



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

*Doing What's Best for Kids*

Location:	Board Room - District Office, 231 Hardin Street
Date:	May 20, 2015
In Attendance:	Jeff Thompson, Board Chair Linda Mywaart, Vice Chair Tim O'Hara, Trustee Doug Nicholls, Superintendent Phil Meagher, Chief Deputy Superintendent - Human Resources & Administration Allan Kallal, Associate Superintendent - Business & Finance Dr. Brenda Sautner, Associate Superintendent - Education & Administration Teena Francis, Recording Secretary
Regrets:	Stephen Drover, Trustee Angela Adams, Trustee (Joined at 3:53 p.m. to 4:27 p.m.)

21505	Call to Order	Board Chair J. Thompson called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m.
21506	Additions to In-Camera Agenda	No additions noted.
21507	Approval of Agenda	Motion by Trustee O'Hara to approve the In-Camera Agenda. M/C
21508	In-Camera Meeting	Motion by Vice Chair Mywaart to proceed to the In-Camera Meeting at 2:11 p.m. M/C
21509	Out of In-Camera	Motion by Trustee O'Hara to move out of the In-Camera Meeting at 3:07 p.m. M/C  The remainder of the In-Camera Agenda resumed after the Regular Board Agenda.
21510	Regular Meeting	Board Chair J. Thompson called the Regular Meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.
21511	Additions to Agenda	27.1 Involvement of Trustees with Elections (Provincial/Federal) by Vice Chair Mywaart. 26.1 Board Policy Regarding Commemoration/Tribute of District Staff by Superintendent D. Nicholls. 24.1 Invitation Received - KAOS Radio 91.1 by Vice Chair Mywaart.
21512	Approval of Agenda	Motion by Trustee O'Hara to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda with additions. M/C
21513	Declaration of Conflict	Board Chair J. Thompson advised that Trustee O'Hara declared a conflict with agenda item 13.1 Attendance Boundaries and will abstain from the discussion.
21514	Minutes: In-Camera & Regular of 03/18/2015	Motion by Trustee O'Hara to approve the In-Camera and Regular Meeting Minutes of 03/18/2015 as amended.  21487 Spiritually was amended to spirituality.  21496 Vice Chair Mywaart sought clarification on the process for recorded votes.  M/C
21515	Business Arising from	There was nothing noted.

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21516	Public School Boards' Association (PSBA)	<p><u>Minister's Student Advisory Council - Speak Out</u></p> <p>Board Chair J. Thompson provided a summary of the Minister's Student Advisory Council letter. The letter included a request for our District to serve as a Mentor Board for one or more of the student delegates and the second request asked for support with travel and accommodations for students.</p> <p>Superintendent D. Nicholls shared the process for students who are interested in the Minister's Student Advisory Council and advised Fort McMurray Public School District does not have any students participating on the Council.</p> <p>Board Chair J. Thompson advised the District is not in a position to serve as an Mentor Board at this time.</p> <p>Superintendent D. Nicholls recommended that Trustees approve a contribution for student travel and accommodation.</p> <p>Motion by Vice Chair Mywaart to make a contribution of \$300 to the Minister's Student Advisory Council for student travel and accommodations.</p> <p>M/C</p> <p>Chief Deputy Superintendent P. Meagher left the meeting at 3:30 p.m. and returned at 3:36 p.m.</p> <p><u>Draft 2015 - 2016 Work Plan</u></p> <p>Vice Chair Mywaart commented that PSBA continues to seek input and feedback on the Draft 2015 - 2016 Work Plan. Board Chair J. Thompson will provide additional input. Vice Chair Mywaart will be attending the upcoming meeting and will present input.</p> <p>Applications for Public Trustee Long Term Service Awards are being accepted. The submission deadline is June 1, 2015.</p> <p><u>Public School Boards' Association of Alberta - August 2015 Meeting</u></p> <p>Planning and coordination continues. Letters of invitation have been prepared and distributed to B. Jean, MLA Elect, T. Yao, MLA Elect and Mayor M. Blake.</p>
21517	Alberta School Boards Association	<p>Vice Chair Mywaart will be attending the meeting on May 22, 2015 in Edmonton. Agenda items for this meeting will include reviewing the policies and directives that will be presented at the Fall General Meeting.</p>
21518	Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule 2015 - 2016	<p>The Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule for 2015 - 2016 was presented in draft. A preliminary discussion was held at the Committee of the Whole Meeting and dates have been amended based on feedback.</p> <p>Motion by Trustee O'Hara to approved the Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule 2015 - 2016 as presented.</p> <p>M/C</p> <p>Associated Superintendent A. Kallal left the meeting at 3:42 p.m. and returned at 3:45 p.m</p>
21519	Approval-in-Principle for HICA Field Trip Submission from Westwood Community High School Student Travel to England and Scotland (July 29 - August 11, 2016)	<p>Superintendent D. Nicholls provided a summary of the Field Trip Submission. Approximately 20 to 25 Grade 10 - 12 students from Westwood Community High School have been invited to participate in the 2016 Edinburgh Fringe Festival for the third time.</p> <p>Motion by Vice Chair Mywaart that the Board of Trustees approve-in-principle Westwood Community High School student travel to England &amp; Scotland, July 29 - August 11, 2016.</p> <p>M/C</p> <p>Vice Chair Mywaart commented Westwood Community High School staff should be commended for their early submission so that both staff and students can prepared for this travel.</p>

