
Minutes of the In-Conference and Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fort McMurray Public School District, held in the Board Room of the Clearwater Public Education Centre, 2012 02 13 at 0930 hrs.

Attendees:

Vice Chair	- G. Cooper
Trustee	- L. Mywaart
Trustee	- S. Blackler
Trustee	- A. Adams
Superintendent of Schools	- D. Parsons
Associate Superintendent	- A. Kallal
- Business & Finance	
Associate Superintendent	- P. Meagher
- Human Resources & Administration	

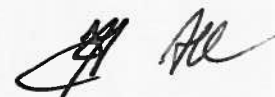
Recording Secretary - S. Dunn

Regrets: Board Chair Jeff Thompson; Associate Superintendent of Education & Administration Dr. Brenda Sautner

20015	Call to Order	Vice Chair, Glenn Cooper, called the meeting to order at 0930 hrs.
20016	Additions to the In-Camera Agenda	None.
20017	Additions to the In-Conference Agenda	7.9 Trustee Resource Binder
20018	Approval of Agenda	Trustee Mywaart served motion at 0932 hrs. M/C That the agenda be approved.
20019	In-Camera Meeting	Trustee Adams served motion at 0932 hrs. M/C That the meeting proceed to the in-camera meeting.
20020	Investigations	No report.
20021	Personnel	No report.
20022	Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)	Superintendent Parsons updated trustees and senior administration on the status of the MOU. Discussion ensued. This topic will be brought back for further discussion at the March Board meeting.
20023	MOU (Shared Services)	Superintendent Parsons updated trustees and senior administration on the proposed Shared Services Memorandum of Understanding. The document was reviewed and discussion followed.



20024	Board Retreat	Superintendent Parsons updated trustees and senior administration on the recent Board Retreat held on February 9 th and 10 th , 2012. This topic will be placed on the March 5, 2012, COW meeting agenda for further discussion.
20025	Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Bargaining Boot Camps	Superintendent, Dennis Parsons, called upon Allan Kallal, Associate Superintendent of Business and Finance, to update trustees and senior administration on his attendance at the Alberta School Boards Association Bargaining Boot Camp.
20026	Provincial Fund-Raising Functions & Provincial Political Contributions	Superintendent, Dennis Parsons, updated trustees and senior administration on information received regarding Provincial Political Contributions. Discussion followed and this item will be added to the March 5, 2012, COW agenda for further discussion.
20027	School Council – Meeting of February 6th	Superintendent, Dennis Parsons, updated trustees and senior administration on a school council meeting he attended on February 6, 2012.
20028	Jurisdiction Highlight Sheet	Superintendent, Dennis Parsons, updated trustees and senior administration on the Jurisdiction Highlight Sheet. It was agreed this topic would be added to the March 5, 2012, COW agenda for discussion.
20029	Out of In-Camera	Trustee Blackler served motion 1219 hrs. M/C That the Board of Trustees move out of the in-camera meeting and proceed to the in-conference meeting.
20030	In-Conference Meeting	Trustee Cooper served motion at 1036 hrs. M/C That the Board of Trustees proceed to the in-conference meeting.
20031	Public School Boards Association of Alberta (PSBAA) February 2012 Council Meeting	Topic deferred to the March 5, 2012, COW meeting for discussion.
20032	ASBA Zone 2/3 Conversation Cafe	Superintendent, Dennis Parsons, updated trustees and senior administration on the upcoming ASBA Zone 2/3 Conversation Cafe scheduled for February 15, 2012.
20033	Upcoming Conferences	Topic deferred to the March 5, 2012, COW meeting for discussion. Trustees Adams and Cooper indicated they would be available to attend the upcoming CAPSLE conference.
20034	Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA)	Topic deferred to the March 5, 2012, COW meeting for discussion.
20035	Public School Boards Association (PSBA)	Topic deferred to the March 5, 2012, COW meeting for discussion.



