

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes for February 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, February 21, 2018
In Attendance:	Linda Mywaart, Board Chair Angela Adams, Vice Chair Stephen Drover, Trustee Jonathan Lambert, Trustee Solange Maher, Trustee Tim O'Hara, Trustee Dan Rizzuto, Trustee Doug Nicholls, Superintendent Phil Meagher, Chief Deputy Superintendent - Human Resources & Administration Allan Kallal, Associate Superintendent - Business & Finance Katie Elser, Recording Secretary
Absent:	Shannon Noble. Assistant Superintendent - Inclusive Education

	Item	Discussion
22403	Call to Order	Board Chair L. Mywaart called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
22404	Additions to Agenda Approval of Agenda	There were no additions noted. Motion by Trustee O'Hara to approve the Agenda as presented at 2:01 p.m. M/C
22405	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.
22406	Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	Motion by Trustee O'Hara that the Board of Trustees approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2018 with noted amendments at 2:05 p.m. M/C
22407	Motion to move In Camera	Motion by Trustee Lambert to proceed to In Camera at 2:05 p.m. M/C
22408	Motion to move Out of In Camera	Motion by Trustee Drover to come out of In Camera at 4:23 p.m. M/C Board Chair L. Mywaart reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 4:23 p.m.
22409	Business Arising from Previous Meetings	No business arising was noted.
22410	Public School Boards' Association / Public School Boards' Council Update	Trustee O'Hara noted that highlights of the meeting were previously sent via email. The focus of the recent meeting was on the upcoming work plan and the priorities that PSBA would like to maintain. It was noted that the compiled priorities from work plan suggestions will be shared in April.
		PSBA are currently reviewing their by-laws. Trustee O'Hara shared that he was appointed to the ad-hoc by-law committee and will be returning to discuss the revisions at the next meeting April 13-14, 2018.
		Trustee Maher shared some recent professional development she attended.
22411	Alberta School Boards Association Update	Board Chair L. Mywaart briefed the Trustees on the Zone 2/3 meeting on February 16, 2018 and shared notes via email. It was noted that there is an upcoming event in Edmonton on March 15 with MLAs. Board Chair Mywaart noted that while conversations with MLA's are always beneficial, the cost for travelling specifically to the event was not in the best interest of the Board at this time. Board Chair L. Mywaart will attend the MLA event since she is attending the zone meeting on March 16, 2018.

22412	Trustee Engagement for January 24, 2018 - February 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 January 24, 2018 to February 21, 2018.
		Trustee Lambert indicated that the recent ATA New Teacher Induction event was very informative and Trustee Drover commented that the February 10, 2018 RARA event was fantastic.
22413	Reports	Superintendent D. Nicholls updated Trustees and Senior Administration on the current activities held throughout the District.
		Deputy Superintendent P. Meagher updated Trustees and Senior Administration on the current scope of the Human Resources and Administration Department. It was noted that the deadline for the Edwin Parr nominations submission is March 16, 2018.
		Associate Superintendent A. Kallal updated Trustees and Senior Administration on the current scope of the Business & Finance Department.
		Superintendent D. Nicholls updated Trustees and Senior Administration on the current scope of the Inclusive Education/Mental Health Department in absence of Assistant Superintendent S. Noble.
22414	Notice of Motion: Board Policy 15, Closure School Facilities & Programs	Trustee A. Adams presented the notice of motion that the Board of Trustees will present a motion at the April 25, 2018 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting in regards to the closure of Greely Road Public School. This serves as a Notice of Motion under Policy 15, Closure Facilities and Programs.
22415	AP 260 Field Trips and Excursions	Ecole McTavish Public High School: Superintendent D. Nicholls provided a summary of this field trip request. Approximately forty-five grade 9 - 12 students from Ecole McTavish Public High School, along with chaperones request approval to travel to New York City, USA to expand on their existing music programming and give students an opportunity to perform and learn in a setting that is iconically musical.
		Motion by Trustee Drover that the Board of Trustees give approval-in-principle for Ecole McTavish Public High School Student travel to New York City, April 2019 at 5:21 p.m. M/C
		Fort McMurray Composite High School: Superintendent D. Nicholls provided an overview of the change in the field trip. Composite High School requested approval for approximately twenty-four grade 9 - 12 students from Fort McMurray Composite High School to travel to Spain and Portugal to acquire further skills and knowledge which would further enhance those outcomes current English Language Arts, Social Studies, Physical Education, Mathematics, Culinary Arts and Art Classes. With the information from the Government of Canada regarding travel risk in Morocco, administration's recommendation is to cancel this trip.
		Motion by Trustee Rizzuto that the Board of Trustees cancel the Fort McMurray Composite High School Student travel tour to Spain & Portugal (Morocco), March 24 - April 6, 2018 and not support the change to Spain and Morocco due to student risk and safety at 5:33 p.m. M/C
	RMWB School Zones	Superintendent D. Nicholls reviewed the recommendation and shared that this conversation has been shared with the Fort McMurray Roman Catholic School Division Superintendent and they were in agreement on the recommendation.
		Motion by Trustee Drover that the Board of Trustees recommend to the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo's that all schools have the same school zone speeds during school days (30 km/hr.) at 5:39 p.m. M/C
22416	Appointment of District Auditors	Associate Superintendent A. Kallal provided a summary of the current auditors for the district.
		Motion by Trustee Lambert that the Board of Trustees appoint the firm of Meyers Norris Penny (MNP) as the District's Auditors for the 2017-2018 fiscal year and 2017 Pension Audit and Winter 2018 School Audits at 5:43 p.m. M/C



