

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes for **April 25, 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, April 25, 2018
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 Katie Elser, Recording Secretary
Absent:	There were no members absent.

	Item	Discussion
22466	Call to Order	Board Chair L. Mywaart called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
22467	Additions to Agenda	There were no additions to the agenda. Remove item 7.3: Board Policy 7 Amendment
	Approval of Agenda	Motion by Trustee Drover to approve the Agenda with revision at 2:03 p.m. M/C
22468	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.
22469	Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	Motion by Trustee O'Hara that the Board of Trustees approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2018 with noted amendments at 2:04 p.m. M/C
		Trustee Lambert arrived at 2:05 p.m.
22470	Motion to move In Camera	Motion by Trustee Rizzuto to proceed to In Camera at 2:05 p.m. M/C
22471	Motion to move Out of In Camera	Motion by Trustee Drover to come out of In Camera at 3:09 p.m. M/C Motion by Trustee Drover to recess at 3:09 p.m. M/C
		Board Chair L. Mywaart reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 3:19 p.m.
22472	Business Arising from Previous Meetings	7.1 Action: Letter to Mayor and Council requesting meeting It was shared that an email was sent detailing the background of the request. Motion by Vice Chair Adams to send a letter to Mayor, Council and the two other districts inviting them to meet to discuss education matters at 3:25 p.m. M/C
		7.2 Action: Letter to RARA Committee with comments noted as being in progress. Motion by Vice Chair Adams to direct Administration to write a letter to the RARA committee with feedback from the event in February at 3:26 p.m. M/C
		7.3 Action: Board Policy 19 - Sexual Orientation Policy Review Assistant Superintendent S. Noble reviewed the proposed changes to the current policy. Vice Chair Adams noted that changes noted did not change the spirit of the document. Continued discussion regarding items changed. Motion to approve Board Policy 19 as presented by Trustee Lambert at 3:33 p.m. M/C

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		7.4 AP260 Field Trip: Composite High School 2019 Superintendent Nicholls reviewed the updated information provided by Fort McMurray Composite High School. Vice Chair Adams requested to know how many school days the students would be missing. Trustee Maher shared that she would like to see a presentation by the students following the trip to ensure accountability from those travelling. Motion by Trustee Drover to grant approval-in-principle for Fort McMurray Composite High School student travel to Scandinavia April 15-25, 2019 at 3:49 p.m. M/C
		7.5 Board Annual Work Plan Amendment Motion by Trustee Lambert to approve work plan with noted amendments at 3:54 p.m. M/C
22473	Public School Boards' Association / Public School Boards' Council Update	Trustee O'Hara reviewed the recent PSBA meeting notes and noted that the highlights were sent via email. It was noted that the Student Voice webinar with the Minister of Education received some thoughtful feedback from students. Presentations attended were thought provoking and insightful. It was suggested to bring some of the speakers in for a District Leaders' Meeting presentation next year.
22474	Alberta School Boards Association Update	Board Chair L. Mywaart briefed the Trustees on the proposed agenda for the upcoming Zone 2/3 meeting. The policy proposal to ASBA was discussed.
22475	Motion to Move In Camera	Motion by Vice Chair Adams to move to In Camera at 4:12 p.m. M/C
		Board Chair L. Mywaart reconvened the regular board meeting at 4:56 p.m.
22476	Trustee Engagement for March 21, 2018 - April 25, 2018	Board Chair L. Mywaart provided a summary of community engagements, school events and provincial association meetings that were attended for the period of March 21, 2018 - April 25, 2018.
22477	Reports	Superintendent D. Nicholls updated Trustees and Senior Administration on the current activities held throughout the District including Summer School planning, recent science fair success, and the ASCA School Council's Engagement Award.
		Deputy Superintendent P. Meagher updated Trustees and Senior Administration on the current scope of the Human Resources and Administration Department.
		Deputy Superintendent P. Meagher left the meeting at 5:10 p.m.
		Associate Superintendent A. Kallal updated Trustees and Senior Administration on the current scope of the Business & Finance Department including enrollment update, capital projects and technology updates.
		Deputy Superintendent P. Meagher returned to the meeting at 5:18 p.m.
		Assistant Superintendent S. Noble updated Trustees and Senior Administration on the current scope of the Inclusive Education/Mental Health Department. It was shared that plans are in place for the upcoming anniversary of May 3 events. Current early learning enrollment numbers and expanded kindergarten program numbers were discussed.
22478	Correspondence	Board Chair L. Mywaart reviewed the correspondence received and linked to the agenda.
22479	Review of Evening Meeting Agenda	Board Chair L. Mywaart reviewed the evening agenda noting the time sensitive item at 7:45 p.m.
		Motion by Trustee O'Hara to recess at 5:35 p.m. M/C
22480	Reconvene Regular Board Meeting	Board Chair L. Mywaart reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
22481	O Canada	Board Chair L. Mywaart welcomed students, staff, parents and community members and invited everyone to stand for the National Anthem.

