# MINUTES



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Date:

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Location:

231 Hardin Street, Fort McMurray Alberta - Central Board Room

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Time:

3:00 p.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
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22810	Call to Order	Board Chair L. Mywaart called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. and reminded those in attendance that this is a technology-free meeting.
22811	Agenda	The Board reviewed the Regular Meeting agenda for June 19, 2019. Board Chair L. Mywaart. A request was made to review item 6.4 Preliminary Budget prior to the 5:30 p.m. recess to accommodate Associate Superintendent A. Kallal's evening schedule.
		Addition noted, item 6.1.1 Advocacy.
		Motion by Trustee Drover to approve the agenda as revised and with the flexibility to adjust item(s) order as needed at 3:08 p.m. M/C
22812	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.
22813	Minutes	The Board reviewed the Regular Board Meeting minutes of May 22, 2019.
		Motion by Trustee Lambert that the Board of Trustees approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2019, as presented at 3:09 p.m. M/C
22814	Business arising from previous minutes	There was no business arising from previous meetings.
22815	In-Camera Session	Motion by Trustee O'Hara to proceed to In-Camera session at 3:11 p.m. M/C Motion by Trustee Rizzuto that the Board move out of In-Camera at 4:15 p.m. M/C
22816	Action Items: 6.1.1 Advocacy	Vice Chair A. Adams began a conversation around Advocacy. It was suggested that the Board develop a new committee specifically for advocacy and for fostering and strengthening political relationships with leaders in other levels of government. Discussion ensued.



Motion by Vice Chair Adams that an advocacy committee be developed and added to the Board Organization at 4:28 p.m. M/C

22817 Action Items: 6.1.2 Annual Board Organization

Board Chair L. Mywaart reviewed Board Policy Two - Appendix A regarding the Board Annual Work Plan, June is the month that the Annual Board Organization takes place.

The Chair turned the meeting over to Associate Superintendent A. Kallal for nominations of Board Chair.

Call for Nominations: Associate Superintendent A. Kallal called for nominations for the position of Board Chair for the 2019-2020 term.

First Call: Trustee A. Adams nominated Trustee L. Mywaart for the position of Board Chair.

Associate Superintendent A. Kallal called for other nominations.

There being no response to the second and third call for nominations, Associate Superintendent A. Kallal declared nominations closed. Trustee Mywaart accepted the nomination.

Association Superintendent A. Kallal declared Trustee Mywaart elected by acclamation as the Board Chair for the 2019-2020 term.

Associate Superintendent A. Kallal turned the meeting over to Board Chair L. Mywaart for nominations of Vice Chair.

Call for Nominations: Board Chair L. Mywaart called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair for the 2019-2020 term.

First Call: Trustee J. Lambert nominated Trustee A. Adams for the position of Vice Chair.

Board Chair L. Mywaart called for other nominations.

There being no response to the second and third call for nominations, Board Chair L. Mywaart declared nominations closed. Trustee A. Adams accepted the nomination.

Board Chair L. Mywaart declared Trustee Adams elected by acclamation as the Vice Chair for the 2019-2020 term.

Board Chair L. Mywaart and fellow Trustees reviewed the Board Committees. An overview of each committee was provided and Trustees held a conversation around conflicts and pecuniary interests.

Motion by Trustee Adams that the Board Committee Structure be accepted as amended (see appendix A) for the 2019-2020 term at 4:45 p.m. M/C

22818 Action Items: 6.4 Preliminary Budget

Trustees Drover, O'Hara, and Rizzutto removed themselves from the meeting due to conflict at 4:16 p.m.

Associate Superintendent A. Kallal presented the preliminary budget documentation to the Board. Highlights, plans and assumptions were reviewed and discussed. Significant business and financial risks were reviewed and discussed. Fees and reserves were also reviewed and discussed.

Motion by Trustee Lambert to approve the amended preliminary budget, fees and reserve allocations for 2019-2020 school year at 5:52 p.m. M/C

22819 Recess

Motion by Trustee Adams to recess at 5:52 p.m. M/C

22820 Reconvene R

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

Reconvene Regular Board Meeting

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Deputy Superintendent P. Meagher reviewed safety evacuation routes and muster points in case of emergency.

Trustees Drover, O'Hara, and Rizzutto returned to the meeting at 6:32 p.m. Associate Superintendent A. Kallat was absent for the remainder of the meeting.

22821 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 Creé, Dene, Beaver and Métis Peoples. The Fort McMurray Public School District is dedicated to ensuring that the spirit of Treaty 8 is honoured and respected.

22822 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.

22823 Question Period

There were no questions submitted.

22824 Spotlight on Students

Frank Spragins High School

Frank Spragins High School students, and Principal James Hayward highlighted the Nursery Room available at the school for pregnant or young parents. This room provides a safe and caring environment for students to work on their studies. Student moms expressed their gratitude in having this support so they can complete high school in a child-friendly, and comfortable environment.

Indigenous Mentorship Pilot Program

Angela Woods, Indigenous Education lead, and students from our FNMI Student Advisory Committee spoke about the CAREERS: Next Generation initiative, which is engaging and supporting Indigenous youth to ensure they continue their education and consider post-secondary. Thanks to the program, 11 out of 12 students have already secured work placements in the community. Students appreciated this opportunity, which helped them gain self-confidence and pride in their Indigenous identity.

