

MINUTES



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Date: Wednesday, February 20, 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

Trustees: Stephen Drover, Jonathan Lambert, Solange Maher, 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

Regrets: Vice Chair Angela Adams, Trustee Tim O'Hara

ITEM	DISCUSSION
22684 Call to Order	Board Chair L. Mywaart called the meeting to order at 2:16 p.m.
22685 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.
22686 Agenda	The Board reviewed the Regular Meeting agenda for February 20, 2019. Motion by Trustee Drover to approve the agenda as presented at 2:21 p.m. M/C
22687 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.
22688 Minutes	The Board reviewed the Regular Board Meeting minutes of January 23, 2019. Motion by Trustee Lambert that the Board of Trustees approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2019, as presented at 2:22 p.m. M/C
22689 Business arising from previous minutes	There was no business arising from previous meetings at this time.
22690 In-Camera Session	Motion by Trustee Drover to proceed to In-Camera session at 2:23 p.m. M/C Motion by Trustee Lambert that the Board move out of In-Camera at 4:24 p.m. M/C
22691 Board Action Items	There were no action items noted at this time.
22692 Public School Boards' Association / Public School Boards' Council Update	Trustee D. Rizzuto shared his report on the most recent PSBC meeting noting that the guest speakers and other presentations were well attending and very informative.

22693	Alberta School Boards Association Update	Board Chair Mywaart noted that the agenda for the upcoming ASBA Zone 2/3 meeting was sent via email and requested any comments or questions be sent by Friday, February 22, 2019, at noon. It was noted that there are resources available for Trustees on the ASBA website and encouraged Trustees to register to access.
22694	Trustee Engagement for January 23, 2019 - February 21, 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 January 23, 2019 - February 21, 2019.
22695	Reports	<p>Superintendent D. Nicholls provided a report to Trustees on the current activities held throughout the District including the recent recruitment activities done by the Human Resources Department. He noted his thanks to those that travelled for the District.</p> <p>Deputy Superintendent P. Meagher updated Trustees on the current staffing and the Human Resources department. It was noted that Edwin Parr nominations were required in early March in order to send the package to the ASBA before the March 15th deadline.</p> <p>Associate Superintendent of Business and Finance, A. Kallal reviewed his report noting the changes made to some documents to clarify information requested from previous meetings.</p> <p>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: Threat Assessment training (March 5-6, 2019), and Early Learning Open Houses beginning in March.</p>
22696	Review of Evening Meeting Agenda	<p>Board Chair L. Mywaart reviewed the evening agenda noting a change in the order of a Spotlight on Students and a District Showcase item. Deputy Superintendent P. Meagher noted that he will complete the Safety Moment verbally at the request of the Board Chair.</p> <p>Motion by Trustee Maher to recess at 5:02 p.m. M/C</p>
22697	Reconvene Regular Board Meeting	<p>Board Chair L. Mywaart reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 6:32 p.m. and extended her welcome to everyone in attendance.</p> <p>Deputy Superintendent P. Meagher reviewed safety evacuation routes and muster points in case of emergency.</p>
22698	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 Cree, Beaver and Métis Peoples. The Fort McMurray Public School District is dedicated to ensuring that the spirit of Treaty 8 is honoured and respected.
22699	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.
22700	Question Period	There were no questions submitted.
22701	District Showcase	<p><i>Regional Aboriginal Recognition Award Recipients</i></p> <p>The Board congratulated Christina Gordon Public School students Illyanna Tootoosis and Landon Lemay on winning the Junior Achievement Regional Aboriginal Recognition Awards. The 31st Annual Awards were held on February 9, 2019, at Shell Place. Both students were nominated by their teachers for enthusiastically sharing their cultural practices in school, and the community.</p>
22702	Spotlight on Students	<p><i>Dave McNeilly Public School</i></p> <p>Students presented on the Culinary Arts Program (CAP), which is the only elementary program of its kind in the city. Launched last September, CAP started out with 20 students, and has now grown to 34 students taking two weekly classes in a custom-built culinary lab. Students spoke about learning knife skills, team-work, and how they enjoyed CAP. They treated the Board to a live demo of home-made ice cream with the help of Chef Stu Wigle of</p>

Earl's Restaurant. He has been instrumental in launching, and sustaining the initiative.