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There were no questions submitted.

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22483	District Showcase	The District received the Alberta School Councils' Association's (ASCA) inaugural District School Council Engagement Award. The award "recognizes effective, inclusive, and collaborative system-wide practices that, through the efforts of a district-wide, multi-school council organization of representatives, has an identifiable impact supporting school council efforts to benefit student learning and school district success."
		The nomination was made by Jenn Ross, Westview School Council Chair. Lorna Spargo, who has been a school council parent with FMPSD for the last 13 years, and an ASCA Director, presented the award to Chair Linda Mywaart.
22484	Spotlight on Students	Walter and Gladys Hill Public School Drama and Arts Students invited board members, and senior leaders to participate in a Drama Circle, where they acted scenes from a cue card. They also spoke about enjoying drama club, choir chimes, and handbells. The group reminded everyone about attending their upcoming musical Jump 'n' Jive Juliet in June.
		Frank Spragins Gay/Straight Alliance The outreach high school's Gay/Straight Alliance (GSA) presented on having a safe space. They appreciated Frank Spragin's cooperative staff, and FMPSD for providing a forum to create awareness and acceptance.
22485	District Showcase	Invention & Innovator Fair The second annual Invention & Innovator Fair was held on March 24, 2018 at Christina Gordon Public School with over 65 students participating. Congratulations to everyone, and especially Westview Public School's team, who won first place overall. MLA Tany Yao was in attendance, and was impressed with all the projects.
		TAFI Award This month's TAFI (Twitter, Apps, Facebook, Instagram) Award went to Kitty Cochrane. She champions many initiatives throughout our District. And, it shows on her Twitter @kittycochrane. Kitty teaches grades 3-4 at École Dickinsfield, and is a huge champion of the environment, leadership in students, and literacy. She runs several Twitter accounts.
		Green Scene A group of staff, the Green Scene has a goal to support and encourage environmental stewardship in schools, District, and community. Green Scene has worked on several projects in schools like installing bottle filling stations, recycling, planting, and cultivating a sense of environmental awareness in students.
22486	Recess	Motion to Recess by Trustee Drover at 7:27 p.m. M/C
22487	Reconvene Regular Board Meeting	Board Chair L. Mywaart reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 7:45 p.m.
22488	Time Specific 7:45 p.m. Greely Road Public School	Board Chair L. Mywaart welcomed everyone that joined the meeting following the recess. The procedure for the remainder of the evening was reviewed. The Trustees were reminded of their responsibility to make a declaration should any agenda item pose a conflict and remove themselves from the meeting for those items.
		Trustee O'Hara excused himself for the remainder of the meeting due to conflict at 7:48 p.m.
		Board Chair L. Mywaart thanked everyone for maintaining respectful decorum in the previously held meetings. The board recommendation related to the closure of Greely Road Public School was reviewed at 7:52 p.m.
		A thorough discussion was held on the topic including multiple questions that were asked of Senior Administration and answered.
		Motion by Vice Chair A. Adams that the Board of Trustees close Greely Road Public School as of June 30, 2018 at 9:27 p.m. M/D (Motion Defeated)
		Motion by Trustee Drover to recess at 9:31 p.m. M/C
22489	Reconvene Regular Board Meeting	Board Chair L. Mywaart reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 9:42 p.m.

22490	Business Arising from Presentations & Delegations at Previous Meetings	Board Chair L. Mywaart requested information on the status of where FMPSD is on the legislation regarding Cannabis. Superintendent Nicholls shared that the District is working through the process with other agencies such as CASS and ASBA.
		Superintendent Nicholls left the meeting at 9:49 p.m.
		Vice Chair A. Adams requested an update on Trustee Maher's motion in February to acknowledge Treaty Land. Assistant Superintendent S. Noble noted that administration is working with the newly formed Aboriginal Student Advisory Council and she will follow up with this request as to best practices.
		Superintendent Nicholls returned to the meeting at 9:50 p.m.
22491	Other Business	Board Chair L. Mywaart requested to review the ASBA policy item for a second time. Amendments were made to the satisfaction of the Trustees.
		Motion by Vice Chair A. Adams to bring the proposed policy to the Zone 2/3 meeting at 9:52 p.m. M/C
22492	Requests for Information	There were no requests for information.
22493	Future Agenda Items	Board Chair L. Mywaart requested the following items added to the May 7, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting agenda: - Suggestions for a revitalization plan for Greely Road Public School
22494	Adjourn	There being no further business, motion by Trustee Lambert that the Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 9:56 p.m. M/C
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