleased to; therefore, Chair Aspin opened the floor for discussion on this item. Highlights are noted as:

- Trustee Bottomley noted his support given the positive environmental impact expected. Specifically, a reduction in the use of school buses would decrease the carbon footprint immensely.
- Trustee Gagne noted her support to initiate this investigation, given other fields are looking at this progressive model as well (such as the medical field).
- Vice-Chair Cochrane reflected on a suggestion that arose during his mining career. Despite initial hesitations, the four-day work week has proven to be a very positive model for employee satisfaction and productivity.
- Trustee Breault inquired if this request would require any action by NNDSB administration. Clarification to note Trustee Steer is recommending OPSBA investigate so that findings can be shared with all provincial colleagues. With this clarification, Trustee Breault expressed her full support.
- Trustee Sargent suggested involving union federations in this discussion so their perspectives could be fully incorporated. Trustee Steer noted this is a preliminary motion, though it is expected that OPSBA would consider this in alignment with how other labour relations issues are managed.

With no further comments to note, Chair Aspin noted his support for this motion to be presented to OPSBA, as the pandemic has provided a refreshed perspective on virtual work and productivity possibilities. It is noted that consensus is achieved on this item and a motion will be presented for approval during the regular session.

### 6.3 Notice of Motion- "Fossil Fuel Elimination Planning"- Trustee Bottomley

It is noted that Trustee Bottomley provided a Notice of Motion in alignment with NNDSB Bylaw 102. Chair Aspin referred trustees to the brief included in the agenda package and advised Trustee Bottomley would be given one minute to speak to this item and then the floor would be open to discuss and determine consensus.

Before presenting, Trustee Bottomley offered an apology to Chair Aspin, Trustee Steer and Director Myles for the remarks he made via communication of his preliminary comments on introducing this motion to the Board. The apology was verbally accepted by all three individuals.

Remarks from Trustee Bottomley to note he is seeking consensus to bring a motion forward requiring NNDSB to eliminate the use of all fossil fuels by the year 2035. The Director would be responsible for developing an achievement plan, which is to be presented to Board by January 2023. Trustee Bottomley noted NNDSB must act immediately while there is hope. Trustee Bottomley noted he is currently working with a municipality to take inventory of what needs to be changed and develop solutions.



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