20036	Wood Buffalo FNMI Educational Partnership	Superintendent, Dennis Parsons, called upon Associate Superintendent, Phil Meagher, to update trustees and senior administration on the proposed Wood Buffalo FNMI Educational partnership. Discussion followed.
20037	Trustee Engagement	Trustees agreed Trustee Blackler will speak to Trustee Engagement during the Regular Board Meeting.
20038	Review of Public Agenda	Members of the Board and senior administration reviewed the Regular Board Meeting agenda.
20039	Trustee Resource Binder	Topic deferred to the March 5, 2012, COW meeting for discussion.
20040	Out of In-Conference	Trustee Adams served motion 1312 hrs. M/C That the Board of Trustees move out of the in-conference meeting and recess until 1330 hrs.
20041	Convene Regular Meeting	Vice Chair, Glenn Cooper, called the meeting to order M/C That the Board of Trustees reconvene the Regular Meeting at 1330 hrs. Other attendees: 8 Media: 2
20042	O Canada	Vice Chair, Glenn Cooper, welcomed everyone present and invited them to stand for the national anthem.
20043	Question Period	There were no questions for the Board of Trustees.
20044	Additions to Agenda	8.9 Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding Shared Services
20045	Approval of Agenda	Trustee Blackler served motion at 1335 hrs. M/C That the agenda be approved.

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20046 Delegations and Presentations

Spotlight on Education

Composite High School

Associate Superintendent, Phil Meagher, introduced Composite High Public School Principal, Graham Abbott. Mr. Abbott introduced Composite's media teacher Ms. Polischuk, who spoke about Composite High's Visual Arts and Multimedia program. She then provided trustees and senior administration with a small sampling of some of the student's video creations and radio broadcasts.

Trustees and senior administration thanked the staff and students for the wonderful presentation and indicated they were very impressed with the student's work, indicating they felt this was an exceptional learning opportunity being offered by Composite High School in partnership with KAOS Radio.

20047 **Superintendent of Schools Report**

Superintendent Parsons provided highlights of his report, which included updating trustees and senior administration on the closure of Ecole McTavish Junior High Public School for one day on Monday, February 6, 2012, due to an emergency situation, the 100th Anniversary Committee and its ongoing work in preparation for the District's celebration, his attendance at the Leading the North Conference, and current plans and discussions regarding expansion of the Edge Program. Superintendent Parsons then called upon Brent Devost to update trustees and senior administration on the Edge Program. Mr. Devost provided an overview of the Edge Program and plans for expansion.

Superintendent Parsons requested the Board review the Action Item regarding approval of the Edge program expansion.

20048 **Approval-in-Principle – Edge Skills Academy Program Expansion**

Superintendent Parsons introduced the Action Item for Board Approval.

Trustee Mywaart served motion at 1422 hrs.
M/C

That the Board of Trustees approve, in principle, the proposed Edge Skills Academy Program Expansion for the upcoming 2012 – 2013 school year.

20049 **Continuation of Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Parsons updated trustees and senior administration on another program implemented in the District, Removing Barriers, and introduced Connie Kramer to update trustees and senior administration on FRIENDS (school-based mental health programming).

Trustees and senior administration thanked Ms. Kramer for her very insightful presentation and expressed their support for this much-needed program.

Superintendent Parsons updated trustees and senior administration on the recent Board Retreat held on February 9 and 10, 2012, the Tripartite discussions, work of the Policy Advisory Committee, the Traffic Safety Committee Report and current status of the District's website replacement.

Superintendent Parsons spoke about the 2012-2013 School Calendar and called upon Associate Superintendent, Phil Meagher, to update trustees and senior administration on the draft 2012 – 2013 Calendar posted on the District website. Trustees provided their feedback and recommendations for change to Mr. Meagher.

Superintendent Parsons also called upon Associate Superintendent, Allan Kallal, to update trustees and senior administration on the three-year funding scheme the Department of Education publicly released as part of their predictable sustainable funding initiative.

