

# MINUTES



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**Date:** Wednesday, April 24, 2019

**Location:** 231 Hardin Street, Fort McMurray Alberta - Central Board Room

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**Time:** 11:00 a.m.

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

**In Attendance:** Board Chair: Linda Mywaart

Vice Chair: Angela Adams

Trustees: Stephen Drover, Jonathan Lambert, Solange Maher, Tim O'Hara, Dan Rizzuto

Superintendent of Schools: 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
22749 Call to Order	Board Chair L. Mywaart called the meeting to order at 11:11 a.m. and reminded those in attendance that this is a technology-free meeting.
22750 Agenda	<p>The Board reviewed the Regular Meeting agenda for April 24, 2019. Board Chair L. Mywaart.</p> <p>Motion by Trustee O'Hara to approve the agenda as presented at 11:12 a.m. M/C</p>
22751 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.
22752 Minutes	<p>The Board reviewed the Regular Board Meeting minutes of March 20, 2019.</p> <p>Motion by Trustee Rizzuto that the Board of Trustees approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2019, as presented at 11:13 a.m. M/C</p>
22753 Business arising from previous minutes	There was no business arising from previous meetings at this time.
22754 In-Camera Session	<p>Motion by Trustee Adams to proceed to In-Camera session at 11:14 a.m. M/C</p> <p>Motion by Trustee Drover that the Board move out of In-Camera at 11:54 p.m. M/C</p> <p>Motion by Trustee Drover that the Board recess until 4:00 p.m. at 11:56 p.m. M/C</p>
22755 4:00 p.m. Reconvene Regular Board Meeting	Board Chair L. Mywaart reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 4:01 p.m.
22756 Action Items: 6.1 Northlands Boundary Change	<p>Trustee O'Hara removed himself from the meeting due to conflict at 4:03 p.m.</p> <p>Associate Superintendent, A. Kallal reviewed the background of the motion regarding</p>

proposed boundary changes and its impact for the District in the next 20 to 30 years..

Motion by Trustee Adams that the Board of Trustees approve the proposed boundary changes between Fort McMurray Public School District and Northlands School Division as presented at 4:08 p.m. M/C.

22757 Action Items:  
6.2 CUPE Collective Agreement

Trustee O'Hara remained removed due to conflict.

It was noted that following a number of negotiating sessions, CUPE Local 2545 has ratified the amendments to the Collective Agreement as per vote results notification provided on April 3, 2019. the Collective agreement.

Motion by Trustee Lambert that the Board of Trustees approve the attached amendments to the CUPE Collective Agreement as presented at 4:14 p.m. M/C

22758 Information Reports:  
7.1 Public School Boards' Association / Public School Boards' Council Update

Trustee O'Hara returned to the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Trustee D. Rizzuto shared a summary of the recent PSBC's Governance Seminar and Council Meeting he attended on April 12, 2019. Additional information has been emailed to Trustees.

22759 Information Reports:  
7.2 Alberta School Boards Association Update

Board Chair Mywaart shared there was nothing of significance to report from the March meeting. Trustee Maher will be attending the April Zone 2/3 meeting. It was noted that information for FMPD's Edwin Parr nominee will be forwarded and tickets to attend the event can be booked through the Recording Secretary on the Board's behalf. Spring General meeting registration is still available online.

22760 Information Reports:  
7.3 Trustee Engagement for March 20, 2019 - April 24, 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 March 20, 2019 - April 24, 2019.

Trustees provided a summary of the day's school visits to Westwood Community High School as well as Ecole Dickinsfield School noting the variety of different programming available at each school. The Trustees participated in activities such as video broadcasting noting the leadership from students displayed at each school is always impressive.

22761 Information Reports:  
7.4 Superintendent of Schools

Superintendent D. Nicholls provided a report to Trustees on the current activities held throughout the District including the re-launch of the PACE program at Dave McNeilly Public School, several Principal appointments for the 2019/2020 school year, and a videographer partnership with Keyano College.

22762 Information Reports:  
7.5 Deputy Superintendent, Human Resources & Administration

Deputy Superintendent P. Meagher updated Trustees on the current staffing and the Human Resources department. It was shared that the department will be hosting a session for new education student graduates with school principals as part of recruitment efforts. Interviews for new graduates will take place on May 8, 2019.

22763 Information Reports:  
7.6 Associate Superintendent, Business & Finance

Associate Superintendent of Business and Finance, A. Kallal reviewed his report noting that the technology department is highlighting a major project in the coming months that they are very excited about.

22764 Information Reports:  
7.7 Assistant Superintendent, Inclusive Education

Assistant Superintendent S. Noble reviewed her report and updated Trustees on the current scope of the Inclusive Education and Mental Health Departments. It was noted, that as part of the efforts to increase enrollment at Greely Road School, an information session on French Kindergarten will be held at the school in late May.

