
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, 2012 01 23 at 0900 hrs.

Attendees:

Board Chair	- J. Thompson
Trustee	- G. Cooper
Trustee	- S. Blackler
Trustee	- A. Adams
Superintendent of Schools	- D. Parsons
Associate Superintendent	- A. Kallal
- Business & Finance	
Associate Superintendent	- P. Meagher
- Human Resources & Administration	
Associate Superintendent	- Dr. Brenda Sautner
- Education & Administration	
Recording Secretary	- S. Dunn

Regrets: Trustee Mywaart

19965	Call to Order	Board Chair, Jeff Thompson, called the meeting to order at 0900 hrs.
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19966	Additions to the In-Camera Agenda	None.
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19967	Additions to the In-Conference Agenda	7.8 Board Retreat 7.9 Edwin Parr 7.10 School Growth Plans 7.11 BBT Proposal 7.12 100 th Anniversary
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19968	Approval of Agenda	Trustee Blackler served motion at 0907 hrs. M/C That the agenda be approved.
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19969	In-Camera Meeting	Trustee Cooper served motion at 0907 hrs. M/C That the meeting proceed to the in-camera meeting.
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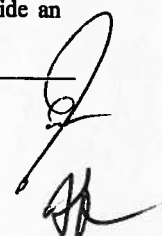
19970	Investigations	Superintendent, Dennis Parsons, updated trustees and senior administration on the current status of investigations in the District.
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19971	Personnel	Superintendent Parsons updated trustees and senior administration on personnel issues in the District.
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19972	Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)	Superintendent Parsons updated trustees and senior administration on the status of the MOU. Discussion ensued. This topic will be brought back to the March Board meeting for further discussion.
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19973		Trustee Adams joined the meeting at 0935 hrs.
19974	Tripartite Discussions	Chair, Jeff Thompson, updated trustees and senior administration on the current Tripartite discussions.
19975	Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Bargaining Boot Camps	Chair, Jeff Thompson, updated trustees and senior administration on upcoming ASBA Bargaining Boot Camps. It was agreed Trustees Cooper and Adams will attend the Edmonton session, with Trustee Mywaart designated as an alternate. In addition, Associate Superintendent Allan Kallal will also attend the Edmonton session scheduled on February 6 & 7, 2012. Recording Secretary, Ms. Dunn, will register attendees and make hotel reservations.
19976	Out of In-Camera	Trustee Cooper served motion 1014 hrs. M/C That the Board of Trustees move out of the in-camera meeting and proceed to the in-conference meeting.
19977	In-Conference Meeting	Trustee Cooper served motion at 1036 hrs. M/C That the Board of Trustees proceed to the in-conference meeting.
19978	Public School Boards Association of Alberta (PSBAA) February 2012 Council Meeting	Chair, Jeff Thompson, updated trustees and senior administration on the upcoming PSBAA School Councils meeting, which will be attended by Vice Chair, Glenn Cooper. In preparation for the meeting, trustees reviewed the meeting agenda.
19979	ASBA Zone 2/3 Conversation Cafe	Chair, Jeff Thompson, updated trustees and senior administration on the upcoming ASBA Zone 2/3 Conversation Cafe scheduled for February 15, 2012.
19980	Education Department	Associate Superintendent, Dr. Brenda Sautner, updated trustees and senior administration on the work and focus of the Education Department.
19981	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. This topic was deferred to the February meeting for further discussion and decision with regard to Board attendance.
19982	Regional Aboriginal Recognition Awards (RARA)	Superintendent, Dennis Parsons, updated trustees and senior administration on a request for sponsorship he received from the RARA committee. Trustees agreed this topic will be added to the Regular Board Meeting Agenda for discussion and decision.
19983	Traffic Safety Report	Superintendent, Dennis Parsons, called upon Associate Superintendent, Allan Kallal, to update trustees and senior administration on the steps he has taken to address the concerns raised by the Traffic Safety Committee in their report. Mr. Kallal will also provide an update at the February Networks Committee meeting.



19984	Trustee Engagement	Trustees agreed Trustee Blackler will speak to Trustee Engagement during the Regular Board Meeting.
19985	Board Retreat	Superintendent, Dennis Parsons, updated trustees and senior administration on the proposed Agenda for their upcoming Retreat scheduled for February 9 and 10, 2012. Discussion followed.
19986	Edwin Parr	Superintendent, Dennis Parsons, updated trustees and senior administration on notification received from the Alberta School Boards Association that nominations are now open for the Edwin Parr Awards.
19987	School Growth Plans	Superintendent, Dennis Parsons, updated trustees and senior administration on the feedback he received from school leaders with regard to the School Growth Plan presentations held on January 10, 2012. Trustees recommended each school council also be provided with a question they can address at the next School Growth Plan presentations.
19988	Broad-Based Technologies (BBT) Proposal	Superintendent, Dennis Parsons, updated trustees and senior administration on the Broad-Based Technologies proposal.
19989	100 th Anniversary	Superintendent, Dennis Parsons, updated trustees and senior administration on current celebratory plans being proposed by the 100 th Anniversary Planning Committee. Discussion followed.
19990	Review of Public Agenda	Members of the Board and Senior Administration reviewed the Regular Board Meeting agenda.
19991	Out of In-Conference	Trustee Cooper served motion 1253 hrs. M/C That the Board of Trustees move out of the in-conference meeting and recess until 1330 hrs.
19992	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: 7 Media: 2
19993	O Canada	Board Chair, Jeff Thompson, welcomed everyone present and invited them to stand for the national anthem.
19994	Question Period	There were no questions for the Board of Trustees.
19995	Additions to Agenda	None.



19996 **Approval of Agenda** Trustee Cooper served motion at 1337 hrs.
M/C
That the agenda be approved.

19997 **Delegations and
Presentations**

Spotlight on Education

Timberlea

Associate Superintendent, Phil Meagher, introduced Timberlea Public School Vice-Principal, Ebrahim Dhooma. Mr. Dhooma offered regrets on behalf of Principal, Rick Thorne and introduced Timberlea's Apple School coordinator, Kyler Boisvert, who delighted trustees and senior administration with a wonderful video presentation highlighting Timberlea's healthy school initiatives. Mr. Dhooma also introduced two Grade 4 students who spoke about the benefits they achieved through their participation in the Buddy program.

Thickwood

Associate Superintendent, Phil Meagher, introduced Thickwood Public School Principal, Paul Smith. In turn, Mr. Smith introduced teacher Nicole Morrison, Vice Principal Tammy Dingwell and four students. Ms. Dingwell and Ms. Morrison introduced their snowshoe program and, through a very enjoyable video presentation, outlined their healthy school initiatives.

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

19998 **Superintendent of
Schools Report**

Superintendent Parsons provided highlights of his report, which included the District's upcoming 100th Anniversary celebration, and introduced Paula Ogonoski, co-chair of the planning committee along with Partnership Facilitator, Lorraine Demers. Ms. Ogonoski outlined the Committee's proposals.

Superintendent Parsons also mentioned the on-going Tripartite discussions, start-up of the Policy Advisory Committee, the Traffic Safety Committee report, and work on the District website replacement. He also touched on recent reorganization and ongoing direction setting within the Education Department and called upon Dr. Brenda Sautner who provided a brief update for Trustees and senior administration.

19999 **Trustee Items**

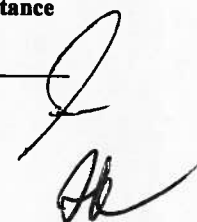
Trustee Engagement – Trustee Blackler reported on trustee engagement since the last Board meeting scheduled on December 12, 2011, which included attendance at several school concerts, the Tourism open house held in December, a Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, the Keyano speaking engagement with Ezra Levant, teleconferences with Minister Lukaszuk, and an advocacy meeting with ASBA Zone 2/3 representatives.

20000 **Approval of Amended
Policy GBEA –
Employee and Family
Assistance Program**

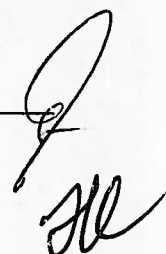
Associate Superintendent, Allan Kallal, updated trustees and senior administration on the amendment to Policy GBEA – Employee and Family Assistance Program. Discussion followed.

Trustee Blackler served motion at 1454 hrs.
M/C

That the Board of Trustees approve Policy GBEA – Employee and Family Assistance Program, as amended.