22825 District Showcase

Innovative Leadership Award recipient

This year's award goes to Paula Jewers, Educational Assistant (EA) at Dr. Clark School. Paula has been with the District and at Dr. Clark for two years. She works with special needs students and has shown amazing leadership in this area. She was integral in creating the Dino's Den, a room dedicated to students in the school's Triple I program as well as students in other classes who need strong, individual dynamic programming. Paula voluntarily asked if she could be responsible for researching learning tools and resources for this space, and with the input of her colleagues, she put together a plan to order and organize these resources.

#### Russell Thomas Presentation

Russell Thomas is a well-known name across the region. He is a visual artist, an FMPSD parent, and has been a friend to the District for many years. As he leaves for Okotoks, the Board acknowledged his support of FMPSD.

### Visual Art Award Presentation

Congratulations to Abigail Loveridge, Westwood Community High School grade 12 student - winner of this year's Visual Art 30 Award. Abby won for her graphite piece *Rebirth*. It was completed using charcoal, and coloured pencils on paper. *Rebirth* depicts a skeleton, wearing a crown of flowers, with a contemplative expression juxtaposing life and death. She will be attending the University of Lethbridge in the faculty of Fine Arts, where she will continue her arts education.

Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Awards, Honourable Mentions
Congratulations to the students who had Honourable Mentions at the Honouring Spirit:
Indigenous Awards given last month. Alexis House - École McTavish High School, Ava
Romanchuk - École McTavish High School, Zeandra Shupac - Dr. Clark Public School,
Sterling Tremblay - Frank Spragins High School, and Nick Dysart - Frank Spragins High
School.

Prime Minister's Award Recognition

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Said El Mejdani, Westwood's computer science teacher was acknowledged for his recent Prime Minister's Teaching Award for Excellence. He was given the National Certificate of Excellence by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in Ottawa. Congratulations!

#### CAREERS - Off-Campus Coordinator Award

Congratulations Laura MacEachen, Westwood Community High School's Off-Campus Coordinator, who recently won the Hilton Mierau Award of Excellence in Off-Campus Learning from CAREERS Next Generation. This provincial award was created to recognize those who champion off-campus programming and are an inspiration for students to explore their career options - which is what Laura has been doing for the last 10 years.

#### TAFI Award:

This month's TAFI: Twitter, Apps, Facebook, and Instagram social media promotion award goes to Tyler Smith, our APPLE Schools Coordinator. Tyler has posted over 590 tweets. He is a tireless promoter of healthy activities across the District and highlights all 16 schools. He attends several events, live tweets, and tells our story in an excellent fashion with outstanding photos.

### Student Voice & Head Strong

Ved Varshney and Aneri Mavani, Westwood students attended the Student Voice conference in Red Deer. Hosted by The Public School Boards' Association of Alberta, both were impressed by fellow student leaders in attendance at the event, and eager to implement new ideas.

Horizon Chief, Westwood Community High School student, and Ellie Olsen, École McTavish High School student shared on attending the Headstrong Mental Health Summit in Red Deer. Both young ladies represented FMPSD at The Alberta School Boards Association's (ASBA) first annual event. The summit impressed and inspired them to start initiatives at their own schools.

#### Field Trip Presentation - FM Composite High School

Fort McMurray Composite High School students recently visited Europe, and highlighted learning about different countries like Germany and Switzerland. They thanked the Board for providing them with the opportunity for international travel, which expands their horizons.

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Recess & Reconvene Regular Board Meeting Motion by Trustee Drover to recess at 8:09 p.m. M/C

Board Chair L. Mywaart reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 8:21 p.m. and noted the agenda will continue from pre-evening recess Items.

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Action Items:

6.1 Work Plan - Monthly

2019-2020 Board Meeting Dates & Calendar

Board Chair L. Mywaart reviewed two proposed options of meeting dates for the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion by Trustee O'Hara to approve the calendar option number one as presented at 8:35 p.m. Trustees discussed in detail the various options and scheduling.

Trustee O'Hara withdrew the motion at 8:42 p.m.

Board Chair L. Mywaart noted that further discussion and information was required from Trustees. A decision is anticipated via electronic special board meeting before the end of June.

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Action Items: 6.2 AP260: Approval in Principle - EMT to Scotland & England 2021

Superintendent D. Nicholls reviewed the field trip application that was submitted,

Motion by Trustee O'Hara that the Board of Trustees gives approval-in-principle for École McTavish High School students to travel to Scotland and England, May 21-29, 2021 for a musical performance tour at 8:50 p.m. M/C

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Action Items:

Assistant Superintendent S. Noble reviewed the list of Locally Developed courses.

