



In-Camera and Regular Meeting Minutes of the Fort McMurray Public School District Board of Trustees, held at District Office in the Main Boardroom

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Location:	Board Room - District Office, 231 Hardin Street
Date:	December 17, 2014
In Attendance:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Jeff Thompson, Board Chair (Joined at 6:30 p.m.) ✓ Linda Mywaart, Trustee ✓ Tim O'Hara, Trustee ✓ Angela Adams, Trustee via conference ✓ Doug Nicholls, Superintendent of Schools ✓ Allan Kallal, Associate Superintendent - Business & Finance ✓ Phil Meagher, Chief Deputy Superintendent - Human Resources & Administration ✓ Dr. Brenda Sautner, Associate Superintendent - Education & Administration ✓ Teena Francis, Recording Secretary Regrets: Stephen Drover, Trustee

21336	Call to Order	Trustee Mywaart called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.
21337	Additions to In-Camera Agenda	None.
21338	Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve the In-Camera Agenda by Trustee O'Hara. M/C
21339	In-Camera Meeting	Motion to proceed to the In-Camera Meeting at 2:07 p.m. by Trustee Adams. M/C
21340	Out of In-Camera	Motion to move out of the In-Camera Meeting at 3:08 p.m. by Trustee O'Hara. M/C Motion to recess before the Regular Board Meeting at 3:08 p.m. by Trustee O'Hara. M/C
21341	Regular Meeting	Trustee Mywaart called the Regular Meeting to order at 3:14 p.m.
21342	Additions to Agenda	No additions noted.
21343	Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda by Trustee Adams. M/C
21344	Minutes: In-Camera & Regular of 11/26/2014 Committee of the Whole 12/01/2014	Motion to approve the In-Camera and Regular Meeting Minutes of 11/26/2014 by Trustee O'Hara. M/C Motion to approve the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of 12/01/2014 by Trustee O'Hara. M/C
21345	Business Arising from Minutes	Trustee Mywaart requested an update on IFCH Alcohol, Restricted & Illicit Drug Policy. Associate Superintendent A. Kallal will identify a course of action and report back to the Trustees.
21346	Alberta School Boards Association	1. Update from ASBA Zone 2/3 Meeting: This meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. 2. January Health and Wellness Conference: The District will be sending representatives to this Conference. M. Francis, Teacher at Westwood Community High School will be recognized during the conference as being a Health Champion for the District.
20347	Final Approval for HICA Field Trip Submission by	Following a review agenda item 7.1 Final Approval for HICA Field Trip Submission. Motion by Trustee Adams that the Board of Trustees give final approval for Westwood Community

	Westwood Community High School Student Travel to Japan (April 4-12, 2015)	High School Students to travel to Japan, April 4 - 12, 2015 as outlined. M/C
21348	Final Approval for HICA Field Trip Submission by Westwood Community High School Student Travel to New Orleans (April 4-12, 2015)	Following a review of agenda item 7.2 Final Approval for HICA Field Trip Submission. Motion by Trustee O'Hara that the Board of Trustees give final approval for Westwood Community High School Students to travel to New Orleans, April 4 - 12, 2015 as outline. M/C
21349	Approval-In-Principle for HICA Field Trip Submission by EDGE School Skill Academy Student Travel to Boston, MA (May 13-19, 2015)	Following a review of agenda item 7.3 Approval-in-Principle HICA Field Trip Submission. Motion by Trustee Adams that the Board of Trustees approval-in-principle EDGE School Skill Academy Student travel to Boston, MA, May 13 - 19, 2015. M/C
21350	Policy: FLA Surplus Land and Buildings	Associate Superintendent A. Kallal brought forward FLA Surplus Land and Buildings Policy for final approval. Motion by Trustee O'Hara that the Board of Trustees consider second, third and final reading for Policy FLA Surplus Land and Buildings. M/C
21351	Policy: GBEC AIDS Virus	Associate Superintendent B. Sautner brought forward GBEC AIDS Virus Policy. In the event of a rare diagnosis of a person with aids, the response will be covered under Board Policy IHDD Life Threatening Medical Conditions (2009) in addition to maintaining our responsibility to provide a safe and caring school environment under section 45(8) of the School Act. Motion by Trustee Adams to rescind GBEC AIDS Virus Policy (1996, 2006). M/C
21352	Review of Board Evening Meeting Agenda	Associate Superintendent A. Kallal recommended bringing Agenda Item 22 forward to allow for sufficient time to review the Audited Financial Statements during the Evening Session.
21353	Reports	Superintendent D. Nicholls updated Trustees and Senior Administration on the Finance and Custodial Review Committees'. An event is being planned, "FMPSD Has Talent", more to follow on this item. In discussions with the Fort McMurray Roman Catholic School Board, an Athletic Coordinator position is being considered and would coordinate extra curricular activities. Chief Deputy Superintendent P. Meagher updated Trustees and Senior Administration on the current scope of the Human Resources and Administration Department. Associate Superintendent A. Kallal updated Trustees and Senior Administration on the current scope of the Business & Finance Department. The ATA Collective Agreement has been received and distributed. Associate Superintendent B. Sautner updated Trustees and Senior Administration on the current scope of the Education & Administration Department.
21354	Recess	Motion to recess by Trustee O'Hara at 4:18 p.m. Trustee Adams left the meeting at 4:18 p.m.
21355	Reconvene Regular Meeting	Motion to reconvene the Regular Board Meeting by Chair J. Thompson at 6:32 p.m. Trustee Adams joined the meeting at 6:33 p.m.
21356	O Canada	Chair J. Thompson welcomed everyone present and invited attendees to stand for the national anthem.
21357	Question Period	There were no questions.
21358	Celebration of Student Achievement: C. Patel and Fort McMurray	Trustees, Superintendent D. Nicholls and Senior Administration recognized C. Patel and extended congratulated on receiving 100% on the Grade 6 Math PAT.

