

# MINUTES



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**Date:** Wednesday, January 23, 2019

**Location:** 231 Hardin Street, Fort McMurray Alberta - Central Board Room  
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**Time:** 2:00 p.m.

**Facilitator:** L. Mywaart, Board Chair

**In Attendance:** Board Chair: Linda Mywaart  
Vice Chair: Angela Adams  
Trustees: Stephen Drover (via phone), Jonathan Lambert, Solange Maher, Tim O'Hara, Dan Rizzuto  
Superintendent: Doug Nicholls  
Deputy Superintendent: Phil Meagher  
Associate Superintendent - Business & Finance: Allan Kallal  
Assistant Superintendent - Inclusive Education: Shannon Noble  
Recording Secretary to the Board of Trustees: Katie Elser

ITEM	DISCUSSION
22656 Call to Order	Board Chair L. Mywaart called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. and welcomed Trustee Drover, who was present via teleconference.
22657 Acknowledgement of Treaty 8 Lands and Territory	Chair Mywaart 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.
22658 Agenda	<p>The Board reviewed the Regular Meeting agenda for January 23, 2019. The Board agreed to the following additions to the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Networks Meeting Format</li></ul> <p>Motion by Trustee Adams to approve the agenda as amended at 2:03 p.m. M/C</p>
22659 Declaration of Conflict	<p>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.</p> <p>Chair Mywaart noted this was the third meeting where the new 'non-technology' format of meetings was being piloted. Appropriate technology breaks will be taken each hour as the Board decides.</p>
22660 Minutes	<p>The Board reviewed the Regular Board Meeting minutes of December 19, 2018.</p> <p>Motion by Trustee O'Hara that the Board of Trustees approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2018, as presented at 2:04 p.m. M/C</p>
22661 Business arising from previous minutes	It was noted that an upcoming lunch with Indigenous Elders was scheduled for February 20, 2019 at Fort McMurray Composite High School. The Board also noted that the local ATA will be contacting them to discuss future dates for the Meet and Greet events.

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- 22662 In-Camera Session Motion by Trustee Lambert to proceed to In-Camera session at 2:06 p.m. M/C
- Motion by Trustee Lambert that the Board move out of In-Camera at 3:09 p.m. M/C
- By mutual agreement of the Board, the following agenda item was added to the agenda
- Trustee Remuneration
- Motion by Trustee Maher the the board recess at 3:10 p.m. M/C  
Board Chair L. Mywaart reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 3:19 p.m.
- 22663 Board Action Items It was noted that Board Chair Mywaart requested to add the following items to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting agenda and noted that this topic would also be discussed at the upcoming Board Planning Day.
- Board Policy 7.6.1 review
- 22664 Public School Boards' Association / Public School Boards' Council Update Trustee T. O'Hara shared his report. The next meeting was coming in February. The agenda items have been shared via email. It was encouraged that Trustees read the PSBA Advocate newsletter that is sent out.
- Together for Students Campaign:  
Board Chair Mywaart shared that there is an offer of assistance from the campaign, to meet with parents to discuss and see input. It was noted that this topic is on the February 4, 2019, Joint Networks Meeting agenda for discussion, as well as the Committee of the Whole Meeting agenda.
- 22665 Alberta School Boards Association Update Board Chair Mywaart noted that the update from the ASBA Zone 2/3 meeting was sent via email and shared her report on the recent zone meeting. The deadline for nomination submissions for the Edwin Parr award is March 15, 2019. It was noted that submissions now need to be sent in via hard copy.
- 22666 Trustee Engagement for December 20, 2018 - January 23, 2019 Board Chair L. Mywaart provided a summary of community engagements, school events and provincial association meetings that were attended by Trustees for the period of December 20, 2018 - January 23, 2019.
- 22667 Reports Superintendent D. Nicholls provided a report to Trustees on the current activities held throughout the District including a recent professional development session by former Superintendent, Del Litke. Staff found great benefit to his presentations.
- Deputy Superintendent P. Meagher updated Trustees on the current staffing and the Human Resources department. The current staffing shortages were discussed as well as the upcoming goals for the recruitment of new teachers. Superintendent Nicholls left the meeting at 4:10 p.m.
- Associate Superintendent of Business and Finance, A. Kallal reviewed his report. Further clarification was requested on some of the linked documents. It was noted that the district is still growing. Superintendent Nicholls returned to the meeting at 4:12 p.m.
- Assistant Superintendent S. Noble reviewed her report and updated Trustees on the current scope of the Inclusive Education and Mental Health Departments. Upcoming events to note: Regional Aboriginal Recognition Awards (February 9) and the possibility that Trustees in attendance will be requested to present awards to student recipients.
- Motion by Trustee O'Hara to recess at 4:30 p.m.  
Board Chair Mywaart reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 4:41 p.m.  
Associate Superintendent A. Kallal was absent.
- 22668 Field Trips - Approvals Approval in Principal - FM Composite High School (Austria, Germany, Switzerland):  
Superintendent D. Nicholls reviewed the application and recommendation. It was noted that this is a change in location for this previously approved-in-principle field trip.
- Motion by Trustee Lambert that the Board of Trustees gives approval-in-principle for Fort McMurray Composite High School Student travel to Austria, Germany, and Switzerland, April 15-25, 2019 at 4:50 p.m. M/C