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	6.3 LDCOMS for Approval	Motion by Trustee Lambert that the Board of Trustees approve the requisition of locally acquired courses for use by Westwood Community High School, Fort McMurray Composite High School, École McTavish Public High School and Frank Spragins High School beginning the first semester of the 2019-2020 school year at 8:51 p.m. M/C
	Information Reports: 7.1 Public School Boards' Association / Public School Boards' Council Update	Trustee T. O'Hara shared that the recent presentations at the PSBAA Spring General Meeting were excellent. The opportunity to hear delegations from other school districts was appreciated.
		It was noted that the August PSBC is being hosted in St. Albert and registration is now open.
22831	Information Reports: 7.2 Alberta School Boards Association Update	Board Chair L. Mywaart shared that there will be no ASBA Zone 2/3 meeting on June 21, 2019. The next meeting will be September 21, 2019.
		L. Mywaart shared that the recent evening celebrating the Edwin Parr nominees was enjoyable for all. The board appreciates that Ms. Proudfoot was able to attend.
22832	Information Reports: 7.3 Trustee Engagement for May 22, 2019 - June 19, 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 May 22, 2019 - June 19, 2019.
22833	Information Reports: 7.4 Superintendent of Schools	Superintendent D. Nicholls provided a report to Trustees on the current activities held throughout the District. It was noted that the deadline for PEAK Baseball registration is coming up and there are four enrollments thus far.
22834	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 is working hard on communicating open postings and placing staff for next school year.
22835	Information Reports: 7.6 Associate Superintendent, Business & Finance	Associate Superintendent of Business and Finance, A. Kallal's report was reviewed by the Board in his absence. There were no questions noted at this time.
22836	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.
		Board Chair L. Mywaart thanked all of the Senior Leaders on their hard work this last school year.
22837	Information & Correspondence	Board Chair L, Mywaart shared a thank you card received from Lorna Spargo, on behalf of FMPSD School Councils and Fundraising Associations thanking the Board for their continued support of FMPSD Parents.
22838	Requests for Information	Board Chair L. Mywaart requested that through administration, research be completed on having Student Trustees in FMPSD. It was encouraged to reach out to other school districts that use models to discover a model that could perhaps be implemented.
22839	Business Arising from Presentations & Delegations at Previous Meetings	There were no items to note at this time.
22840	Other Business	There were no items to note at this time.
22841	Future Agenda Items	There were no items to note at this time.
22842	Adjournment	Motion by Trustee Adams to proceed to In-Camera session at 9:18 p.m. M/C Motion by Trustee O'Hara that the Board move out of In-Camera at 10:03 p.m. M/C

There being no further business, Motion by Trustee Lambert to adjourn the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting of June 19, 2019, at 10:04 p.m. M/C

Board Chair:

Secretary-Treasurer:

Date:

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# 2019-2020

## **Board Organizational Committee Structure**



Committee	Composition – Board	Composition - Administration
Board of Trustees (Monthly)	Board Chair: L. Mywaart Vice Chair: A. Adams Trustee: T. O'Hara Trustee: S. Drover Trustee: J. Lambert Trustee: S. Maher Trustee: D. Rizzuto	Superintendent: Doug Nicholls Deputy Superintendent: Phil Meagher Associate Superintendent (B&F): Allan Kallal Assistant Superintendent (IE): Shannon Noble
Committee of the Whole (Monthly) Liaise with Board of Trustees, Vice Chair, chairs Meetings	Vice Chair: A. Adams Trustee: L. Mywaart Trustee: T. O'Hara Trustee: S. Drover Trustee: J. Lambert Trustee: S. Maher Trustee: D. Rizzuto	Superintendent: Doug Nicholls Deputy Superintendent: Phil Meagher Associate Superintendent (B&F): Allan Kallal Assistant Superintendent (IE): Shannon Noble
Advocacy Committee *Terms of reference to follow*	Trustee: A. Adams Trustee: D. Rizzuto Trustee: S. Maher	Superintendent: D. Nicholls
Negotiations (Spring/Summer 2019 (ATA & CUPE)  TEBA Representative - A. Adams	Trustee: A. Adams Trustee: J. Lambert	DS: P. Meagher ASBF: A. Kallal
Management Comp (Semi-annual)	Board Chair: L. Mywaart Trustee: A. Adams	Superintendent: D. Nicholls ASBF: A. Kallal
Finance & Audit Committee	Board Chair: L. Mywaart Trustee: A. Adams	ASBF: A. Kallal *Externals Added*
Networks Committee (Quarterly)	Trustee: A. Adams Trustee: D. Rizzuto Trustee: S. Maher	Superintendent: D. Nicholls
Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) (Monthly) Zone 2/3 rep	Trustee: L. Mywaart Trustee: S. Maher	Superintendent: D. Nicholls
Public School Board Council (PSBC) Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA) (Quarterly)	Trustee: T. O'Hara Trustee: D. Rizzuto	Superintendent: D. Nicholls
Ad Hoc New Schools/Facilities (Pending Alberta Education Announcements - New School/Modernization)	Trustee: D. Rizzuto Trustee: S. Drover	ASBF: A. Kallal
Ad Hoc Awards/Scholarship Edwin Parr - Selection: April Visual Art Award - Judging in May District Scholarships	Trustee: S. Drover Trustee: J. Lambert	DS: P. Meagher (Edwin Parr) ASIE: S. Noble (Visual Art, District Scholarships)