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	Composite Volleyball Team	Trustees, Superintendent D. Nicholls and Senior Administration recognized Fort McMurray Composite Boys Volleyball Team "Miners" for their Sportsmanship Award recently received. Coach P. Peraino introduced members of the Volleyball Team and shared "The ASAA representative told me that the committee and other teams were impressed with how friendly our boys were on and off the court, and they displayed true sportsmanship through defeat and victory. The team as a whole exemplified sportsmanship all season, at every tournament and game, I felt I had a team of leaders". Trustees, Superintendent D. Nicholls and Senior Administration congratulated the Miners. The students and staff represented their school and district with outstanding character and the Trustees were honoured to recognize the students and staff for this tremendous award.
21359	Recognition of Community Partners	<p>Superintendent D. Nicholls welcomed and introduced United Way Executive Director, D. Shannon, and Kiran Malik-Khan, Director - Stakeholder Relations. Chair J. Thompson presented United Way with a cheque for \$18,454.52 on behalf of the Fort McMurray Public School District, a collection of funds raised throughout the District during the 2014 Change Starts Here Campaign.</p> <p>P. Meagher left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.</p>
21360	FMPSD Spot Light on Education: École McTavish Junior High School - Flex Program	Principal S. Barr, Vice Principal G. Tebay and Vice Principal J. Hayward introduced Flex Program students, Olivia Levesque (Figure Skater), Megan Wiebe (Gymnast), and Katherine Wilson (Swimmer). The Flex Program provides students the opportunity to pursue their love of sport while continuing with their studies. The Flex Program is quite successful with 18 students enrolled.
21361	FMPSD Programs and Initiatives Showcase: EDGE Skill Academy	M. Carlsen, Program Director provided an overview of the EDGE Skill Academy to Trustees, Superintendent D. Nicholls and Senior Administration. Academics accomplishments are linked to athletics. Three programs, hockey, dance and soccer are being offered at École McTavish Junior High School, École Dickinsfield Elementary School and Thickwood Heights School. Enrolment continues to increase and assistance can be provided to families with financial barriers.
21362	Recess	<p>Motion to recess at 7:42 p.m. by Trustee Mywaart</p> <p>Reconvened at 7:50 p.m.</p>
21363	Audit Presentation on Financial Statements	<p>Associate Superintendent A. Kallal summarized the Financial Statements for Trustees, Superintendent D. Nicholls and Senior Administration. This District Auditors are prepared to provide a clean audit report on the Financial Statements.</p> <p>Motion by Trustee Mywaart that the Board of Trustees approve the Financial Statements for August 31, 2014 as circulated.</p> <p>Trustee O'Hara abstained from vote due to conflict of interest.</p> <p>M/C</p> <p>Associate Superintendent A. Kallal welcomed and introduced Heather Katanza, Partner with Meyers Norris Penny the District's Auditors.</p> <p>H. Katanza summarized the findings of the audit to Trustees, Superintendent D. Nicholls and Senior Administration.</p> <p>Chief Deputy Superintendent P. Meagher returned at 8:15 p.m.</p> <p>Motion by Trustee Adams to accept the audited financial statements from the auditors.</p> <p>M/C</p> <p>Motion by Trustee Mywaart to appoint Myers Norris Penny (MNP) as the Fort McMurray Public School District's Auditors for the 2015 - 2016 fiscal year. M/C</p>
21364	Trustee Items	Trustee Mywaart provided a summary of community engagement and provincial association meetings that were attended by Trustees for the month of December including the Grand Opening of Walter & Gladys Hill Public School.
21365	Correspondence	Chair J. Thompson shared and thanked community and provincial agencies for the Christmas Cards that were received.
21366	Business Arising from Presentations &	Superintendent D. Nicholls will compose a letter to the Honourable G. Dirks providing examples of how FMPSD has embraced Inspiring Education.

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	Delegations at Previous Meetings	
21367	Other Business	No other business noted.
21368	Request for Information	None.
21369	Future Agenda Items	Education Act and impact on FMPSD.
21370	Adjourn	There being no further business, Chair J. Thompson adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Board Chair:

J. Thompson

Date:

Jan. 21, 2015

Secretary-Treasurer:

A. Khalil

Date:

Jan 21, 2015