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LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

WHEREAS under Section 52 (1) of the Schools Act, 1997, the province shall be divided into school districts as set by order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council

AND WHEREAS the Eastern School District and appointment of School Board Trustees were duly legislated by Orders in Council (OC 2004-313 and OC 2004-315) to take effect September 1, 2004,

NOW THEREFORE the School Board for the Eastern School District in meeting duly assembled on the 2 day of March, AD, 2005 hereby adopts and passes the following Constitution of the said Board.

ARTICLE I: NAME

1. (a) The name of the Board shall be the “Eastern School Board”, hereinafter referred to as “The Board”.
- (b) The name of the district administered by the Eastern School Board shall be “Eastern School District # 4”, hereinafter referred to as “The District”.

ARTICLE II: AIMS/MISSION STATEMENT

1. (a) To exercise the powers and carry out the duties as conferred on the Board under the provisions of the Schools Act, 1997.
- (b) To nurture the development of the personal and learning potential of each student within safe, caring communities.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

1. (a) The Board shall consist of a number of trustees (as determined from time to time with the School Board Election Regulations and the Schools Act, 1997).
 - (b) Where a member of the Board ceases to be a member for whatever reason, a replacement shall be for the unexpired portion of the original term as per the provisions of the Schools Act, 1997.
2. The Eastern School District trustee election zones will be geographically delimited with one representative each:

NO. ZONE

Zone 1 the area of the Eastern School District jurisdiction commencing at Grand Beach extending in a straight line in a generally southwesterly direction to the town of Little St. Lawrence then following the coastline in a generally easterly direction to include communities which feed into St. Lawrence Academy , St. Joseph’s Academy and Holy Name of Mary Schools; then following the coastline in a generally northerly direction to include communities that feed into Lake Academy and John Burke High schools to the point of commencement.

Zone 2 the area of the Eastern School District jurisdiction commencing at and including English Harbour East then in a generally northeasterly direction to include the locality of Sandy Harbour, then in a generally southerly

direction following the coastline to include communities that feed into Sts. Fisher and Moore, St. Anne's, Christ the King and Marystown Central High to the settlement of Corbin, then in a generally northwesterly direction to the town of Frenchman's Cove then following the coastline in a generally northerly direction to include communities that feed into Fortune Bay Academy, St. Joseph's All Grade, St. Thomas School and St. George's School to the point of commencement.

Zone 3 the area of the Eastern School District jurisdiction commencing at and including the town of Port Blandford then in a generally southerly direction to the town of Georges Brook then in an easterly direction to the coastline, then in a generally southerly direction to and including all communities that feed into Clarenville High School, Random Island Academy and Southwest Arm Academy then following the coastline in a generally southerly direction to but exclusive of the town of Chance Cove then in a generally southwesterly direction to the locality of Northside then following the coastline in a generally northerly direction to include all communities that feed into Tricentia Academy then following the coastline in a generally westerly direction to include all communities that feed into Swift Current Academy then in a generally northerly direction to the point of commencement.

Zone 4 the area of the Eastern School District jurisdiction commencing at and exclusive of the town of Port Blandford then in a generally northerly direction following the coastline to include communities that feed into Heritage Collegiate, St. Mark's School and Discovery Collegiate, then in a generally southerly direction following the coastline to include communities that feed into Bishop White School to and including the town of New Bonaventure then in generally westerly direction to the point of commencement.

Zone 5 the area of the Eastern School District jurisdiction commencing at and including the town of Chance Cove then in a generally southeasterly direction following the coastline to an inclusive of the town of South Dildo then in a generally northerly direction following the coastline to include all communities feeding into Crescent Collegiate to and inclusive of the town of Heart's Desire then in a generally southerly direction following the town oundaries that feed into Crescent Collegiate to the Trans Canada Highway then in a generally easterly direction to and inclusive of the town boundary of Colliers, then in a generally southerly direction to and inclusive of the town of Holyrood, then in a generally westerly direction to and inclusive of the town of Whitbourne, then in a generally northwesterly direction to and inclusive of the town of Long Harbour, then following the coastline in a generally northerly direction to the locality of Northside, then in a generally northwesterly direction to point of commencement.