21520	Final Approval for HICA Field Trip Submission from Westwood Community High School Student Travel to France & Venice (March 24 to April 3, 2016)	<p>Superintendent D. Nicholls provided an overview of HICA Field Trip Submission from Westwood Community High School. Staff at Westwood Community High School are experienced with planning out of country student trips and will ensure everything is in place for students.</p> <p>Motion by Trustee O'Hara that the Board of Trustees give final approval for Westwood Community High School student travel to France and Venice, March 24 to April 3, 2016.</p> <p>M/C</p> <p>Vice Chair Mywaart echoed her comments from above. Staff should be commended for their early submission so that preparations can be made.</p>
21521	Final Approval for HICA Field Trip Submission from Fort McMurray Composite High School Student Travel to China (March 23 to April 6, 2016)	<p>Superintendent D. Nicholls provided an overview of HICA Field Trip Submission from Fort McMurray Composite High School. Clarification was provided on the "lottery" identified in the submission.</p> <p>Motion by Vice Chair Mywaart that the Board of Trustees give final approval for Fort McMurray Composite High School student travel to China, March 23 to April 6, 2016.</p> <p>M/C</p>
21522	Attendance Boundaries	<p>Trustee O'Hara left the meeting at 3:53 p.m. Trustee Adams joined the meeting at 3:53 p.m.</p> <p>Associate Superintendent A. Kallal summarized the recommendation and provided an overview of the rational.</p> <p>Vice Chair Mywaart questioned if having the in-camera discussion on Catchment Area Changes for 2016 - 2017 would be beneficial before a motion to approve the Attendance Boundaries is entertained.</p> <p>Motion by Trustee Adams to resume the in-camera discussion on Catchment Area Changes for 2016 - 2017.</p> <p>M/C</p> <p>Motion by Vice Chair Mywaart to move out of in-camera and resume the regular meeting at 4:20 p.m.</p> <p>Motion by Vice Chair Mywaart to table the Board Recommendation on Attendance Boundaries until a report on Elementary Schools in the south side of the river is prepared and presented by Superintendent Nicholls. This item is time specific for the November 2015 Board Meeting.</p> <p>M/C</p> <p>Trustee Adams left the meeting at 4:27 p.m. Trustee O'Hara returned to the meeting at 4:28 p.m.</p>
21523	Bull Creek Electrical Contract	<p>Associate Superintendent A. Kallal provided a summary of the Bull Creek Electrical Contract.</p> <p>Since June 18, 2012, the Board committed to procuring its electrical power from wind generation through a Direct Sales Agreement (DSA). A resolution and associated documents were brought and are required by the consortium.</p> <p>As contemplated under the DSA signed in June, 2012, the District agreed to execute the ancillary agreements, documents, consents, acknowledgement and instruments that are reasonably customarily required by the lender of the project to allow the Vendor to obtain financing for the project.</p> <p>All such ancillary documents have been negotiated and reviewed by legal counsel representing the consortium of school districts to ensure their legitimacy and compliance with the DSA and that such documents do not make the School Divisions liable in any respect to the lender of the project, except regarding confirming the obligation to purchase electricity from the project under the terms and conditions already agreed to under the DSA.</p> <p>The Bull Creek Wind Project Power Resolutions are therefore presented to the Board of Trustees for approval, including the appointment of the authorized signatories for the Board to</p>

