
Minutes of the In-Conference and Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fort McMurray Public School District, held in the Board Room of the Clearwater Public Education Centre, 2011 11 28 at 0900 hrs.

Attendees:

Board Chair	- J. Thompson
Trustee	- L. Mywaart
Trustee	- S. Blackler
Superintendent of Schools	- D. Parsons
Associate Superintendent - Business & Finance	- A. Kallal

Recording Secretary - S. Dunn

Trustee Cooper joined by teleconference at 0918 hrs.

Trustee Adams joined at 0919 hrs.

19881	Call to Order	Board Chair, Jeff Thompson, called the meeting to order at 0900 hrs.
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19882	Additions to the In-Camera Agenda	None.
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19883	Additions to the In-Conference Agenda	None.
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19884	Approval of Agenda	Trustee Mywaart served motion at 0901 hrs. M/C That the agenda be approved.
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19885	In-Camera Meeting	Trustee Mywaart served motion at 0901 hrs. M/C That the meeting proceed to the in-camera meeting.
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19886	Investigations	Superintendent, Dennis Parsons, updated trustees and senior administration on the current status of investigations in the District.
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19887	Personnel	Superintendent Parsons updated trustees and senior administration on personnel issues in the District, including new staffing announcements.
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19888	Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)	Superintendent Parsons updated trustees and senior administration on the status of the MOU. Discussion ensued. Further steps will be undertaken.
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19889	Out of In-Camera	Trustee Blackler served motion 0953 hrs. M/C That the Board of Trustees move out of the in-camera meeting and proceed to the in-conference meeting.
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19890	In-Conference Meeting	Trustee Blacker served motion at 0953 hrs. M/C That the Board of Trustees proceed to the in-conference meeting.
19891	Question Period	Chair, Jeff Thompson, updated trustees and senior administration on current District policies regarding Question Period. Discussion followed and all trustees agreed the policies will be followed.
19892	100 th Anniversary Celebration	Superintendent, Dennis Parsons, updated trustees and senior administration, on the establishment of the Planning Committee for the District's 100 th Anniversary Celebration, with Paula Ogonoski, Communications Coordinator, and Lorraine Demers, Partnership Facilitator, as co-chairs.
19893	Hour Zero	Superintendent, Dennis Parsons, provided trustees and senior administration with background information on the District's Crisis Management Plan and the Hour Zero Crisis Management Workshop held on October 27, 2011, and indicated this information will also be provided to District staff.
19894	Board Retreat	Superintendent, Dennis Parsons, updated trustees and senior administration on a meeting he attended with Mr. John Dinner in preparation for the upcoming Board Retreat scheduled on February 9 and 10, 2012. Trustees agreed John Dinner was an excellent choice as facilitator.
19895	New Horizons for Education in Alberta	Chair, Jeff Thompson, updated trustees and senior administration on the Public School Boards Association of Alberta's (PSBAA) position on Bill 18.
19896	PSBAA AGM Agenda Items	Chair, Jeff Thompson, updated trustees and senior administration on agenda items for the upcoming PSBAA Annual General Meeting scheduled on February 2 – 4, 2012. Trustees agreed the agenda items were well documented, and acknowledged that all Board Chairs will receive a copy in preparation for February's meeting.
19897	Upcoming Conferences	A. Leading the North Conference – January 25 – 27, 2012 – Chair, Jeff Thompson, updated trustees and senior administration on this upcoming conference. Trustees are to notify Recording Secretary, Sharon Dunn, if they wish to attend and she will arrange their registrations. B. CAPSLE, April 29 – May 1, 2012 – decision on trustee attendance at this conference deferred to December 12 th Board meeting.
19898	Annual District Christmas Gala	Superintendent, Dennis Parsons, updated trustees and senior administration on Policies GM and FN in conjunction with this year's District Christmas gala. Trustees requested both Policies GM and FN be reviewed by the Policy Advisory Committee and brought back to an upcoming meeting for further review.
19899	Trustee Engagement	Members of the Board and Senior Administration reviewed Trustee Engagement.
19900		Regrets: Trustee Cooper at 1147 hrs.



19901	Review of Public Agenda	Members of the Board and Senior Administration reviewed the Regular Board Meeting agenda.
19902	Out of In-Conference	Trustee Mywaart served motion 1147 hrs. M/C That the Board of Trustees move out of the in-conference meeting and recess until 1330 hrs.
19903	Convene Regular Meeting	Board Chair, Jeff Thompson, called the meeting to order M/C That the Board of Trustees reconvene the Regular Meeting at 1330 hrs. Other attendees: 10 Media: 4
19904	O Canada	Board Chair, Jeff Thompson, welcomed everyone present and invited them to stand for the national anthem.
19905	Question Period	Board Chair, Jeff Thompson, explained the process referred to in Policy 7 in the Trustees Handbook with regard to questions from the public. Mr. Thompson also spoke to District Policy BDDH and explained the process for those wishing to bring a delegation or presentation to the Board.
19906	Additions to Agenda	7.4 Exception to Policy FN
19907	Approval of Agenda	Trustee Adams served motion at 1346 hrs. M/C That the agenda be approved.
19908		1347 hrs – Trustee Cooper joined via teleconference.



19909 **Delegations and
Presentations**

Spotlight on Education

Westview Public School

Associate Superintendent, Phil Meagher, introduced Westview Public School Principal, Dan Rizzuto, Vice Principal, Garette Tebay, Westview's Healthy School Coordinator Yolanda Wakefield, and five students who spoke about their healthy school initiative. The students provided trustees with a few bagged lunches and they reviewed the contents of each lunch in terms of healthy choices. They also illustrated a small game played in their school to encourage physical activity and the entire audience participated in the demonstration.