22417	Review of Evening Meeting Agenda	Board Chair L. Mywaart reviewed the evening portion of the agenda making a note of a last minute change in the order of a presentation due to a guest's time commitment elsewhere. Motion by Trustee Maher that the Board of Trustees work with the Office of the Superintendent to verbalize the recognition of Treaty Lands at the beginning of the evening portion of future Board meetings at 5:53 p.m. M/C
22418	Recess	Motion to Recess by Trustee T. O'Hara at 5:53 pm. M/C
22419	Reconvene Regular Board Meeting	Board Chair L. Mywaart reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 6:33 p.m.
22420	O Canada	Board Chair L. Mywaart welcomed students, staff, parents and community members and invited everyone to stand for the National Anthem.
22421	Question Period	There were no questions submitted.
	District Showcase	ATA (Alberta Teachers' Association) Local 48 - Recipient of Community Enrichment Award (CMHA Wood Buffalo) The Board acknowledged ATA Local 48 on their Community Enrichment Award from the Canadian Mental Health Association of Wood Buffalo. The award was in appreciation for the partnerships created through the group's annual Charity Jam and Mullets for Music - mental health event. Shannon Dubé, ATA President and Grade Five/Six Support at Timberlea Public School was in attendance for the Board acknowledgement.
22422	Spotlight on Students	Dr. K.A. Clark School Student Leadership Students presented on taking on leadership initiatives to help each other and the community. As a Leader in Me school, they have launched a recycling project to support two local charities. The names of both groups will be revealed later this month during an assembly. They also talked about taking it upon themselves to help a new fellow student, who just moved from Eritrea. As "natural leaders," the class is helping him with sight words, and with speaking English. Beacon Hill Public School - 100 Days The first 100 days of school at Beacon Hill Public have been full of learning and fun. Students talked about Minister of Education, David Eggen's visit in September. They also highlighted a partnership with the Golden Years Society where seniors come in to visit them, teach them skills like knitting, and help them with their annual Turkey Day lunch event.
22423	District Showcase	RARA Nominee and Award Recipients Recognition Congratulations to our students on receiving Regional Aboriginal Recognition Awards on Saturday, February 10. Our winners were: Zachary Patterson - Dr Clark, Junior Achievement Scarlett London - Christina Gordon, Junior Achievement Ryder Carroll - Dr Clark, Athlete Karlie Boostrom - Westwood Community High School, Female Youth of the Year. Board Chair L. Mywaart left the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Fort McMurray Cricket Association - Recognition Award Recipients Congratulations to Annalee Nutter, Principal, Walter and Gladys Hill Public School, and David Hurley, PE teacher at Walter and Gladys Hill on their awards from the Fort McMurray Cricket Association. Nutter's award was for her devotion to promoting Cricket and cultural diversity. Hurley's award was for implementing and growing Cricket within our school via the PEAK Cricket program. Scott Barr, Principal, Ecole McTavish Junior High was also on hand to speak about PEAK Cricket expanding to junior high this fall. The Board congratulated Dhruv Patel, Westwood Community High School student and honoured him with a video tribute featuring Mayor Don Scott, Linda Mywaart, Board Chair, and Westwood staff. An exceptional student, Dhruv was recently named the \$100,000 Loran Scholarship award winner - one of only 36 across Canada.

22424	Recess	Motion by Trustee Adams to recess at 7:49 p.m. M/C
22425	Reconvene Regular Board Meeting	Board Vice Chair A. Adams reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 7:58 p.m.
22426	Business Arising from Presentations & Delegations at Previous Meetings	There was no business arising at this time.
22427	Other Business	There was no other business presented.
22428	Requests for Information	There were no requests for information.
22429	Future Agenda Items	There were no agenda items brought forward.
22430	Adjourn	There being no further business, motion by Trustee O'Hara that the Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m. M/C

Board Chair:

Secretary-Treasurer:

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