



Minutes of the In-Camera and Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fort McMurray Public School District, held in the Main Board Room, Clearwater Public Education Centre, 2014 05 20.

Attendees:

Chair	Jeff Thompson
Trustee	Linda Mywaart
Trustee	Tim O'Hara
Trustee	Angela Adams (joined at 1506 hrs.)
Superintendent	Doug Nicholls
Associate Superintendent	
- Education & Admin.	Brenda Sautner (joined at 1448 hrs.)
Associate Superintendent	
- Business & Finance	Allan Kallal
Associate Superintendent	
- Human Resources	Phil Meagher
Recording Secretary	Sharon Dunn

Regrets: Trustee Stephen Drover

21153	Call to Order	Chair Jeff Thompson called the meeting to order at 1400 hrs.
21154	Additions to the In-Camera Agenda	None.
21155	Approval of Agenda	Trustee O'Hara served motion at 1402 hrs. M/C That the agenda be approved.
21156	In-Camera Meeting	Trustee Mywaart served motion at 1402 hrs. M/C That the meeting proceed to the In-Camera meeting.
21157		1448 hrs. – Associate Superintendent Brenda Sautner joined.
21158	Out of In-Camera	Trustee O'Hara served motion at 1501 hrs. M/C That the Board of Trustees move out of the In-Camera meeting and proceed to the Regular Meeting.
21159	Additions to Agenda	7.2 Task Force for Teaching Excellence
21160	Approval of Agenda	Trustee Mywaart served motion at 1504 hrs. M/C That the agenda be approved.
21161	Minutes – In-Camera, In-Conference and Regular Meeting 2014 04 28	Trustee Mywaart served motion at 1504 hrs. M/C That the Minutes of 2014 04 28 In-Camera and Regular Meeting be approved.

21162	Minutes – Committee of the Whole 2014 05 05	Trustee O’Hara served motion at 1504 hrs. M/C That the Minutes of 2014 05 05 Committee of the Whole Meeting be approved.
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21163	Business Arising from the Minutes	a) RARA – Associate Superintendent Phil Meagher indicated a meeting has been held and he will report on the outcome at the next Board meeting.
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21164		1506 hrs. – Trustee Angela Adams joined.
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21165	Business Arising from the Minutes (continued)	b) Rental Rate Statistics – Associate Superintendent Allan Kallal provided a report. c) Modernization of Composite High School – Associate Superintendent Allan Kallal and Superintendent Doug Nicholls provided an update for the Board.
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21166	Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA)	Chair Jeff Thompson and Trustee Linda Mywaart updated trustees and senior administration on the recommendations ASBA will be putting forward to its membership regarding Bargaining Model Consultations during their Annual Spring General Meeting. Discussion followed. Trustees requested additional time to review the information, and agreed responses would be provided by the end of the week.
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21167	Public School Boards Association (PSBA)	Chair Jeff Thompson reviewed PSBA’s request for feedback on their draft response to the Minister of Education’s Task Force Recommendations.
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21168	School Tours – May 26th COW Meeting	Chair Jeff Thompson updated trustees and senior administration on the upcoming School Tours scheduled on May 26th.
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21169	Review of Evening Agenda	Trustees reviewed the public agenda in preparation for the Regular Board meeting.
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21170	Recess	Trustee Adams served motion at 1541 hrs. M/C That the Board of Trustees move out of the Regular meeting and recess until 1830 hrs.
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21171	Reconvene Regular Meeting	Chair, Jeff Thompson, called the meeting to order M/C That the Board of Trustees reconvene the Regular Meeting at 1830 hrs. Other attendees: Full audience Media: 2
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21172	O Canada	Chair Jeff Thompson welcomed everyone present and invited meeting attendees to stand for the national anthem.
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21173	Question Period	The Recording Secretary provided the Board Chair with a written question from an employee of the Fort McMurray Public School District, Ms. Ariana Marcini. Chair Jeff Thompson reviewed the guidelines for Question Period from the Board Policy Handbook. He then called upon Ms. Marcini to read her question. Mr. Thompson asked trustees if they had any questions. There were none. Mr. Thompson indicated the Board would be directing this matter to the Superintendent for review. Following the Superintendent’s review, a written response would be provided to Ms. Marcini as well as a report made at the June Board meeting.
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21174 District Spotlight

Spotlight on Education

Presentation by
Timberlea Public School

Associate Superintendent, Brenda Sautner, introduced Timberlea Public School Vice Principal, Meipsy Shackelford. Several Timberlea students also were in attendance and they presented information to the Board of Trustees regarding their anti-bullying campaign.

Frank Spragins High
School

Associate Superintendent, Brenda Sautner, introduced Principal Roxanne Fudge. Ms. Fudge updated trustees and senior administration on the new focus on arts at Frank Spragins High School. Ms. Fudge provided some handouts relating to the program and Ms. Tiffanie Book provided a brief explanation of the arts program being taught, indicating art can be related into many subjects, including Math, Science, and English.