- Zone 6** the area of the Eastern School District jurisdiction commencing at but exclusive of the town of Heart's Desire then in a generally northerly direction following the coastline to include all communities feeding into Baccalieu Collegiate to and inclusive of the town of Bay de Verde, then in a generally southerly direction following the coastline to include all communities feeding into Carbonear Collegiate to but exclusive of the town boundary of the town of Bryant's Cove then in a generally southerly direction following the town boundary of Bryant's Cove to and inclusive of the Thickett then in a generally easterly direction following the town boundaries that feed into Carbonear collegiate then in a generally northerly direction to the point of commencement.
- Zone 7** the area of the Eastern School District jurisdiction commencing at and inclusive of the Town of Bryant's Cove then extending along the coast in a generally southwesterly direction to the community of Marysvale inclusive.
- Zone 8** the area of the Eastern School District jurisdiction commencing at and inclusive of the town of Ship Harbour then in a generally southerly direction following the coastline to include all communities feeding into Laval High, then in a generally southerly direction following the coastline to include all communities that feed into Fatima Academy to and inclusive of Point Lance, then in a generally northerly direction following the coastline to and inclusive of the town of Colinet, then in a generally easterly direction following the coastline to include all communities that feed into St. Catherine's Academy, then in a generally southerly direction following the coastline to include all communities that feed into Stella Maris Academy to and inclusive of the town of Portugal Cove South, then in a generally northerly direction following community boundaries feeding into above schools to the point of commencement.
- Zone 9** the area of the Eastern School District jurisdiction commencing at and inclusive of the town of Portugal Cove- St. Phillips then in a generally northerly direction following the coastline to and inclusive of the town of Pouch Cove, then in a generally southerly direction following the coastline to include all communities that feed into Holy Trinity High, then following the coastline to and inclusive of the town of Logy Bay-Middle Cove-Outer Cove, then to include the area that corresponds exactly with the boundaries of Ward 1 of the City of St. John's, then follows community boundaries feeding into above schools to point of commencement. This zone also includes all communities on Bell Island.
- Zone 10** the area of the Eastern School District jurisdiction that corresponds exactly with the boundaries of Ward 2 of the City of St. John's.
- Zone 11** the area of the Eastern School District jurisdiction that corresponds exactly with the boundaries of Ward 3 of the City of St. John's.

- Zone 12** the area of the Eastern School District jurisdiction that corresponds exactly with the boundaries of Ward 4 of the City of St. John's.
- Zone 13** the area of the Eastern School District jurisdiction that corresponds exactly with the boundaries of Ward 5 of the City of St. John's and includes the towns from Petty Harbour-Maddox Cove following the coastline in a generally southerly direction to include all communities feeding into Mobile Central High to, but exclusive of, the town of Portugal Cove South then in a generally northerly direction following community boundaries to point of commencement.
- Zone 14** the area of the Eastern School District jurisdiction that corresponds exactly with the boundaries of the City of Mt. Pearl.
- Zone 15** the area of the Eastern School District jurisdiction that corresponds exactly with the boundaries of the towns of Conception Bay South and the Town of Paradise inclusive.

ARTICLE IV: BOARD COMMITTEES

1. **Executive Committee**
 - (a) Membership.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chair, Vice Chair, and four other members elected by the Board.
 - (b) The duties of the Executive shall be as specified in the Schools Act 1997 and in the by-laws.
2. The Board may appoint committees other than the Executive Committee and each committee will be one of the following order:
 - (a) Standing Committees
 - (b) Ad Hoc Committees
3. The Standing Committees of the Board shall be:
 - (a) Executive
 - (b) Finance & Properties
 - (c) Programs
4. A majority of members of a committee shall constitute a quorum.

5. The Board Chair shall, through consultation with each trustee, develop a recommendation of Standing Committee membership for Board approval at the first regular Board meeting following the Annual General Meeting.
6. The membership, purposes, and responsibilities of the standing committees listed in section 3 of this Article shall be specified in the by-laws.
7. An ad hoc committee established by the Board shall have its terms of reference approved by the Board and upon the completion of its mandate, shall cease to exist.
8. Specific recommendations of a committee must be presented as committee minutes by the Chair or designate of the Committee, moved as individual motions and voted on at a regular meeting of the Board.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

1. Annual General Meeting (AGM):

- (a) The board shall hold its annual meeting not later than November 30 in any year.
- (b) At each Annual Meeting of the Board, the Board shall elect from among its own members, six Executive officers;

Chair (who shall also be the Chair of the Executive Committee)
Vice Chair

Four Executive members elected at large from the membership of the School Board.

2. Regular Meetings

- (a) All regular meetings of the Board shall be set by a resolution of the Board in accordance with the Schools Act, 1997 and as specified in by-laws.
- (b) The Board will establish a suitable date replacing those meetings which need to be rescheduled due to extenuating circumstances (e.g. fall on legal holiday.)

3. **Special Meetings**

Except in cases of emergency, as determined by the Chairperson and the Director, seven (7) days notice shall normally be given for a special meeting of the Board. Notification of the meeting will include the purpose of the meeting, which will be the only item(s) to be considered at that meeting.

ARTICLE VI: PROPERTY

The title and use of property shall be as specified in the Schools Act 1997.

ARTICLE VII: BY-LAWS

A set of by-laws shall be established by the Board.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

This constitution may be amended with the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the total Board membership. Written notice of such proposed change(s) shall be given to each Board trustee at least ten (10) days prior to the first of two (2) meetings at which said amendment(s) must be considered as follows:

- Meeting I: Rationale for Amendment;
Discussion and debate, and
Motion to effect amendment at second meeting.

- Meeting II: Limited debate on motion, and
Vote on Motion.

A resolution to amend this Constitution shall not take effect unless it receives the approval of the Minister of Education under the provision of the Schools Act, 1997, Section 60 (i).

ARTICLE IX: ADOPTION OF CONSTITUTION

- 1. Date approved by Eastern School Board:
 - First Reading: February 2, 2005
 - Second Reading and Adoption: March 2, 2005

- 2. Date approved by Minister of Education: July 12, 2005

- 3. Date amended by Eastern School Board:
 - First Reading: September 5, 2007
 - Second Reading and Adoption: October 10, 2007

- 5. Date approved by Minister of Education: October 29, 2007