

## Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes for **March 21, 2018** held at **231 Hardin Street**, Fort McMurray, AB T9H 2G2 *Doing What's Best for Kids*

Location:	Board Room - 231 Hardin Street
Date:	Wednesday, March 21, 2018
In Attendance:	Linda Mywaart, Board Chair Angela Adams, Vice Chair 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 Katie Elser, Recording Secretary
Absent:	Stephen Drover, Tim O'Hara, Trustees

	Item	Discussion
22431	Call to Order	Board Chair L. Mywaart called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.
22432	Additions to Agenda	Deputy Superintendent Meagher requested addition to the District Showcase portion (item 23.4) as Edwin Parr District Nominee.
	Approval of Agenda	Motion by Trustee Lambert to approve the Agenda as with addition at 2:07 p.m. M/C
22433	Declaration of Conflict	Board Chair L. Mywaart reminded Trustees of their responsibility to make a declaration should any agenda item pose a conflict and remove themselves from the meeting for those items.
22434	Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	Motion by Trustee Rizzuto that the Board of Trustees approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2018 with noted amendments at 2:08 p.m. M/C
22435	Motion to move In Camera	Motion by Trustee Adams to proceed to in Camera at 2:08 p.m. M/C
22436	Motion to move Out of In Camera	Motion by Trustee Lambert to come out of In Camera at 4:02 p.m. M/C  Board Chair L. Mywaart reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 4:02 p.m.  D. Nicholls, P. Meagher, A. Kallal, S. Noble excused themselves from the meeting.
22437	Business Arising from Previous Meetings	<ul> <li>7.1 Action: Letter to Mayor and Council requesting meeting noted as being in progress.</li> <li>7.2 Action: Letter to RARA Committee with comments noted as being in progress.  Trustee Maher's request to honour the First Nations at the beginning of meetings is also noted as being in progress.</li> <li>7.3 Action: Board Recommendation - Board Policy 7 Amendment  Board Chair L. Mywaart reviewed the suggested changes. Additional changes were discussed and noted in the document.</li> </ul>
	Motion to Approve Policy 7	Motion by Trustee Adams that the proposed changes be accepted as amended at 4:25 p.m. M/C
22438	Public School Boards' Association / Public School Boards' Council Update	Board Chair L. Mywaart noted that there was a request sent electronically by Trustee O'Hara requesting feedback concerning the PSBAA bylaws for the upcoming April PSBC meeting. Several items were discussed and noted for feedback to Trustee O'Hara.
	<u>;</u>	Associate Superintendent A. Kallal returned to the meeting at 4:30 p.m.
22439	Alberta School Boards	Board Chair L. Mywaart briefed the Trustees on the most recent Zone 2/3 meeting and

	Association Update	shared notes via email. It was shared that the recent MLA event was attended by 11 MLA's. While there were good discussions with those present, those most influential for education were not in attendance.
		Deputy Superintendent P. Meagher returned to the meeting at 4:45 p.m.
22440	Trustee Engagement for February 22, 2018 - March 21, 2018	Board Chair L. Mywaart provided a summary of community engagements, school events and provincial association meetings that were attended for the period of February 22, 2018 - March 21, 2018 by the Trustees.
		Board Chair L. Mywaart commented that it was good to see Trustees attending school events as it raises the profile of the District in the community.
22441	Reports	Deputy Superintendent P. Meagher updated Trustees and Senior Administration on the current scope of the Human Resources and Administration Department. It was noted that a nominee for the ASBA Edwin Parr award was submitted.
		Associate Superintendent A. Kallal updated Trustees and Senior Administration on the current scope of the Business & Finance Department.
	Motion to approve Master Facility and Capital Plan	Motion by Trustee Lambert to approve the 2018 Master Facility and Capital Plan as presented at 5:05 p.m. M/C
		Superintendent D. Nicholls, Assistant Superintendent S. Noble returned to the meeting at 5:06 p.m.
		Assistant Superintendent S. Noble updated Trustees and Senior Administration on the current scope of the Inclusive Education/Mental Health Department. Trustee Maher thanked Assistant Superintendent S. Noble for taking time to complete grants that are allowing the District to receive extra funds for youth and mental health supports.
		Superintendent D. Nicholls updated Trustees and Senior Administration on the current activities held throughout the District including administrative transfers and the relationship with our union partners.
22442	Motion to move to In Camera	Motion by Trustee Lambert to move In Camera at 5:45 p.m. M/C
22443	Motion to move Out of In Camera	Motion by Trustee Adams to come out of In Camera at 6:13 p.m. M/C
		Board Chair L. Mywaart reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 6:13 p.m.
	Recess	Motion by Trustee Adams to recess at 6:13 p.m. M/C
22444	Reconvene Regular Board Meeting	Board Chair L. Mywaart reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 6:35 p.m.
		Trustee Rizzuto excused himself for the remainder of the meeting.
22445	O Canada	Board Chair L. Mywaart welcomed students, staff, parents and community members and invited everyone to stand for the National Anthem.
22446	Question Period	There were no questions submitted.
22447	Spotlight on Students	Westview Public Green Screen Team Westview Public School's tech-savvy student leaders presented on making videos for their monthly newsletter using multimedia technology. They talked about meeting to come up with a story-board, recording process, and selecting future stories. The newsletter can be found on their YouTube Channel: Westview Warriors.
		Fort McMurray Islamic School (FMIS) Green Projects The Emerald Club at FMIS is a student-run environmental group. They presented on projects such as replacing disposable whiteboard markers with reusable ones allowing them to change the ink cartridge when it runs out. In addition, the group has new indoor automatic compostors at school, which use heat to break down food and produce a dry compost in just a few hours. Every FMIS class participates in composting.