22765 Recess

Motion by Trustee Drover to recess at 6:01 p.m. M/C

22766 Reconvene Regular Board Meeting

Board Chair L. Mywaart reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 6:32 p.m. and extended her welcome to everyone in attendance.

Deputy Superintendent P. Meagher reviewed safety evacuation routes and muster points

in case of emergency.

- 22767 O Canada  
Acknowledgement of Treaty 8 Lands and Territory  
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 Cre , Dene, Beaver and M tis Peoples. The Fort McMurray Public School District is dedicated to ensuring that the spirit of Treaty 8 is honoured and respected.
- 22768 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.
- 22769 Question Period  
There were no questions submitted.
- 22770 Spotlight on Students  
*Thickwood Heights School*  
A few members of Thickwood's "The Little Mermaid," cast spoke about the recent production, which opened to rave reviews earlier this month. Students appreciated the opportunity to learn about acting, and organizing a play. They also spoke about enjoying learning new instruments, and working on art projects. Judo was another after-school activity highlighted by students. They noted martial arts gave them the time to be with friends.  
  
*Greely Road Public School*  
Greely students presented on the many sports teams they enjoy at school. Basketball, ball hockey, and volleyball are a few of the many activities keeping them busy. They also expressed a desire to have a baseball team on campus.
- 22771 District Showcase  
*Bracelets4Buildings Video Presentation*  
Ben Thomas, a grade 10 student from Composite High School, recently visited Cambodia for volunteer work with his parents. He shared a video of his trip. The family went to support Bracelets4Buildings, a non-profit organization which builds houses in rural Thailand and Cambodia.  
  
*Elite Swimmers in FMSPD*  
FMPSD congratulates sisters Naomi and Maya Slee, and Aidan Pilgrim, all from  cole McTavish Public High School, who were recently highlighted for an outstanding performance at the Swim Alberta Championships. Naomi secured half of the medals won by Fort McMurray, plus won the Aggregate Award for being the highest points earner in her age category. Naomi was also just named to the Swim Alberta Western Canada Games team (200/400 freestyle). She is the only McMurray swimmer on that team.  
  
*Edwin Parr Nominee Recognition*  
Congratulations to Jillaine Proudfoot, a Kindergarten and grade three teacher at Christina Gordon Public School, who is our nominee for the coveted Edwin Parr Award for first-year teachers. The annual award is given by the Alberta School Boards Association. She goes above and beyond daily when she teaches two different curriculums - switching from Kindergarten to grade three, and is front and centre with extra-curricular school activities as well. Congratulations Jillaine, and best of luck.  
  
*MicroSociety Presentation*  
Principal Waleed Najmeddine, of Timberlea Public School, presented to the Board that Timberlea will be implementing the MicroSociety Program at the school for the 2019/2020 school year. Details about the program were shared. Parents, Students and Staff are all on-board with the program and are looking forward to its implementation in September.  
  
*TAFI Award:*  
This month's TAFI (Twitter, Apps, Facebook, Instagram) Award winner is Waleed Najmeddine, Principal, Timberlea Public School Principal. With over 1664 tweets on his personal account, Waleed is one of our prolific tweeters, always highlighting the District, and the school. His school Twitter has over 3365 tweets, and one of the main reasons, we know so much about Timberlea Public. He also maintains the school's Facebook page, which has 1038 likes, and Instagram, which has 389 followers, as well as over 575 posts.

- 22772 Recess Motion to recess by Trustee Drover at 7:44 p.m. M/C
- Reconvene Regular Board Meeting Board Chair L. Mywaart reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 7:54 p.m.
- 22773 Information & Correspondence 8.1 PEAK Program Summary Associate Superintendent A. Kallal reviewed the requested information on the PEAK program. The budget and finances of the program were discussed.
- 22774 Requests for Information It was requested to investigate how many students enrolled at Ecole Dickinsfield for PEAK Programming are out of the catchment area and using transportation to Ecole Dickinsfield.
- 22775 Business Arising from Presentations & Delegations at Previous Meetings 16.1 Review of AP375 Graduation dates was discussed in the Committee of the Whole meeting.
- 22776 Other Business There were a few reminders of note to Trustees:
- Fort McMurray Composite High School Graduation is May 25, 2019
  - There is a Joint Networks Meeting/Presentation on May 6, 2019
  - Invitation to the Suncor Arts Council, Chair Mywaart will attend.
- 22777 Future Agenda Items There were no agenda items to add at this time.
- 22778 Adjournment There being no further business, Motion by Trustee Maher to adjourn the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting of April 24, 2019, at 8:20 p.m. M/C

Board Chair:



Date:

May 23, 2019

Secretary-Treasurer:



Date:

May 28, 2019