

Minutes of the Public Session Board Meeting of the Near North District School Board held February 15, 2022

963 Airport Road North Bay, ON P1B 8H1

Phone: 705.472.8170

Website: www.nearnorthschools.ca

Jay Aspin, Chair

Craig Myles, Director of Education

The February 15, 2022 **Public Session Committee of the Whole** of the Near North District School Board was held via video and/or teleconference.

1.0 Call to Order

Chair Aspin called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

1.1 Land acknowledgement

Chair Aspin read the declaration aloud.

1.2 Attendance

Attendance indicated that 10 trustees are present for the meeting, including the two student trustees.

1.3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

NIL

2.0

Officer of Corporate Affairs, L. Blaskievich, on hand to respond.

- Vice-Chair Cochrane expressed his full support for this application, noting his expectation that it would encourage may encourage girls to pursue STEM careers.
- Trustee Breault inquired about the age group the camps would target. L. Blaskievich confirmed the intention is to focus on intermediate students in Grade 7 and Grade 8. The second component would expand the focus to expose all students (Kindergarten to Grade 12) to further coding activities and STEM thinking.
- Comment from Trustee Sargent to note her full support for this proposal, with a question regarding the status of the historic proposals the Board has supported through the TIF fund. Director Myles noted it is likely that many programs are not operating fully given the limited ability to gather in groups because of the pandemic.
- Follow-up comment from Trustee Sargent to inquire if this request would be an annual or a one-time request. Confirmation to note it is a one-time request, with the potential to apply in future years as equipment needs to be refreshed.

With no further comments, it is noted that consensus has been achieved on this item. Chair Aspin noted the recommendation for approval would be presented as part of the Board meeting.

4.2 Consideration for Virtual Meetings of OPSBA

Chair Aspin noted this item was tabled at the request of Trustee Steer, who is the the Ontario).

Trustee Steer was invited to speak to this item. Highlights noted as:

Brief comments noted regarding the historical success NNDSB has had to influence change/further thinking at the OPSBA table regarding environmental awareness, which is t

Minutes of the Public Session Board Meeting of the Near North District School Board held February 15, 2022

reducing barriers people may experience with in-person attendance.

With no further comments, it is noted that consensus was reached on the following resolution: