



Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fort McMurray Public School District, held via Teleconference, 2012 05 11 at 1030 hrs.

Attendees:

Chair	- J. Thompson
Vice Chair	- G. Cooper
Trustee	- L. Mywaart
Trustee	- S. Blackler
Trustee	- A. Adams
Superintendent of Schools	- D. Parsons
Associate Superintendent	- A. Kallal
- Business & Finance	
Recording Secretary	- S. Dunn

20152	Call to Order	Chair, Jeff Thompson, called the meeting to order at 1038 hrs.
20153	Additions to Agenda	Board Meeting Dates for 2012 – 2013
20154	Approval of Agenda	Trustee Mywaart served motion at 1038 hrs. M/C That the agenda be approved.
20155	Authorization for By-Election	Chair, Jeff Thompson, called upon Associate Superintendent, Allan Kallal, to update trustees and senior administration on the action item put forward for discussion and approval at this Special Board Meeting. Trustee Adams served motion at 1042 hrs. M/C That the Board of Trustees authorize the Associate Superintendent of Business & Finance to enter into an agreement with the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo to conduct the Fort McMurray Public School Board by-election in conjunction with the Municipal by-election. This resolution directs the Municipality to be responsible for the Appointment of Officers and the conduct of the election.
20156	Board Meeting Dates – 2012 – 2013 School Year	Superintendent, Dennis Parsons, updated trustees and senior administration on final District calendar preparations and the need to provide Board meeting dates for the 2012 – 2013 school year. Discussion followed and Trustees agreed Monday's would be preferable.
20157	Adjournment	There being no further business, Chair, Jeff Thompson, adjourned the meeting at 1103 hrs.


BOARD CHAIR


SECRETARY-TREASURER



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 04 23 at 0830 hrs.

Attendees:

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| Chair | - J. Thompson |
| Vice Chair | - G. Cooper |
| Trustee | - L. Mywaart |
| Trustee | - A. Adams (joined at 1:00 p.m.) |
| Superintendent of Schools | - D. Parsons |
| Associate Superintendent | - A. Kallal |
| - Business & Finance | |
| Associate Superintendent | - P. Meagher |
| - Human Resources & Administration | |
| Associate Superintendent | - B. Sautner |
| - Education & Administration | |
| Recording Secretary | - S. Dunn |
| Regrets: | Trustee Blackler |

20115	Call to Order	Chair, Jeff Thompson, called the meeting to order at 0830 hrs.
20116	Additions to the In-Camera Agenda	None.
20117	Additions to the In-Conference Agenda	None.
20118	Approval of Agenda	Trustee Cooper served motion at 0837 hrs. M/C That the agenda be approved.
20119	In-Camera Meeting	Trustee Mywaart served motion at 0837 hrs. M/C That the meeting proceed to the in-camera meeting.
20120	Investigations	Superintendent, Dennis Parsons, updated trustees and senior administration on the status of current investigations within the District.
200121	Personnel	Superintendent, Dennis Parsons, updated trustees and senior administration on the status of current personnel issues within the District. Discussion followed.
20122	Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)	Superintendent Parsons updated trustees and senior administration on the current status of the MOU. Discussion followed and this topic will be brought back for further updates during the May Board meeting.

20123	Negotiations	Superintendent Parsons updated trustees and senior administration on the current status of negotiations. Discussion followed and consensus reached on selection of a regional bargaining agent.
20124	Expansion of Fort McMurray Islamic School (FMIS) Within FMPSD	Superintendent Parsons updated trustees and senior administration on recent discussions regarding possible expansion of FMIS within the Fort McMurray Public School District. Discussion followed.
20125	Out of In-Camera	Trustee Mywaart served motion at 0945 hrs. M/C That the Board of Trustees move out of the in-camera meeting and proceed to the in-conference meeting.
20126	In-Conference Meeting	Trustee Cooper served motion at 0946 hrs. M/C That the Board of Trustees proceed to the in-conference meeting.
20127	Provincial Fund-Raising Functions & Provincial Political Contributions	Superintendent Parsons updated trustees and senior administration on information provided by the District's Finance Department pertaining to provincial fund-raising functions and provincial political contributions. Chair, Jeff Thompson, agreed to relay this information to all trustees, including some former Board members, and determine what further action is to be undertaken by the Finance Department.
20128	Trustee Engagement	Trustee Cooper agreed to report on Trustee Engagement during the Regular Board Meeting.
20129	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 2012 03 19	Trustee Cooper served motion at 1000 hrs. M/C That the minutes of 2012 03 19 Regular Board Meeting be approved.
20130	Business Arising from Minutes	Clarification of Policy ECAC – item B. Notification. Associate Superintendent, Allan Kallal, provided clarification of Policy ECAC to trustees and senior administration and indicated this Policy has subsequently been amended and will be brought back before the Board for approval during the upcoming Regular Board meeting.
20131	Superintendent's Report (Operational)	Superintendent Parsons reviewed his operational report for trustees and senior administration.
20132	Review of Public Agenda	Trustees and senior administration reviewed Public Agenda items in preparation for the Regular Board Meeting commencing at 1:00 p.m.
20133	Question: Public Engagement – Where To From Here?	Trustees and senior administration discussed at length the topic of public engagement and how to proceed. Several suggestions were put forward.



20134 Out of In-Conference Trustee Cooper served motion 1239 hrs.
M/C
That the Board of Trustees move out of the in-conference meeting and recess until 1300 hrs.

20135 Convene Regular Meeting Chair, Jeff Thompson, called the meeting to order
M/C
That the Board of Trustees reconvene the Regular Meeting at 1300 hrs.