Trustees thanked the staff and students of Westview Public School for the very enjoyable presentation and interactive activity.

**Frank Spragins High
School**

Associate Superintendent, Phil Meagher, introduced Frank Spragins High School Principal, Roxanne Fudge, who illustrated her school's successes through an update on their first-time graduation ceremony held this past June 2011, with 33 graduates, as compared to 3 the previous year.

Ms. Fudge indicated plans are currently underway for the upcoming Graduation Ceremonies 2012, scheduled for June 22, 2012. She also presented Board Chair, Jeff Thompson with a picture of the 2011 Graduating Class.

Trustees all thanked Ms. Fudge and her staff for taking those "extra steps" to ensure all students reach their full potential.

19910 **Superintendent of
Schools Report**

Superintendent Parsons provided highlights of his report, which included the District's receipt of the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Premier's Award for School Board Innovation and Excellence presented at the ASBA Fall General Meeting held on November 20 – 22, 2011. The District received this award for their partnership with KAOS Radio Station inside Composite High School. Congratulations on the partnership were extended to Mr. Rick Kirschner, who was in attendance at the meeting along with several staff, and Mr. Kirschner also said a few words about the partnership.

Superintendent Parsons also drew attention to and encouraged registration for the upcoming meeting, Our Children, our Future: Getting It Right Meetings, scheduled by the Minister of Education on December 7, 2011, from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Sawridge in Fort McMurray.

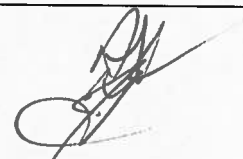
Superintendent Parsons also spoke about Mayor Blake's State of the Region address, the signing of an MOU on October 28th with Keyano College, his request for an extension from Alberta Education for submission of the District's Strategic Plan and Audited Financial Statements, and District staffing.

19911 **Trustee Items**

Trustee Mywaart provided an update on trustees activities since the last Board meeting held on October 24, 2011, which included their attendance at the Chamber of Commerce Gala and Awards Ceremony, and Remembrance Day Ceremonies.



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- 19912 Approval – 2011 – 2012 Alberta Education Results Report (AERR)** Associate Superintendent, Phil Meagher, updated trustees and senior administration on the Alberta Education Results Report submitted for approval.
- Trustee Blackler served motion at 1454 hrs.
M/C
That the Board of Trustees approve the 2011 – 2012 Alberta Education Results Report (AERR).
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- 19913 Approval – Provincial Approach to Student Information (PASI) Usage Agreement Implementation** Associate Superintendent Allan Kallal, updated trustees and senior administration on the Provincial Approach to Student Information (PASI) Usage Agreement implementation.
- Trustee Blackler served motion at 1504 hrs.
M/C
That the Board of Trustees approve the PASI Usage Agreement.
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- 19914 Omnibus Motion – Reaffirm Policies:** Associate Superintendent Allan Kallal, updated trustees and senior administration request for Board Approval of the Omnibus Motion to reaffirm several policies.
- Trustee Adams served motion at 1512 hrs.
M/C
That the Board of Trustees approve an omnibus motion to reaffirm policies:
AGA Recognition of Accomplishment;
BDB Board Chair – Powers and Duties;
BDC – In-Camera Board Meetings;
BDDK Reporting Board Meeting Business
EBDCA Inclement Weather
GA Personnel Policies Goals
GBCA Staff Supervisory Relationships
IEB Entrance Age
JMI Relations with the Community – Political Campaigns
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- 19915** Regrets: Trustee Cooper at 1525 hrs.
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- 19916 Approval for Exception to Policy FN** Associate Superintendent, Phil Meagher, updated trustees and senior administration on the request for Board approval to make an exception to Policy FN.
- Trustee Blackler served motion at 1527 hrs.
M/C after amendment
That the Board of Trustees approve an exception to Policy FN and allow the acquisition of a liquor license for the District's annual Christmas Gala, scheduled on December 10, 2011, to be held at Ecole McTavish Junior High Public School, and that the Superintendent review Policies FN and JG for alignment and streamlining, if deemed necessary.
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- 19917 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 2011 10 24** Trustee Mywaart served motion at 1544 hrs.
M/C
That the minutes of 2011 10 24 Regular Board Meeting be approved.
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- 19918 Business Arising from Minutes** Trustee Mywaart updated trustees and senior administration on an announcement made by Alberta Education Zone 2/3 Director, David Woloshyn, that there will be upcoming community consultation meetings regarding Anzac consolidation.
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19919	Correspondence	<p>Invitation from Minister of Education – Our Children, Our Future: Getting it Right Meetings – Chair, Jeff Thompson, confirmed an invitation from the Minister of Education to attend a meeting scheduled on Wednesday, December 7th, in Fort McMurray.</p> <p>Letter from the Minister of Education dated November 10, 2011 – Chair, Jeff Thompson updated trustees and senior administration on a letter received from the Minister of Education in response to our letter written to him on October 14, 2011.</p>
19920	Committee of the Whole Report	Chair, Jeff Thompson, asked if there were any comments or feedback on the Committee of the Whole Report. Superintendent Parsons drew attention to Hour Zero, a crisis management workshop held on October 27, 2011. He indicated a report will be circulated to District staff on Hour Zero.
19921	Business Arising	None
19922	Other Business	None
19923	Request for Information	None
19924	Future Agenda Items	To be determined.
19925	Adjournment	There being no further business, Chair, Jeff Thompson, adjourned the meeting at 1603 hrs.


BOARD CHAIR


SECRETARY-TREASURER