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# **BOARD MEETING NO. 9 (SPECIAL)**

Thursday, June 13, 2019 Jim McCuaig Education Centre

Ian MacRae
Director of Education

Ellen Chambers Chair

## <u>AGENDA</u>

# PUBLIC SESSION 6:00 p.m. - in the Board Room

Resource

<u>Person</u> <u>Pages</u>

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest
- 3. Approval of the Agenda

# **MATTERS FOR DECISION:**

- 4. Postponed Reports
  - 4.1 Naming of the New Elementary School (064-19)

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On May 14, 2019, the following motion was postponed:

It is recommended that Lakehead District School Board approve the name of the new elementary school as École Northern Lights Public School.

It is recommended that the Lakehead District School Board amend the motion from the Standing Committee of May 14, 2019 by striking out the words "École Northern Lights Public School" and inserting the words "École Elsie MacGill Public School".

5. Adjournment

Trustees (Chair and Vice-Chair) and presenters of reports will be available for comment after the Board Meeting.

### LAKEHEAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

2019 JUN 13 Report No. 064-19

TO THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD - Public Session

RE: NAMING OF THE NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# 1. Background

1.1 At the May 28, 2019 Regular Board meeting, trustees postponed the decision on the naming of the new elementary school. A Special Board meeting was scheduled for June 13, 2019 to consider the ad hoc committee's recommendation.

# 2. Situation

- 2.1 On June 4, 2018, the ad hoc committee met to discuss the concern that had arisen in the community regarding the name École Northern Lights Public School.
- 2.2 The ad hoc committee wished to ensure that the voice of the school community was heard in light of the concern. By consensus, the ad hoc committee decided to create an electronic survey to seek input from staff and families from Agnew H. Johnston Public School and Edgewater Park Public School.
- 2.3 On June 5, 2019, a broadcast telephone message was sent home to families from Agnew H. Johnston Public School and Edgewater Park Public School to inform them that an electronic survey would follow the next day. Families were given the opportunity to ensure that their email address was on file at the school if they wished to participate in the survey.

- 2.4 The survey was sent to families and staff on June 6, 2019. Participants were asked to provide their name and email address in order to confirm they were members of the school community. The survey provided a brief outline of the process the ad hoc committee followed and consisted of two questions:
  - Do you support the committee recommending the name École Northern Lights Public School at the next Board meeting?
  - If no, which name do you recommend the committee bring forward to trustees:
    - École Elsie MacGill Public School; or
    - École Maple Grove Public School?
- 2.5 Two hundred and twenty families and/or individuals responded to the survey. Sixty-two percent of respondents indicated they did not support the committee recommending the name École Northern Lights Public School at the next Board meeting. Fifty-two percent of respondents preferred École Elsie MacGill Public School as the name for the new school.

#### RECOMMENDATION

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Respectfully submitted,

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