

MINUTES



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Date: Wednesday, May 22, 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: 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

Regrets: Trustee Stephen Drover

ITEM	DISCUSSION
22779 Call to Order	Board Chair L. Mywaart called the meeting to order at 11:14 a.m. and reminded those in attendance that this is a technology-free meeting.
22780 Agenda	<p>The Board reviewed the Regular Meeting agenda for May 22, 2019. Board Chair L. Mywaart. An adjustment was made to the time for reconvening from 4:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>Motion by Trustee Lambert to approve the agenda as revised at 11:17 a.m. M/C</p>
22781 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.
22782 Minutes	<p>The Board reviewed the Regular Board Meeting minutes of April 24, 2019.</p> <p>Motion by Trustee Maher that the Board of Trustees approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2019, as presented at 11:18 a.m. M/C</p>
22783 Business arising from previous minutes	<p>Board Chair L. Mywaart reviewed the following requests from previous minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Request for information regarding PEAK program out of catchment areas.• Further discussion and review of high school graduation dates
22784 In-Camera Session	<p>Motion by Trustee O'Hara to proceed to In-Camera session at 11:20 a.m. M/C</p> <p>Motion by Trustee Rizzuto that the Board move out of In-Camera at 11:59 p.m. M/C</p> <p>Motion by Trustee Rizzuto that the Board recess until 3:30 p.m. at 11:59 p.m. M/C</p>
22785 3:30 p.m. Reconvene Regular Board Meeting	<p>Board Chair L. Mywaart reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 3:35 p.m.</p> <p>Motion by Trustee O'Hara to proceed to an In-Camera session at 3:35 p.m. M/C</p> <p>Motion by Trustee Adams that the Board move out of In-Camera at 4:27 p.m. M/C</p>

- 22786 4:30 p.m. Time Specific Item
Cheque Presentation from
Alberta Winter Games
- Amanda Mercer, co-chair for the 2018 Alberta Winter Games Society Board of Directors was in attendance to present a cheque for \$60,000 to the District for supporting the Games. Following an RMWB Council meeting, where Mayor and Council voted to present FMPSD with a portion of surplus funds disbursement from the 2018 games.
- A. Kallal left the meeting at 4:31 p.m.
- The award donation will be used for the development of sport and sports assets in the Public School District. Trustees thanked Amanda for her time in coming to present the cheque.
- A. Kallal returned to the meeting at 4:33 p.m.
- Motion by Trustee O'Hara to recess at 4:37 p.m. M/C
- 22787 Action Items:
6.1 Approval of Yearly
Advocacy Plan
- Board Chair L. Mywaart Reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 4:57 p.m. Associate Superintendent A. Kallal was absent.
- Board Chair L. Mywaart shared that the action item is listed from the Board Work Plan. Yearly advocacy as discussed as part of a plan, or as part of monthly Trustee responsibilities. It was noted, that when the Board Policy is reviewed, wording can be revised to reflect continuous advocacy.
- Associate Superintendent A. Kallal returned to the meeting at 5:02 p.m.
- 22788 Action Items:
6.2 Approve Annual Board
Development Plan
- Board Chair L. Mywaart questioned this item, also from the Board Work Plan noting that its intention sounded like Professional Development and committee meetings. Associate Superintendent A. Kallal will review the policy based on past practice and update the Board in June.
- 22789 Action Items:
6.2 Approve Annual Board
Development Plan
- Board Chair L. Mywaart reviewed Board Policy 2, Appendix B - Annual External Evaluation and asked for opinions on if an external evaluation should be completed. After discussion, Trustees felt that the self-evaluation completed in January was sufficient. A further review of the results will take place in the June Committee of the Whole meeting.
- Motion by Trustee Lambert to proceed to an In-Camera session at 5:17 p.m. M/C
Motion by Trustee O'Hara that the Board move out of In-Camera at 5:22 p.m. M/C
- 22790 Information Reports:
7.1 Public School Boards'
Association / Public School
Boards' Council Update
- Trustee T. O'Hara shared that there would be three students attending the Headstrong Project presentations at the PSBAA Spring General Meeting May 31-June 1, 2019. Additional information has been shared via email.
- 22791 Information Reports:
7.2 Alberta School Boards
Association Update
- Board Chair L. Mywaart shared that there is an ASBA Zone 2/3 meeting on May 24, 2019, and invited any comments from the agenda package that was sent via email. There are five proposed policy positions that will be discussed. It was also noted that the ASBA Edwin Parr nominee banquet will be on May 24, 2019 and attended by Trustees Mywaart, O'Hara, Adams, and Assistant Superintendent Noble.
- 22792 Information Reports:
7.3 Trustee Engagement for
April 25, 2019 - May 22, 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 April 25, 2019 - May 22, 2019, and noted that continuous advocacy in the community is an important part of the elected position for all Trustees. An interesting fact was shared by Chair Mywaart. On May 22, 1969, the District officially became Fort McMurray Public School District #2833.
- Trustees provided a summary of the day's school visits to Fort McMurray Christian School as well as Frank Spragins High School noting the variety of different programming available at each school. The Trustees participated in activities such as a Japanese class, and "Rainbow Days".

