Fort McMurray Public Schools

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes for **October 17, 2018**
held at **231 Hardin Street**, Fort McMurray, AB T9H 2G2
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Location:	Board Room - 231 Hardin Street
Date:	Wednesday, October 17, 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 Shannon Noble, Assistant Superintendent - Inclusive Education Katie Elser, Recording Secretary

	Item	Discussion
22576	Call to Order	Board Chair L. Mywaart called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and acknowledged that we are in Treaty 8 territory, the traditional territory of the Cree, Dené, Beaver and Métis Peoples. The Fort McMurray Public School District is dedicated to ensuring that the spirit of Treaty 8 is honoured and respected. It was noted that October 16, 2018, marked the one year anniversary of the Board of Trustees being elected to their positions.
22577	Additions to Agenda Approval of Agenda	Board Chair L. Mywaart requested to add "Leader in Me email" under Other Business, 25.1. Motion by Trustee Lambert to approve the agenda with revisions at 2:01 p.m. M/C
22578	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.
22579	Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	Motion by Trustee Drover that the Board of Trustees approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2018, at 2:03 p.m. M/C
22580	Motion to move In Camera	Motion by Trustee O'Hara to proceed to In Camera at 2:03 p.m. M/C
22581	Motion to move Out of In Camera	Motion by Trustee Lambert to move out of In Camera at 4:19 p.m. M/C Board Chair L. Mywaart reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 4:19 p.m. Motion by Trustee Adams to move to item number 14: Results and Curriculum Update due to presenter time conflicts at 4:21 p.m. M/C
22582	Results and Curriculum Update	Superintendent D. Nicholls shared information from the previous evening's Telephone Town Hall, hosted by the Minister of Education. Participants were informed of the new information available for the draft curriculum and the resources available on the beta website. Director of Education, Merrie-Rae Mitsopoulos reviewed an example of the website. It was noted that the common misconception regarding the new curriculum is that it is 'brand new'. The Alberta Government has redesigned the information and how it would be presented to students, giving the opportunity to infuse more literacy and numeracy teachings in all subjects. Superintendent D. Nicholls praised M. Mitsopoulos for her detailed review and dedication

		on the subject and noted that while there are unknown aspects of the curriculum now, change is positive.
22583	Business Arising from Previous Meetings	8.1 Extra Curricular Activities (High School) Review Trustees reviewed the requested comparison of Extra Curricular activities available between the three high schools. It was noted that there is small concern that Fort McMurray Composite High School does not share the same number of activities as the other high schools. Superintendent D. Nicholls noted that enrollment at all three schools is different, as well as interest from the students, thus the options between them will be varied.
22584	Public School Boards' Association / Public School Boards' Council Update	Trustee O'Hara shared that PSBC had not met since August. The next PSBC meeting will be held in November, which he will be attending. A small overview of budget discussions was reviewed and discussed and a change in procedure at PSBA was made to ensure that membership rates were not raised this year. It was noted that the PSBAA annual general meeting is being held October 26, 2018. Non-voting items were forwarded to Trustees via email. It was noted that the previously mentioned meeting with Ms. Parr has been scheduled for November 18, 2018, details have also sent via email.
22585	Alberta School Boards Association Update	Board Chair L. Mywaart noted that she will be attending the ASBA Zone 2/3 meeting on October 19, 2018. Agendas and information were sent to Trustees via email previously for their information. Additional information on committees and other opportunities with ASBA was also forwarded via email.
22586	Trustee Engagement for September 27, 2018 - October 17, 2018	Board Chair L. Mywaart provided a summary of community engagements, school events and provincial association meetings that were attended for the period of September 27, 2018 - October 17, 2018. Board Chair L. Mywaart highlighted that she attended the Healthy School Collaborative Meeting noting the positivity and effectiveness of the gathering.
22587	Reports	Superintendent D. Nicholls updated Trustees on the current activities held throughout the District including some of the positive feedback being received from the Partners in Education event on October 11, 2018. Deputy Superintendent P. Meagher updated Trustees on the current staffing and updates on the Health and Safety conferences attended as well as the addition of a new Health and Safety Coordinator for the District. Associate Superintendent A. Kallal updated Trustees and Senior Administration on the current scope of the Business & Finance Department including enrollment updates. It was noted that an increase from previous years is positive news for the District. Assistant Superintendent S. Noble updated Trustees and Senior Administration on the current scope of the Inclusive Education and Mental Health Departments. Information requested from September's meeting was shared regarding specific enrollment numbers in the Inclusive Education department.
22588	Recess	Motion to recess by Trustee O'Hara at 5:47 p.m. M/C
22589	Reconvene Regular Board Meeting	Board Chair L. Mywaart reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. and noted that agenda items 13 and 14 will follow the District Showcase portion of the agenda, post-recess. Trustee O'Hara was absent for the remainder of the meeting.
22590	O Canada	Board Chair L. Mywaart welcomed students, staff, parents and community members and invited everyone to stand for the National Anthem and followed with an acknowledgement of Treaty 8 territory, the traditional lands of the Cree, Dené, Beaver and Métis Peoples. The Fort McMurray Public School District is dedicated to ensuring that the spirit of Treaty 8 is honoured and respected.