22448	District Showcase	Debate Club The District wide Debate Club was launched last year with seven members, and has now grown to 25 members. Students presented on learning and improving public speaking, research skills, and making powerful points thanks to multiple workshops throughout the year. Students demonstrated a mock debate, in which they displayed proper protocols and procedure of parliamentary and national debates - also learned during the workshops.
	District Showcase	TAFI Award This month's TAFI (Twitter, Apps, Facebook, Instagram) Award went to two teachers.  Jennifer Currie was February's winner, who was unable to attend last month. Most of Jennifer Currie's over 440 tweets @JCurriesclass are about Composite High School's Life Skills Program, which she oversees. An outstanding champion of our special needs students, Jennifer promotes their activities such as field trips, job placements, and achievements continuously. In addition, championing volleyball, and other Composite events are also near and dear to her.
		Thanks to @KGFMIS, which is <i>Terri Josey</i> 's Twitter handle, we know everything that goes on in Fort McMurray Islamic School's Kindergarten class. She has over 530 tweets, and is consistently highlighting the program, and her students making her March's TAFI Award recipient.
		Black History Month Essay Contest Winners Congratulations to all our students who won Reheboth Alliance's annual Black History Month Essay Contest. Special congratulations to Cristine Jamito on winning the \$1000 scholarship for her submission. All of you make us proud.
		FMPSD's Edwin Parr Nominee The Board recognized Thania Breitkreuz, grade 4 teacher at Walter and Gladys Hill Public School as the District nominee for the 2018 Edwin Parr Award. A coveted honour, the Edwin Parr Award is given by the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) to six outstanding first-year teachers across the province. Thania will be representing FMPSD for Zone 2/3. She was selected because of her outstanding teaching methods in class, continuous zeal for "Doing what's best for kids," and seeking multiple opportunities for professional development, to name a few reasons.
22449	Recess	Motion to Recess by Trustee Adams at 7:38 p.m. M/C
22450	Reconvene Regular Board Meeting	Board Chair L. Mywaart reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 7:51 p.m.
22451	2018-2019 Academic Calendar	Deputy Superintendent P. Meagher reviewed the draft academic calendar for the 2018-2019 school year. Motion by Trustee Adams that the Board approve the 2018-2019 Academic Calendar as presented at 7:58 p.m. M/C
22452	Budget 2018 Conference Call with the Minister of Education	Board Chair L. Mywaart reviewed the details that were sent electronically about the upcoming embargoed conference call. It was noted that Trustees are able to attend via conference call.
22453	AP 260 Field Trips and Excursions	Board Chair L. Mywaart reviewed the details of the requested approval-in-principle for a field trip for Fort McMurray Composite High School students to travel to Scandinavia in April of 2019.
		Motion by Trustee Adams to table this item to the April 25, 2018 Board meeting at 8:22 p.m. Additional information was requested for clarification. M/C
22454	Correspondence	14.1: Letter from Alberta Education RE: 2016 AERR / 2017-2020 SEP Board Chair L. Mywaart and Trustees reviewed the correspondence. The Board Chair and Trustees thanked the Senior Leadership team and Director of Education M. R. Mitsopoulos on their work in preparing the AERR this year.
		14.2: Thank you card Board Chair L. Mywaart and Trustees reviewed the card and shared that it was nice to see that recognition for employees that have left or were honoured at Employee Recognition was well received.
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	Board Chair:	Date: May 7, 2018  Date: May 7, 2018
22460	Adjourn	There being no further business, motion by Trustee Lambert that the Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 8:50 p.m. M/C
22459	Future Agenda Items	There were no agenda items brought forward.
22458	Requests for Information	There were no requests for information.
22457	Other Business	It was noted that Board Chair L. Mywaart will be away until April 12, 2019. Items of importance should be directed to Board Vice Chair A. Adams in absence of the chair.  Trustee Lambert noted that some schools in our District will be participating in the inaugural Zara and Bridget Chambers Futsal tournament being hosted by Keyano College in honour of the two students who passed away in December.
22456	Business Arising from Presentations & Delegations at Previous Meetings	There was no business arising at this time.
22455	2020 Canada 55+ Games	Motion by Trustee Adams that the board of trustees approve support of the RMWB's bid to host the 2020 Canada 55+ Games by offering a contact person and, keeping in the interest of the Fort McMurray Public School District in the forefront, allowing the minimal use of schools over a four day weekend in August/September of 2020 at 8:36 p.m. M/C
		<ul> <li>14.3: Letter from The Terry Fox Foundation</li> <li>Board Chair L. Mywaart and Trustees reviewed the correspondence from the Terry Fox Foundation outlining the dollars that were raised by the District.</li> <li>14.4: Letters from school divisions to ASBA</li> <li>Board Chair L. Mywaart noted that copies of letters were available electronically for review. It was shared that the topic was discussed at the most recent Zone 2/3 meeting as well as at upcoming CASS meetings with the Minister of Education.</li> </ul>