
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 12 12 at 0900 hrs.

Attendees:

Board Chair	- J. Thompson
Trustee	- L. Mywaart
Trustee	- S. Blackler
Trustee	- A. Adams
Trustee	- G. Cooper (via teleconference)
Superintendent of Schools	- D. Parsons
Associate Superintendent - Business & Finance	- A. Kallal
Associate Superintendent - Education & Administration	- P. Meagher
Recording Secretary	- S. Dunn

19926	Call to Order	Board Chair, Jeff Thompson, called the meeting to order at 0900 hrs.
19927	Additions to the In-Camera Agenda	5.5 Local PC Nomination
19928	Additions to the In-Conference Agenda	None.
19929	Approval of Agenda	Trustee Blackler served motion at 0915 hrs. M/C That the agenda be approved.
19930	In-Camera Meeting	Trustee Mywaart served motion at 0915 hrs. M/C That the meeting proceed to the in-camera meeting.
19931	Investigations	Superintendent, Dennis Parsons, updated trustees and senior administration on the current status of investigations in the District.
19932	Personnel	Superintendent Parsons updated trustees and senior administration on personnel issues in the District, including new staffing announcements.
19933	Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)	Superintendent Parsons updated trustees and senior administration on the status of the MOU. Discussion ensued. Trustees agreed further steps are to be undertaken by the Superintendent and senior administration.
19934	ASBA Board Chairs Email #20	Chair, Jeff Thompson, updated trustees and senior administration on correspondence received from the Board Chair, Alberta School Boards Association. Discussion followed.
19935		Trustee Adams joined the meeting at 0939 Hrs.

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19936	Local PC Nomination	Chair, Jeff Thompson, updated trustees and senior administration on local PC nominations. Discussion followed.
19937	Out of In-Camera	Trustee Blackler served motion 1006 hrs. M/C That the Board of Trustees move out of the in-camera meeting and proceed to the in-conference meeting.
19938	In-Conference Meeting	Trustee Mywaart served motion at 1007 hrs. M/C That the Board of Trustees proceed to the in-conference meeting.
19939	Alberta School Councils Association (ASCA)	Trustee, Angela Adams, updated trustees and senior administration on the upcoming Alberta School Councils meeting and, in particular, attendance by District school council representatives. Trustees also discussed the teleconference with the Minister of Education held on November 29, 2011.
19940	Our Children, Our Future	Chair, Jeff Thompson, updated trustees and senior administration on the December 7, 2011, meeting with Minister Lukaszuk. Discussion followed.
19941	Traffic Safety Committee	Superintendent, Dennis Parsons, provided trustees and senior administration with background information pertaining to the Traffic Safety Committee and Trustee Blackler highlighted the work they have undertaken. Superintendent Parsons and senior administration will review the Committee's findings and report back to the Networks Committee.
19942	Upcoming Conferences	CAPSLE – Chair, Jeff Thompson, updated trustees and senior administration on the upcoming CAPSLE conference scheduled for April 29 – May 2, 2012 in Ottawa. Chair Thompson asked trustees to check their calendars to verify their availability. This topic will be brought back in January for a final decision as to whether or not it will be a Board-attended conference.
19943	Trustee Engagement	Members of the Board and Senior Administration reviewed Trustee Engagement. Trustee Adams will report during the Regular Board Meeting.
19944	Review of Public Agenda	Members of the Board and Senior Administration reviewed the Regular Board Meeting agenda.
19945	Out of In-Conference	Trustee Mywaart served motion 1135 hrs. M/C That the Board of Trustees move out of the in-conference meeting and recess until 1330 hrs.

19946 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: 3

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Board Chair, Jeff Thompson, welcomed everyone present and invited them to stand for the national anthem.

19948 Question Period

There were no questions for the Board of Trustees.

19949 Additions to Agenda

8.1 Alberta School Councils Association (ASCA) Annual General Meeting
7.2 Networks Committee
7.3 ASBA Zone 2/3

19950 Approval of Agenda

Trustee Cooper served motion at 1344 hrs.
M/C
That the agenda be approved.

19951 Delegations and Presentations

Spotlight on Education

Westwood Community High School

Associate Superintendent, Phil Meagher, introduced Westwood High School Principal, Gary Kinnell. In turn, Mr. Kinnell introduced two programs going on at Westwood Community High School: a) the Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) and b) the Volleyball team and introduced Ms. MacEachen and Ms. Jarvis respectively.