- 22669 Final Approval - FM Composite High School (Austria, Germany, Switzerland):  
Superintendent D. Nicholls reviewed the recommendation for final approval.
- Motion by Trustee Dover that the Board of Trustees gives final approval for Fort McMurray Composite High School Student travel to Austria, Germany, and Switzerland, April 15-25, 2019 at 5:03 p.m. M/C
- 22670 Final Approval - École McTavish High School (New York):  
Motion by Trustee Adams that the Board of Trustees gives final approval for Ecole McTavish Junior and Senior High School student travel to New York City, USA, April 3-7, 2019 at 5:14 p.m. M/C
- Assistant Superintendent Noble left the meeting at 5:18 p.m. and returned at 5:20 p.m.
- 22671 Networks Meeting Format By mutual agreement of the Board, Trustees discussed the Networks and Joint Networks meeting format and possible future agenda items for this meeting. It was noted that while the format is effective, not all schools have a representative present at the Networks meetings. Several suggestions were discussed on how to improve engagement from parents in meetings.
- Motion by Trustee O'Hara to recess at 5:55 p.m. M/C
- 22672 Reconvene Regular Board Meeting Board Chair L. Mywaart reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 6:31 p.m.
- Superintendent Nicholls reviewed safety evacuation routes and muster points in case of emergency.
- Associate Superintendent Kallal was absent for the remainder of the meeting.
- 22673 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 CreeremainderBeaver and Métis Peoples. The Fort McMurray Public School District is dedicated to ensuring that the spirit of Treaty 8 is honoured and respected.
- 22674 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.
- 22675 Question Period There were no questions submitted.
- 22676 Spotlight on Students *Christina Gordon Public School's #CGCares*  
Student leaders presented on #CGCares, their school club with a "focus on creating caring students to serve those around us and who may need help elsewhere." As a Leader in Me school, Christina Gordon places strong importance on giving back. Students spoke about many fundraisers ranging from helping fellow students battling life-threatening conditions to supporting local social profits such as the United Way, Salvation Army, and the Wood Buffalo Food Bank.
- Fort McMurray Islamic School - Leaders of Today and Tomorrow*  
Leader in Me and Islamic teachings were the focus for student leaders. They spoke about the seven habits being in alignment with their faith, and how the habits apply to their daily activities. They also shared on what it means to them to be in an Islamic school.
- Fort McMurray Christian School's PEAK Volleyball*  
PEAK Volleyball began in September 2017 for grades 4 - 6 with 18 students. A year later the program has grown to include grades 6-9 and 36 students. Student-athletes spoke about learning various skills, and other sports like cross-country skiing. They also highlighted basing athletics on Christian values.
- 22677 District Showcase *United Way Cheque Presentation:*  
Fort McMurray Public School District is proud to support the United Way of Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo once again this year. Our FMPSD family raised \$19,729.02 in support of the

United Way 2018 community campaign.

*TAFI Award:*

This is a first for our TAFI - Twitter, Apps, Facebook, Instagram social media award. We have a school team who won this month. Congratulations Scott Barr, Principal, École McTavish High School, Tammy Cadegan, Vice Principal, McTavish and Stephanie McFarland, McTavish teacher. Scott manages the school's Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram, Tammy helps maintain the school's Facebook page, while Stephanie co-manages McTavish's Instagram, which has the highest number of followers across the District - with 991 at the time of the meeting. Thank you and congratulations to all of you for highlighting your Marauder family and for telling the story.

Motion to recess by Trustee Adams at 7:28 p.m. M/C

22678 Business Arising from  
Presentations &  
Delegations at Previous  
Meetings

Board Chair L. Mywaart reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 7:42 p.m.

By agreement of the Board, Trustees discussed "Trustee Remuneration".

Motion by Trustee O'Hara at 7:28 p.m.

Whereas in its 2017 Federal Deficit Budget, the Federal Government has eliminated the Municipal Officer's Expense Allowance; and

Whereas the Board of FMPSD, has elected to use this provision as a method to keep Board remuneration costs low as a fiscal measure to keep more dollars flowing into the classroom; and

Whereas trustees have themselves elected to be the lowest compensated elected officials; and

Whereas Trustees may not necessarily anticipate a salary increase during the term of their office, and have in the past on many occasions elected not to take proposed increases during their term, they do not expect a decrease in remuneration;

I would move that effective January 1, 2019, the monthly honorarium for Chair be set at \$2,288.00, for Vice Chair \$2,225.00, and for other trustees \$2,162.00, and that the per diem received by Trustees who are assigned meetings by the Board that regularly take them out of the Community be set at \$75 per day with the net result being that trustees should not see a change in their net pay after taxes.

A thorough discussion and debate was held on the topic including multiple questions that were asked of Trustees and the Superintendent and answered.

Board Chair L. Mywaart read the motion put forth by Trustee O'Hara and called for the vote at 8:20 p.m. M/D

22679 Information &  
Correspondence

Nothing to review at this time.

22680 Requests for Information

No requests were made at this time.

22681 Other Business

Board Chair L. Mywaart reminded Trustees of their Board Planning session beginning the following evening at 4:00 p.m.. Friday, January 25, 2019, begins at 8:00 a.m. and carries through to approximately 4:00 p.m.

22682 Future Agenda Items

Board Chair L. Mywaart requested the following items be put on a future agenda.

- Review of the Teacher On Call & Teacher recruitment model

22683 Adjournment

There being no further business, Motion by Trustee Drover to adjourn the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting of January 23, 2019, at 8:28 p.m. M/C

Board Chair:



Date:

Feb 20, 2019

Secretary-Treasurer:



Date:

Mar 4, 2019