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| 20001 | Approval of Westwood Community High School Students Travel to France, Spring Break 2012 | <p>Superintendent, Dennis Parsons, updated trustees and senior administration on the request for the Board's final approval for this upcoming school trip, indicating that a travel report was completed and there are currently no travel warnings for France. Discussion followed.</p> <p>Trustee Adams served motion at 1459 hrs.
M/C
That the Board of Trustees give Final Approval for Westwood Community High School students travel to France, Spring Break 2012.</p> |
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| 20002 | Approval of Westwood Community High School Students Travel to Spain, France & England, Spring Break 2012 | <p>Superintendent, Dennis Parsons, updated trustees and senior administration on the request for the Board's final approval for this upcoming school trip, indicating that a travel report was completed and there are currently no travel warnings for Spain, France or England. Discussion followed.</p> <p>Trustee Cooper served motion at 1500 hrs.
M/C
That the Board of Trustees give Final Approval for Westwood Community High School students travel to Spain, France & England, Spring Break 2012.</p> |
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| 20003 | Approval of Westwood Community High School Students Travel to Germany, Spring Break 2012 | <p>Superintendent, Dennis Parsons, updated trustees and senior administration on the request for the Board's final approval for this upcoming school trip, indicating that a travel report was completed and there are currently no travel warnings for Germany. Discussion followed.</p> <p>Trustee Blackler served motion at 1502 hrs.
M/C
That the Board of Trustees give Final Approval for Westwood Community High School students travel to Germany, Spring Break 2012.</p> |
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| 20004 | Approval of Westwood Community High School Students Travel to Cuba, Spring Break 2012 | <p>Superintendent, Dennis Parsons, updated trustees and senior administration on the request for the Board's final approval for this upcoming school trip, indicating that a travel report was completed and there are currently no travel warnings for Cuba. Discussion followed.</p> <p>Trustee Blackler served motion at 1504 hrs.
M/C
That the Board of Trustees give Final Approval for Westwood Community High School students travel to Cuba, Spring Break 2012.</p> |
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| 20005 | Approval of Composite High School Students Travel to Greece, Spring Break 2012 | <p>Superintendent, Dennis Parsons, updated trustees and senior administration on the request for the Board's final approval for this upcoming school trip, indicating that a travel report was completed and there are currently no travel warnings for Greece. Discussion followed.</p> <p>Trustee Adams served motion at 1507 hrs.
M/C
That the Board of Trustees give Final Approval for Composite High School students travel to Greece, Spring Break 2012.</p> |
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| 20006 | Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 2011 12 12 | <p>Trustee Cooper served motion at 1509 hrs.
M/C
That the minutes of 2011 12 12 Regular Board Meeting be approved.</p> |
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20007 **Business Arising from Minutes** None.

20008 **Correspondence**

1. **2012 Alberta School Boards Awards** – Chair, Jeff Thompson, updated trustees and senior administration on the notification received regarding the Alberta School Boards Association 2012 Awards which are now available on their website.
2. **Teleconference with Minister Lukaszuk** – Chair, Jeff Thompson, updated trustees and senior administration on the upcoming teleconference with Minister Lukaszuk and parent council scheduled for Wednesday, February 8th.
3. **YMCA Peace Week Celebration** – Chair, Jeff Thompson, updated trustees and senior administration on the invitation received to attend the YMCA Peace Week Celebration scheduled for February 16th at 1 p.m.
4. **RaRa Letter Dated December 9, 2011** – Chair, Jeff Thompson, updated trustees and senior administration on the letter received from RaRa regarding sponsorship. Discussion followed.

Trustee Adams served motion at 1516 hrs.
M/C

That the Board approve Bronze-level sponsorship of the RaRa celebration scheduled for March 3, 2012.

20009 **Committee of the Whole Report** Chair, Jeff Thompson, updated trustees and senior administration on the last Committee of the Whole Meeting scheduled on January 10, 2012.

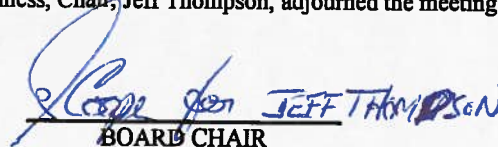
20010 **Business Arising** None

20011 **Other Business** None

20012 **Request for Information** None

20013 **Future Agenda Items** To be determined.

20014 **Adjournment** There being no further business, Chair, Jeff Thompson, adjourned the meeting at 1520 hrs.


BOARD CHAIR


SECRETARY-TREASURER