22591	Question Period	There were no questions submitted.
22592	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.
22593	Spotlight on Students	*Timberlea Public School's STEAM Program* Students got up close and personal with trustees to share STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) programming. They spoke about being engaged with hands-on activities, which challenge their problem-solving skills, creativity, and imagination. *Dr. Clark Public School's Leader in Me Presentation* Student leaders performed the "7 Habits Song." They sing it daily at school to demonstrate their understanding of the habits in school and at home. It helps them become "strong leaders of the future!"
22594	District Showcase	*TAFI Award* This month's TAFI (Twitter, Apps, Facebook, Instagram) Award went to Angela Woods, Vice Principal, Dr. Clark Public School, and our FNMI Lead. With over 1140 tweets on her personal account - the majority of which are always highlighting FMPSD, and 195 on the @indigenousFMPSD recently launched Twitter account, Angela is one of our ever-present social media champions. *Partners in Education Recipient* Stu Wigle, Manager, Earls Restaurant was presented with the School / Community Initiative Partner of the Year award. Stu was unable to attend the October 11, 2018 awards evening. Thank you to Stu Wigle and Earls Restaurant for being a Partner in Education. *AUMA Distinguished Service Award Acknowledgment* Deputy Superintendent, Phil Meagher was honoured with the Distinguished Service Award from The Alberta Urban Municipalities Association last month. The award is given to an elected official who has served 20 or more years on municipal council. Phil has been on the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Council for over 22 years. He has been a Fort McMurray resident since 1983.
22595	Recess	Motion to Recess by Trustee Rizzuto at 7:14 p.m. M/C
22596	Reconvene Regular Board Meeting	Board Chair L. Mywaart reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 7:22 p.m. It was noted that the agenda will continue with item number 13 from pre-recess.
22597	Remembrance Day Ceremonies (Wreath Laying)	Board Chair L. Mywaart noted that she will unavailable this year to represent the District at the wreath-laying ceremony on Remembrance Day. Trustee Adams volunteered to represent when the request comes in.
22598	Board Recommendation	14.1 Modular Request for Ecole Dickinsfield Motion by Trustee Lambert to approve the request to Alberta Education to replace 8 modulars with 8 2-storey modulars to accommodate growth at 7:51 p.m. M/C 14.2 Modular Request for Christina Gordon Motion by Trustee Adams to approve the request for 2 additional modular to be submitted to Alberta Education at 8:04 p.m. M/C
22599	Business Arising from Presentations & Delegations at Previous Meetings	No business arising was noted at this time.
22600	Other Business	Board Chair L. Mywaart reviewed an email she received from Lisa Todd of the Franklin Covey organization requesting a meeting with herself and Trustee Maher. Superintendent Nicholls informed Trustees that he and the Education Department were already meeting with Leader in Me representatives. An overview of the meeting will be shared with the board during the November Committee of the Whole meeting.
22601	Requests for Information	Related to item 8.1

		Trustee Lambert requested enrollment numbers for Fort McMurray Composite High School based on sub-division and new students from out of district to be emailed when available.
22602	Future Agenda Items	No future agenda items at this time.
22603	Adjourn	There being no further business, motion by Trustee Adams that the Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 8:17 p.m. M/C

Board Chair: Linda Mywaard Date: Nov 28, 2018

Secretary-Treasurer: _____ Date: Nov 28, 2018