

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes for October 29, 2017 held at 231 Hardin Street, Fort McMurray, AB T9H 2G2

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Location:	Board Room - 231 Hardin Street	
Date:	Wednesday, October 25, 2017	
In Attendance:	Linda Mywaart, Board Chair Angela Adams, Vice Chair Stephen Drover, Trustee Tim O'Hara, Trustee Jonathan Lambert, Trustee Solange Maher, Trustee Dan Rizzuto, Trustee Doug Nicholls, Superintendent Phil Meagher, Chief Deputy Superintendent - Human Resources & Administration Allan Kallal, Associate Superintendent - Business & Finance Shannon Noble, Assistant Superintendent - Inclusive Education Teena Francis, Recording Secretary	
Absent	Trustee Lambert left following the Organizational Meeting at 1:59 p.m.	
Gallery Attendance:	70	

	Item	Discussion
22272	Call to Order	Board Chair L. Mywaart called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.
22273	Additions to In-Camera Agenda	There were no items added to the agenda. Agenda item #6 was removed. It is included on the Regular Board Agenda.
22274	Approval of Agenda	Motion by Trustee Drover to approve the In-Camera Agenda at 2:07 p.m. M/C
22275	In-Camera Meeting	Motion by Trustee O'Hara to proceed to In-Camera at 2:08 p.m. M/C
22276	Out of In-Camera	Motion by Vice Chair Adams to conclude In-Camera at 2:44 p.m. M/C Motion by Trustee O'Hara Drover to recess at 2:44 p.m. M/C
22277	Regular Meeting	Board Chair L. Mywaart called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
22278	Additions to Agenda	Addition included Item 11.1 - Assign Trustee Expense Signing Authority.
22279	Approval of Agenda	Motion by Trustee Maher to approve the agenda with amendment at 3:01 p.m. M/C
22280	Declaration of Conflict	Board Chair L. Mywaart reminded Trustees of their responsibility to make a declaration should any agenda item pose a conflict.
22281	Meeting Minutes	Motion by Trustee Drover that the Board of Trustees approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2017. M/C
		Motion by Trustee Drover that the Board of Trustees approve the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2017. M/C
22282	Business Arising from Previous Meetings	Deputy Superintendent P. Meagher advised Trustees that the CUPE Collective Agreement has been signed off and copies are available.
		Superintendent D. Nicholls advised Senior Administration will review Administrative



		Procedure 260 Field Trips and Excursions and bring back information on insurance coverage and responsibilities of ATA staff should a student need emergency services.
22283	Board Evaluation Results / Positive Path Forward	Board Chair L. Mywaart provided a summary of the previous work done on the Positive Path Forward.
		Board Chair L. Mywaart and fellow Trustees reviewed the Board Evaluation Results. The Board Evaluation was distributed to School Administrators and School Council Chairs.
		An ongoing review of Trustee Engagement and Development will occur.
22284	Public School Boards' Association/Public School Board Council Update	Trustee O'Hara advised there have been no meetings since August. Additionally, Trustee O'Hara advised he circulated information pertaining to the Fall General Meeting electronically to all Trustees.
	opunit.	One topic that will be discussed at the Fall General Meeting is Associate Members. Associate Members are described as individuals who are no longer involved in public education but want to continue to be involved with PSBAA/PSBC.
19		Trustee O'Hara commented it is important to have as many Trustees attend the Fall General Meeting as possible. Often there are additional items presented. By having more Trustees attend allows for discussions so that decisions can be made.
22285	Alberta School Boards Association Update	Board Chair L. Mywaart will be attending the Zone 2/3 Annual General Meeting on Friday, October 27th. Elections will be held at that time.
		Board Chair L. Mywaart circulated information on the Zone 2/3 Meeting to fellow Trustees encouraging a review of the material.
		This year the District nominated the Technology and Trades Academies for the 2017 Premier's Award for School Board Innovation and Excellence. The recipient of the award will be announced at the ASBA Fall General Meeting, November 19, 2017.
22286	AP 260 Field Trips and Excursions	Westwood Community High School Student Travel to Greece: Approximately twenty-four students from grades 10 - 12 and staff request permission to travel to Greece and experience some of the concepts that are discussed in Social Studies classes from grades 7 - 12. To blend classroom and experiential learning to provide students with new perspectives and life skills for future. Students will benefit academically and socially through international students travel by means of increased exposure to a variety of cultures and people.
		Superintendent D. Nicholls shared this field trip request has been postponed until Spring 2018. The recommendation put forward was that Trustees approve-in-principle pending the FMPSD 2018 - 2019 School Calendar approval.
		Motion by Vice Chair Adams that the Board of Trustees give approval-in-principle for Westwood Community High School Student travel to Greece, during and around spring break 2019.
		Superintendent D. Nicholls provided a summary of insurance coverage and liability through our service provider. Staff and parents are aware that student travel can be cancelled do to global unrest and/or risks to students.
		Vice Chair Adams requested Student Travel be included on the Joint Networks Committee for discussion with parents.
		M/C
22287	Approve Borrowing Resolution for Current Expenditures & Signing Authority	Associate Superintendent A. Kallal advised the banking institute no longer requires this annual resolution and it can be removed from the Board Focus by Month going forward.
		Assign Trustee Expense Signing Authority : The following motion was presented afte a short discussion.
		Motion by Vice Chair Adams that Board Chair L. Mywaart be designated as the signing