FNMI Truth and
Reconciliation Event

Associate Superintendent, Brenda Sautner, introduced students who were part of the March 27th Truth and Reconciliation Event in Edmonton. Twenty-five students went from Fort McMurray Public Schools and joined approximately 2,000 students from across Alberta. Elder Hazel "Issapaakii" Derange, Julia McDougall, Caron McBride, Tom MacDonald, Connie Kramer and Quinn Lotsberg were introduced. Eight student representatives spoke about their experience and thanked trustees for the opportunity to participate. Tom MacDonald shared a touching poem written by two students.

Paul Martin (MAEI)
Initiative

Associate Superintendent, Brenda Sautner, introduced Composite High School teacher Caron McBride who spoke about the Paul Martin Aboriginal Education Initiative. Ms. McBride called upon student Robert Grant to share a powerpoint presentation on entrepreneurship with trustees.

Trustees and senior administration thanked everyone for attending and participating in the Spotlight on Education. Chair Thompson extended a special thank you to Issapaakii for coming to the meeting and asked if she would say a few words. Issapaakii expressed her gratitude for students having the opportunity to hear the story of residential schools and the awareness it created. She was pleased to see the FNMI workers in schools, and encouraged even more opportunities be made available for FNMI students to learn about their own history.

21175 Recess

Meeting Recessed: 1950 hrs.
Meeting Reconvened: 2000 hrs.

21176 Approval of Grade
Configuration

Superintendent, Doug Nicholls, called upon Principal Taj Mohammad and Vice Principals David Parsons and Robert Skulsky to address the Board regarding the request to add Grades 7 & 8 to Composite High School. The Board of Trustees and Superintendent were thanked for their consideration of what was felt to be a very positive step forward that would greatly benefit both the Fort McMurray Islamic School and Composite High School students.

Superintendent Nicholls also spoke about the request for expansion of the Fort McMurray Christian School to add Grade 9 programming. Mr. Nicholls indicated this was very strongly supported by the Christian School Society and also viewed to be a positive step forward in school growth.

Trustee Adams served motion at 2013 hrs.
M/C

That the Board of Trustees approve:

- a) The addition of Grades 7 & 8 to Composite High School to accommodate the Islamic program; and
- b) The addition of Grade 9 to the Fort McMurray Christian School.



21177	Approval in Principle for Westwood Students Travel to Japan, Spring Break 2015	Trustee Mywaart expressed a concern regarding the high cost of student travel and hoped it was not placing too much of a burden on parents in regard to fundraising. Trustee Mywaart served motion at 2019 hrs. M/C That the Board of Trustees given approval-in-principle for Westwood Community High School students travel to Japan, Spring Break, 2015.
21178	CUPE Collective Agreement 2014	Associate Superintendent Allan Kallal updated trustees and senior administration on CUPE local's ratification of the amended agreement. Trustee O'Hara suggested Article 17.06 be reviewed as the intent was not clear. Trustee Adams served motion at 2023 hrs. M/C That the Board of Trustees accept the amended CUPE Collective Agreement.
21179	Trustee Items	Board Chair, Jeff Thompson, updated meeting attendees on trustees' participation in school events, District events, and conferences since the last regular Board meeting.
21180	Superintendent of Schools Report	Superintendent, Doug Nicholls, updated trustees and senior administration on highlights of his report including an update on the work of the C.2 committee, and the teacher voice survey results. Superintendent Nicholls is currently in the process of meeting with every school principal to review individual school results. He also mentioned the creation of two new committees to develop and plan Professional Development opportunities for ATA and CUPE staff for the upcoming school year. Superintendent Nicholls highlighted the Spring Splash event held at Ecole McTavish, indicating it was well attended and the student performances amazing. He extended a sincere thank you to students and staff for making this event a huge success. Superintendent Nicholls finalized his report by stating he is very pleased with the number of activities and school events going on in the District and extended a special thank you to Ms. Nancy Gauthier, Communications Coordinator, for doing such an excellent job of keeping everyone informed.
21181	Associate Superintendents' Reports	Associate Superintendent, Phil Meagher, updated trustees and senior administration on the 2015 – 2016 calendar dates posted on the website, stating these dates were chosen in collaboration with the Catholic School Board.
21182	Correspondence	Chair, Jeff Thompson, updated trustees and senior administration on the letters sent to MLA's Don Scott and Mike Allen.
21183	Business Arising	None.
21184	Other Business	Associate Superintendent, Brenda Sautner, brought forward a request for trustee approval of first reading of the Spectator Code of Conduct as an addition to the agenda. Trustee O'Hara served motion at 2051 hrs. M/C That the Board of Trustees approve the first reading of the Spectator Code of Conduct.



21185 Request for Information None.

21186 Future Agenda Items To be determined.

21187 Adjourn There being no further business, Chair, Jeff Thompson, adjourned the meeting at 2053 hrs.


BOARD CHAIR


SECRETARY-TREASURER