Ms. MacEachen briefly described RAP, and student requirements to participate in the program, indicating students must have a 65% grade average and 98% attendance. Ms. MacEachen then introduced two students, Brandon McGrath and Jacob Compton, currently enrolled in RAP, and welcomed trustees to ask questions of them. Brandon McGrath spoke about his apprenticeship training as a welder and the life lessons he has learned through the program. Jacob Compton spoke about heavy equipment technician apprenticeship program and indicated he is currently working at Diversified. He informed trustees and senior administration that this is his first year and he will have almost 900 hours in his apprenticeship training. Both students found RAP to be a very worthwhile program and would definitely encourage other students to join.

Ms. Jarvis then spoke about the Volleyball team and their upcoming trip to Cuba. She introduced two team members who presented highlights of their upcoming trip through a powerpoint presentation.

Trustees thanked the staff and students for their presentation and wished the students every success.

19952	Superintendent of Schools Report	<p>Superintendent Parsons provided highlights of his report, which included the District's annual Christmas Gala hosted at Ecole McTavish Junior High Public School and extended a sincere thank you to Mr. Meagher and his committee for putting on this event. Mr. Parsons also spoke about the December 7th community engagement session with Minister Lukaszuk, the District's Memorandum of Understanding with Keyano College and a recent meeting he attended, the Edge program and potential for expansion, the City Centre Redevelopment Plan and a meeting he attended with McDonald Island Board concerning a potential partnership regarding Frank Spragins High School, the Education Department current restructuring process, and a Website review currently being undertaken by Paula Ogonoski and Ali Syed.</p>
19953	Trustee Items	<p>Trustee Engagement – Trustee Adams reported on trustee engagement since the last Board meeting scheduled on November 28, 2011, which included attendance at a teleconference with Minister Lukaszuk, the gala opening of the Suncor Centre for Performing Arts, and several Fort McMurray Public School Christmas concerts.</p> <p>Networks Committee Traffic Safety Report – Trustee Blackler provided some background information on the composition of the Networks Committee and the Traffic Safety sub-committee. She then shared the Traffic Safety Committee's report with the Board.</p> <p>ASBA Zone 2/3 Meeting Report – Trustee Mywaart highlighted the ASBA Zone 2/3 meeting report and mentioned the advocacy committee and their role.</p>
19954	Alberta School Councils Association (ASCA) Annual General Meeting, April 2012	<p>Trustee Adams, updated trustees and senior administration on the upcoming ASCA's Annual General Meeting and proposed that, instead of the Board covering the registration costs for two parents from each school as has been done in the past, they consider utilizing the funds to charter a bus so that all parent council representatives could possibly attend.</p> <p>Trustee Adams served motion at 1442 hrs. M/C That the Board of Trustees cover the cost of bus transportation for District School Councils so that all representatives can attend the ASCA AGM in April.</p>
19955	Approval of the Audited Financial Statements August 2010 – August 2011	<p>Associate Superintendent, Allan Kallal, updated trustees and senior administration on the unaudited Financial Statements for the fiscal year August 2010 - August 2011.</p> <p>Trustee Cooper served motion at 1518 hrs. M/C as amended That the Board of Trustees approve the unaudited financial statements, unaudited schedules and Notes to the Financial Statements as attached.</p> <p>The auditors provided their report to the Board of Trustees. Discussion ensued.</p> <p>Trustee Adams served motion at 1600 hrs. M/C That the Board of Trustees accept the Auditors unqualified opinion on the Financial Statements.</p>
19956	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 2011 11 28	<p>Trustee Mywaart served motion at 1602 hrs. M/C That the minutes of 2011 11 28 Regular Board Meeting be approved.</p>

19957	Business Arising from Minutes	<p>Trustee Mywaart updated trustees and senior administration on the next ASBA Zone 2/3 meeting scheduled for January 27th and indicated that both she and Trustee Adams will not be available to attend. Chair, Jeff Thompson, agreed to attend on their behalf.</p> <p>Trustee Mywaart inquired about Hour Zero and Superintendent Parsons indicated information on Hour Zero was distributed to District staff.</p> <p>Trustee Blackler inquired about PSBAA agenda items and it was agreed this topic will be added to either the January Committee of the Whole Meeting or the Board meeting agenda.</p>
19958	Correspondence	None.
19959	Committee of the Whole Report	None.
19960	Business Arising	None
19961	Other Business	None
19962	Request for Information	None
19963	Future Agenda Items	To be determined.
19964	Adjournment	There being no further business, Chair, Jeff Thompson, adjourned the meeting at 1615 hrs.


BOARD CHAIR


SECRETARY-TREASURER