		authority for Trustees' Drover, Rizzuto, Maher and Lambert. That Vice Chair Adams be designated as signing authority for Trustee O'Hara. That Trustee O'Hara be designated as signing authority for Board Chair L. Mywaart. M/C
22288	Receive Overall PATs/DIPs	Director of Education, M. Mitsopoulos presented on the overall PATs and DIPs results, noting there was a delay in releasing the results from the Minister's Office.
		Looking at the results over a period of 3 years, with the exception of 2016, our students are still achieving higher provincially. The "Tell Them From Me" survey is used for collecting data. For students in Grades 4 - 12, the response is usually high. Parents are encouraged to complete the survey. Oftentimes, staff will complete the survey during a staff meeting.
		The Annual Education Results Report will be presented for approval at the November 2017 Board Meeting and will include the FNMI Results. School Growth Plans will be presented to Trustees in April and will highlight school strengths and concerns.
22289	Trustee Engagement	Board Chair L. Mywaart provided a summary of community engagements and provincial association meetings that were attended for the period of September 21 - October 25, 2017.
22290	Reports	Superintendent D. Nicholls updated Trustees and Senior Administration on the current activities held throughout the District. Included in the report was an update on the Naming Advisory Committee.
		Deputy Superintendent P. Meagher updated Trustees and Senior Administration on the current scope of the Human Resources and Administration Department.
		Associate Superintendent A. Kallal updated Trustees and Senior Administration on the current scope of the Business & Finance Department.
		Assistant Superintendent S. Noble updated Trustees and Senior Administration on the current scope of the Inclusive Education/Mental Health Department.
	1 - -	Trustee Lambert joined the meeting at 4:48 p.m.
22291	Correspondence	SiPP Letter: Board Chair L. Mywaart and fellow Trustees reviewed the SiPP Letter.
		Motion by Trustee Drover to move In-Camera for this discussion at 5:03 p.m. Motion by Trustee O'Hara to conclude the In-Camera at 5:14 p.m.
22292	Review Board Evening Agenda	Trustees and Senior Administration reviewed the evening agenda.
22293	Recess	Motion by Vice Chair Adams to recess at 5:17 p.m.
22294	Reconvene Board Regular Meeting	Board Chair L. Mywaart reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
22295	National Anthem	Board Chair L. Mywaart welcomed guests and invited everyone to stand for the National Anthem.
22296	Question Period	There were no questions submitted for Question Period.
22297	Spotlight on Students	Fort McMurray Christian School: After School Club/Bible Quizzing Club: The Bible Club meets once a week after school. There are 18 team members and 2 coaches. The students memorize different parts of scripture and learn how to apply to life. The Team recently participated in their first event and received recognition of having 4 of the top 10 quizzers. Students shared what they liked about Bible Club and recited Bible verses for Trustees and Senior Administration.
		Trustees and Senior Administration thanked the students for sharing their excitement.



		École McTavish Junior High School: Leaders in Environmental Advocacy and Protection (LEAP): Students presented on the LEAP Program and shared their enthusiasm for initiating new programs. Trustees and Senior Administration thanked students for their presentation and for their passion on environmental issues. Staff were also thanked for being great role models.
22298	District Showcase	Summer School 2017: Principal B. Toner and Vice Principal D. Baseley presented on Summer School 2017. The successes included 380 students registered, 34 staff with diverse backgrounds, a focus on humanities studies and students were very successful. Trustees and Senior Administration thanked both Principal Toner and Vice Principal Baseley, and the staff who supported students during the summer school. Arts Council Wood Buffalo - Excellence in Art Awards: Trustees recognized and celebrated Terri Mort, Drama Teacher, Westwood Community High School, Dan Tulk, Vice Principal, Fort McMurray Composite High School, and Kiran Malik-Khan, Communications Coordinator for winning the Arts Council Wood Buffalo Excellence in Arts Awards on October 21. T. Mort won the Arts Education Award. D. Tulk won the Music Award, and K. Malik-Khan won the Literary Arts Award. The winners were invited to speak about their awards, and what drives their passion both in schools and in the community.
22299	Recess	Motion by Vice Chair Adams to recess at 7:40 p.m. Motion by Vice Chair Adams to reconvened at 7:50 p.m.
22300	Business Arising from Presentations & Delegations at Previous Meetings	There was no business arising at this time.
22301	Other Business	No other business was brought forward at this time.
22302	Requests for Information	Superintendent D. Nicholls will review Administrative Procedure 260 Field Trips and Excursions and will share information on out of country insurance.
22303	Future Agenda Items	Annual Education Results Report will be presented at the November Board Meeting and will include data on First Nations, Inuit and Métis results.
22304	Adjourn	There being no further business, motion by Trustee O'Hara that the Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 7:48 p.m. M/C

Board Chair:

Date:

November 29, 2017

Secretary-Treasurer

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