Other attendees: Full Gallery
Media: 1

20136 O Canada Chair, Jeff Thompson, welcomed everyone present and invited them to stand for the national anthem.

20137 Question Period There were no questions for the Board of Trustees.

20138 Additions to Agenda None

20139 Approval of Agenda Trustee Cooper served motion at 1310 hrs.
M/C
That the agenda be approved.



20140 Delegations and Presentations

Spotlight on Education

Dickinsfield Public School

Associate Superintendent, Phil Meagher, introduced Dickinsfield Public School Acting Vice-Principal, Ms. Jodine Wells. Ms. Wells provided trustees and senior administration with background information on the start-up of the Ecole Dickinsfield Chess Club. Students introduced themselves, and individually spoke about this wonderful learning opportunity and the benefits they are achieving through their participation in this Club. This was followed by an interactive demonstration of the game of Chess with trustees and Superintendent Parsons participating.

Trustees and Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Dennis Parsons, thanked students and staff for the delightful presentation.

Presentations

Wood Buffalo Regional Science Fair Participants

Associate Superintendent, Brenda Sautner, introduced the District's Numeracy/Curriculum Coordinator, Crystal Mercredi and spoke about the Wood Buffalo Regional Science Fair held in March. Ms. Mercredi updated trustees and senior administration on the numerous awards received by Fort McMurray Public School students. Board Chair, Jeff Thompson, and Superintendent Dennis Parsons presented the winners with Certificates in recognition of their achievements.

John Gilpin, Historian, Report to the Board Regarding 100th Anniversary Book, "Doing What's Best for Kids"

John Gilpin updated trustees and senior administration on the research he has conducted culminating in the writing of his book, "Doing What's Best for Kids", a history of the Fort McMurray Public School District. He provided a brief, and delightful, overview of the history of the District and synopsis of the contents of his book.

20141 Superintendent of Schools Report

Superintendent Parsons provided highlights of his report, which included updating trustees and senior administration on the District's 100th Anniversary celebration. He called upon Paula Ogonoski, Co-Chair of the 100th Anniversary Committee, to update trustees and senior administration, on current plans.

Superintendent Parsons updated trustees and senior administration on progress being made with regard to construction of the District's new school, Walter & Gladys Hill. Associate Superintendent, Allan Kallal, introduced architect Darryl Rewniak from ACI.

Mr. Rewniak reviewed in detail the architectural plans for the Walter & Gladys Hill Public School. Board Chair, Mr. Thompson, thanked Mr. Rewniak for his informative presentation.

Superintendent Parsons acknowledged the work of Paula Ogonoski and Ali Syed as they planned and hosted a Spring Technology Camp for twenty Grades 6 – 8 students. The Camp offered instruction in Digital Photography & Graphic Design, Movie Making and Fun with Robots. It was very well received by both parents and students and it is anticipated this Camp will now become an annual event.

Superintendent Parsons also updated trustees and senior administration on the upcoming Westwood/Mix 1037 Performing Arts Showcase scheduled for May 29th and asked trustees to "save the date".

20142 **Approval– Amended Policy IHF Student Safety** **Associate Superintendent, Allan Kallal, updated trustees and senior administrators on the request for approval of amended Policy IHF Student Safety.**

Trustee Cooper served motion at 1505 hrs.
M/C
That the Board of Trustees approve amended Policy IHF Student Safety.

20143 **Approval – Amended Policy ECAC Electronic Surveillance (Video Cameras)** **Associate Superintendent, Allan Kallal, updated trustees and senior management on the request for approval of amended Policy ECAC Electronic Surveillance (Video Cameras).**

Trustee Mywaart served motion at 1507 hrs.
M/C
That the Board of Trustees approve amended Policy ECAC Electronic Surveillance (Video Cameras).

20144 **Approval – Reaffirmation of Policies**
• **EBBC Fire Safety Precautions**
• **EBDC Emergency Closings**
• **GCCB Relocation Advance** **Associate Superintendent, Allan Kallal, updated trustees and senior management on the request for reaffirmation of Policies: EBBC Fire Safety Precautions, EBDC Emergency Closings, and GCCB Relocation Advance, included in an omnibus motion.**

Trustees and senior administration discussed the three policies individually. Trustees agreed Policy EBDC Emergency Closings required further amendment.

Trustee Adams served motion at 1515 hrs.
M/C
That the Board of Trustees amend the omnibus motion to remove Policy EBDC and reaffirm Policies:

- EBBC Fire Safety Precautions and
- GCCB Relocation Advance

20145 **Trustee Items** **Trustee Cooper reported on trustee engagement since the March 19, 2012, Board Meeting, including attendance at or participation in the following:**

- **March 19** Conference call with the Minister of Education
- **March 20** EDGE Lunch at Merit Hotel
- **March 20** Cinderella—by Thickwood Heights at Keyano College
- **March 22** Alberta Education Consultation and Info Session—Edmonton
- **March 23** ASBA Zone 2/3 Meeting—Edmonton
- **March 24** Spring Fling Volunteer—Mac Island
- **March 27** Planning Committee for FMPSD 100th Anniversary
- **March 27** Grand Opening of Mike Allen’s PC campaign office
- **March 28** Anti Bullying Awareness—COMP
- **March 28** Lunch with the Premier—Mac Island
- **March 28** Premier at Holy Trinity School
- **March 28** Grand Opening of Father Mercredi Science Center
- **March 30** Planning Committee for FMPSD 100th
- **March 31** Science Fair at Syncrude Sport and Wellness
- **April 14** Bangladesh (Bengali) New Year –Nistawoyou Center
- **April 16** Edwin Parr Award Selection Committee—St. Albert

20146 **Correspondence** **None**



20147 Business Arising None

20148 Other Business None

20149 Request for Information None

20150 Future Agenda Items To be determined.

20151 Adjournment There being no further business, Chair, Jeff Thompson, adjourned the meeting at 1542 hrs.



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