20050	Trustee Items	Trustee Engagement – Trustee Blackler reported on trustee engagement since the last Board meeting scheduled on January 23, 2012, which included trustee attendance at the Parent Information Session Committee, a sub-committee of Networks, the Leading the North Conference, the annual Board Retreat, Ecole Dickinsfield School Council Meeting with Chair Thompson and Superintendent Parsons, a Policy Advisory Committee meeting, Leader in Me celebrations at Ecole Dickinsfield and Westview, ASBA Zone 2/3 meeting in Edmonton, a Public School Boards Council meeting in Nisku, a teleconference with the Minister of Education, and a visit to MacIsland to view the EDGE Hockey Program.
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20051	Approval of 2011 – 2014 Fort McMurray Public School District Educational Strategic Plan	Superintendent, Dennis Parsons, updated trustees and senior administration on the District’s 2011 – 2014 Educational Strategic Plan. Trustee Mywaart served motion at 1518 hrs. M/C That the Board of Trustees give final approval to the 2011 - 2014 District Educational Strategic Plan.
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20052	Approval-in-Principle of Composite & Westwood High School Students Travel to Japan, Spring Break 2013	Superintendent, Dennis Parsons, updated trustees and senior administration on the request for the Board’s Approval-in-Principle for this upcoming school trip planned for spring break 2013. Trustee Blackler served motion at 1529 hrs. M/C That the Board of Trustees give Approval-in-Principle for Composite & Westwood High School students travel to Japan, Spring Break 2013.
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20053	Approval-in-Principle of Ecole McTavish Junior High Students Travel to Ottawa/Montreal/Quebec City, Spring Break 2012	Superintendent, Dennis Parsons, updated trustees and senior administration on the request for the Board’s Approval-in-Principle for this upcoming school trip planned for Spring Break 2012. Trustee Blackler served motion at 1532 hrs. M/C That the Board of Trustees give Approval-in-Principle for Ecole McTavish Junior High School students travel to Ottawa/Montreal/Quebec City, Spring Break 2012.
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20054	Approval-in-Principle – Wood Buffalo FNMI Education Partnership Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)	Superintendent, Dennis Parsons, called upon Associate Superintendent, Phil Meagher, to update trustees and senior administration on the MOU. Trustee Adams served motion at 1538 hrs. M/C That the Board of Trustees approve, in principle, the Wood Buffalo FNMI Education Partnership.
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20055	Reaffirm - Policies: - BDDH - CC - GCL - GCBDA	Superintendent, Dennis Parsons, called upon Associate Superintendent, Allan Kallal, to speak to the Omnibus motion requesting reaffirmation of several policies. Trustee Mywaart served motion at 1542 hrs. M/C That the Board of Trustees reaffirm Policies: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- BDDH – Public Participation at Board Meetings- CC – Administrative Organization Plan- GCL – Professional Staff Development Opportunities- GCBDA – Annual Leaves of Absence
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20056	Approval of Locally Developed/Acquired Courses - Film Studies 15-25-35 (5) - Instrumental Jazz 15-25-35 (3) - Instrumental Jazz 15-25-35 (5) - Dance 15-25-35 (5) - Technical Theatre 25-35 (5)	Superintendent, Dennis Parsons, updated trustees and senior administration on the request for board approval of several locally acquired and developed courses. Trustee Blackler served motion at 1552 hrs. M/C That the Board of Trustees approve the following locally acquired courses: - Film Studies 15-25-35 (5) - Instrumental Jazz 15-25-35 (3) - Instrumental Jazz 15-25-35 (5) - Dance 15-25-35 (5) - Technical Theatre 25-35 (5)
20057	Approval of Locally Developed/Acquired Courses - Musical Theatre in Performance 25 – 35 (5)	Trustee Adams served motion at 1555 hrs. M/C That the Board of Trustees approve the following locally developed course: - Musical Theatre in Performance 25-35 (5)
20058	Approval of MOU Regarding Shared Services	Superintendent Parsons updated trustees and senior administration on background information regarding this MOU regarding shared services. Trustee Mywaart served motion at 1559 hrs. M/C That the Board of Trustees embrace the possibility of an enriched partnership with the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, Keyano College, the Catholic School Board and the Board of Alberta Health Services and sign the prepared Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which once signed will frame our discussions going forward as we jointly work to explore, articulate and operationalise the many possibilities envisioned through this MOU.
20059	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 2012 01 23	Trustee Blackler served motion at 1621 hrs. M/C That the minutes of 2012 01 23 Regular Board Meeting be approved.
20060	Business Arising from Minutes	1. RaRa – The request for sponsorship and motion made at the January 23 Board Meeting were reviewed based on some new information that was received. Trustees agreed the District would approve Bronze sponsorship: the equivalent amount spent on tickets the previous year.
20061	Correspondence	1. KAOS – 5 Year Celebration, scheduled for March 3, 2012 – Superintendent Parsons updated trustees and senior administration on this upcoming event. Trustee Mywaart will attend.
20062	Committee of the Whole Report	None
20063	Business Arising	None




20064 Other Business None

20065 Request for Information None

20066 Future Agenda Items To be determined.

20067 Adjournment There being no further business, Vice Chair, Glenn Cooper, adjourned the meeting at 1646 hrs.


BOARD CHAIR


SECRETARY-TREASURER
