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Jay Aspin, Chair

Craig Myles, Director of Education

The January 28, 2020 **Public Session Board Meeting** of the Near North District School Board was held at 6:00 pm at the Head Office of the Near North District School Board.

Trustees Present:

Jay Aspin, Chairperson
John Cochrane, Vice Chair
Greg Barnes
Al Bottomley
Donna Breault
Louise Sargent
Bill Steer
Student Trustee – Madelyn Meighan

Administrative Staff Present:

Craig Myles, Director of Education
Liz Therrien, Superintendent of Business
Roslyn Bowness, Superintendent of
Education
Gay Smylie, Superintendent of Education
Mairghread Knought, Information and
Communication Officer
Lucio Pavone, Executive Officer

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- ◁ Principal Todd Gribbon has accepted a two year placement with the Al Bayan International School in Kuwait.
- ◁ The Director's Report is being finalized for the February board meeting.
- ◁ The most recent CODE meeting was held last week in Toronto along with the Public Education Symposium. It was an excellent opportunity to meet with Directors from across the province and share best practices.
- ◁ He, Chair Aspin, and Trustees Steer and King had the opportunity at the PES conference to meet with Executive Director Rusty Hick.
- ◁ Wayne Joudrie and Wally Easton continue to work with us as move toward on various governance issues.
- ◁ We are restricting our Superintendent's family of schools and portfolios to ensure our system has the appropriate supports in place to focus on student achievement and well-being while at the same time demonstrating fiscal responsibility.
- ◁ Thank you to Geof Botting for his valuable work over the last few months.

2.5 OPSBA Report

Trustee Steer attended the Public Education Symposium earlier in January. He noted the strong emphasis on governance throughout the symposium. He made trustees aware of a growing indication of school boards without trustees and said we need to continue to mandate for public accountability. Trustee Steer also attended the Northern committee meetings. The AGM is June 4-6 in Ottawa. Chair Aspin thanked Trustee for his leadership and representation at the provincial level.

2.6 Student Trustee Update

Student Trustee Meighan updated trustees on recent activities including exams, culminating projects, and charitable undertakings. She wished Trustee Barnes well on behalf of the Student Senate.

3.0 Items for Decision

3.1 Trustee Resignation

Motion: 20-01-03 A. Bottomley/D. Breault

That effective January 31, 2020 the Board accept the resignation of Trustee Greg Barnes. - **Carried**

3.2 EL#7 Financial Condition

Motion: 20-01-04 J. Cochrane/L. Sargent

That the Board approve EL#7 Month End Finance Report for the month of December 2019. - **Carried**

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