22793	Recess	Motion by Trustee Lambert to recess at 5:48 p.m. M/C
22794	Reconvene Regular Board Meeting	<p>Board Chair L. Mywaart reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 6:33 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>
22795	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.
22796	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.
22797	Question Period	There were no questions submitted.
22798	Spotlight on Students	<p><i>Westview Public School</i> Students presented on their partnership with Some Other Solutions (SOS), a local social profit. They spoke about enjoying after-school sports program, summer camp and art class. Westview has been an SOS partner for 13 years. Student leaders also shared data on how the programs have increased a feeling of belonging and positivity in the school. Additionally, they highlighted how the programs have helped them make new friends, gain confidence, and learn from mentors.</p> <p><i>PEAK Athletic Academy</i> PEAK (Passion - Excellence - Attitude - Knowledge) is our sports academy. It is home to hockey, soccer, dance, basketball, volleyball, and cricket. Student-athletes presented an overview of how the program helps them be more organized with school and sports. They highlighted cross-training, and their recent community clean up as well as helping out sponsored families annually at Christmas.</p> <p><i>Inventors & Innovators Fair Winners</i> Winners from FMPSD Tech's Inventors and Innovators Fair, which was held earlier this spring, presented on their projects.</p>
22799	District Showcase	<p><i>Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Award winners</i> The Board congratulated and honoured Samuel Metacat-Yah, our grade 12 Fort McMurray Composite High School student, and Noah Golosky grade 3 student at Dr. Clark on winning the Alberta School Boards Association's prestigious Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Award. Both students are always eager to share their culture, and we thank them for this. Congratulations Sam and Noah.</p> <p><i>Westwood Student Recognized at SAIT</i> Faith Mahoney, our Westwood Community High School student talked about her work at SAIT's summer baking camp. Due to her outstanding contribution to the program, she was recently invited as a guest speaker at SAIT's President's Dinner.</p> <p><i>Field Trip Presentations</i> �cole McTavish Band and Westwood students presented on their trips to New York and Greece respectively. They shared on learning more about themselves and the world, and dubbed their trips unforgettable.</p> <p><i>Council for School Leadership</i> Scott Barr, Principal, and Thomas Andrews, Vice Principal, �cole McTavish Public High School (regrets) were acknowledged for winning the Distinguished Leadership Award presented by the Council for School Leadership (CSL) of the Alberta Teachers' Association. The CSL is "committed to the promotion and advancement of excellent practices in educational leadership." Scott has been with FMPSD for 23 years, and Thomas has been with us for 10 years. Congratulations Scott and Thomas.</p>

George Decker Memorial Award

The George Decker Memorial Award is a coveted FMPSD honour. George Decker was a long-serving FMPSD teacher and school administrator. This year we had two deserving recipients. Chris Organ, VP, Christina Gordon Public School was honoured at our Employee Recognition night a few weeks ago. Rhonda Blanchette, Early Learning Coordinator was acknowledged at the meeting.

TAFI Award:

This month's TAFI (Twitter, Apps, Facebook, Instagram) Award went to Dr. Clark's grade 1 teacher, Michelle (Shelley) Dean. She has over 2812 tweets, and does a great job of providing updates with everything that happens in her class. She also highlights the many wonderful events happening across the District. Congratulations Shelley.

- 22800 Information Reports: Superintendent D. Nicholls provided a report to Trustees on the current activities held throughout the District including the parent information session for the Greely Road French Kindergarten program and the continued partnership with the UCB Bridge radio station.
7.4 Superintendent of Schools
- 22801 Information Reports: Deputy Superintendent P. Meagher updated Trustees on the current staffing and the Human Resources department and shared some comments and feedback from the recent Employee Recognition event.
7.5 Deputy Superintendent, Human Resources & Administration
- 22802 Information Reports: Associate Superintendent of Business and Finance, A. Kallal reviewed his report noting that there have been substantial completions in the Fort McMurray Composite High School modernization update, and at Ecole McTavish High School.
7.6 Associate Superintendent, Business & Finance
- 22803 Information Reports: Assistant Superintendent S. Noble reviewed her report and updated Trustees on the current scope of the Inclusive Education and Mental Health Departments.
7.7 Assistant Superintendent, Inclusive Education
- 22804 Information & Correspondence There were no items to note at this time.
- 22805 Requests for Information There were no requests for information at this time.
- 22806 Business Arising from Presentations & Delegations at Previous Meetings There were no items to note at this time.
- 22807 Other Business Board Chair L. Mywaart requested that Trustees review policies listed from the Committee of the Whole agenda before the June meeting with suggestions for revisions or questions.
- It was also requested that the format for the evening portion of the meeting be reviewed for maximum efficiency and attendance.
- 22808 Future Agenda Items Board Chair L. Mywaart requested that items from the Board Work Plan be added monthly to each Agenda.
- June 19, 2019 Agenda Items:
- 2019/2020 Proposed Board Meeting Schedule with Graduation dates added
 - Board Organizational Meeting, calendar and meeting planning
- 22809 Adjournment There being no further business, Motion by Trustee Lambert to adjourn the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting of May 22, 2019, at 9:00 p.m. M/C

Board Chair:



Date:

June 19, 2019

Secretary-Treasurer:



Date:

June 21, 2019