École McTavish High School

"My McTavish," was the focus of the student presentation. They talked about a plethora of activities ranging from PEAK Hockey and Dance, to environmental stewardship, Band, and musical productions, to name a few. Students emphasized pursuing these passions with the help of supportive staff, and a wonderful school atmosphere.

22703 District Showcase

RMWB Citizen Recognition Award Recipients

Fort McMurray Public School District (FMPSD) congratulates Christian Cao, our Westwood Community High School student, Annalee Nutter, Principal, Walter and Gladys Hill Public School, and Shannon Noble, Assistant Superintendent, Inclusive Education on winning the prestigious Citizen Recognition Program: Mayor and Council's Toast of Champions awards.

Christian, who is in grade 12 and 16 years old, was nominated by a friend for his strong advocacy for youth - both at Westwood and in the community. Annalee Nutter was nominated by community partners for her tireless work in implementing programming based on the diverse population of students within the school.

Shannon Noble shared the award with our partners at the Catholic School District and the Canadian Red Cross. The trio won for the Wood Buffalo You Can Ride 2 Program. Launched last June, the initiative provides adapted bikes so all children can have the opportunity to ride a bike.

TAFI Award:

This month's TAFI Award went to Emilie Giroux, the science teacher at the Fort McMurray Islamic School - (FMIS) and @5LFMIS on Twitter. Emilie is one of our newest tweeters, who joined Twitter only two years ago with over 320 tweets so far. Her entire timeline is FMIS and FMPSD. She is excellent at highlighting the school and the District's focus on environmentalism. Additionally, Emilie takes some of the best photos across the District. Congratulations Emilie!

Motion to recess by Trustee Drover at 7:23 p.m. M/C

22704 Business Arising from
Presentations &
Delegations at Previous
Meetings

Board Chair L. Mywaart reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Discussion: What is the purpose of Networks meetings?

Trustee D. Rizzuto reviewed the lively Joint Networks meeting that was held on February 4, 2019, noting that he and Trustee Lambert are looking for input from the group on reducing the number of meetings and having trustees visit individual school council meetings throughout the school year. It was noted that no changes will be made. Following a discussion, Trustees Rizzuto and Lambert will bring information and suggested changes to the Board for review at a later date.

22705 Information &
Correspondence

CEU Cap and Core Prerequisite Review

It was noted that the bulk of this topic was discussed in-camera. The Alberta Government has removed the cap on CEU's earned by students. This has a positive impact on our district as well as students.

22706 Requests for Information

No requests were made at this time.

22707 Other Business

Board Chair L. Mywaart reviewed making changes to the meeting schedule of Committee of the Whole and Board of Trustees meetings following the February 4, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting discussion. Trustees reviewed comments on condensing the meetings into one day. Discussion ensued. It was noted that a pilot schedule will be presented.

22708 Future Agenda Items

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

- Board Policy 7.6.1 review
- Review of the Teacher On Call & Teacher recruitment model
- Changes to Board Meeting & COW meeting schedule & format

22709 In-Camera Session

Motion by Trustee Lambert to proceed to In-Camera session at 8:02 p.m. M/C

Motion by Trustee Rizzuto that the Board move out of In-Camera at 8:18 p.m. M/C

22710 Adjournment

There being no further business, Motion by Trustee Drover to adjourn the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting of February 20, 2019, at 8:18 p.m. M/C

Board Chair:

Linda Mywacul

Date:

March 20, 2019

Secretary-Treasurer:

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Date:

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