		<p>negotiate, execute and deliver each of those ancillary documents. discussed below and listed in Appendix B of the resolution.</p> <p>Board Chair J. Thompson advised that Fort McMurray Public School District will not provide any funding, also adding the signatories would be Associate Superintendent of Business &amp; Finance or designate.</p> <p>Motion by Trustee O'Hara that the Board of Trustees approve the Bull Creek Wind Power Resolution as presented.</p> <p>M/C</p>
21524	Review of Board Evening Meeting Agenda	Trustees and Senior Administration reviewed the evening agenda.
21525	Recess	<p>Motion to recess by Vice Chair Mywaart at 4:54 p.m.</p> <p>Motion to resume the in-camera portion at 4:56 p.m. by Trustee O'Hara</p> <p>Motion to conclude the in-camera portion at 5:38 p.m. by Vice Chair Mywaart.</p> <p>Motion to recess by Trustee O'Hara at 5:38 p.m.</p>
21526	Reconvene Regular Meeting	Motion to reconvene regular meeting at 6:31 p.m.
21527	O' Canada	Board Chair J. Thompson welcomed everyone present and invited attendees to stand for the national anthem.
21528	Question Period	<p>There were no questions.</p> <p>Chief Deputy Superintendent P. Meagher joined the meeting at 6:47 p.m.</p>
21529	<p>FMPSD Spotlight on Education:</p> <p>Greely Road Public School</p> <p>Walter &amp; Gladys Hill Public School</p> <p>Student Advisory Team</p>	<p>Associate Superintendent B. Sautner introduced Greely Road Public School Principal Brian Mullally, and Vice Principal Denise McKinley (Morris). Principal B. Mullally shared that the students would like to showcase three projects going in their school. First, teacher H. Terakita and her Grade 5 students shared how they created digital portfolios. Second, a performance by the Urban Drumming students, coordinated by Vice Principal D. McKinley with musical instruction provided by Diane Pare of Keyano College, and third, students showcased some of their art work.</p> <p>Superintendent D. Nicholls shared Greely Road administration and staff are doing a tremendous amount of work around school promotion and partnership. Staff have a very active presence on social media and promote the school well.</p> <p>Board Chair J. Thompson and Trustees thanked students for their amazing drumming performance and for showcasing their digital portfolios and art work.</p> <p>Associate Superintendent B. Sautner introduced Walter &amp; Gladys Hill Public School Principal Annalee Nutter, Vice Principal David Parsons and students. The students presented on Projected Based Learning. Example videos that were created, filmed and edited by the students were showcased. There was no staff involvement during any part of the project.</p> <p>Walter &amp; Gladys Hill Public School received a grant from Telus. The student conducted research and purchased a GoPro Hero 4 and a flying drone.</p> <p>Superintendent D. Nicholls congratulated the students, commenting there are some exciting projects happening at the school.</p> <p>Board Chair J. Thompson and Trustees thanked the students and staff for an amazing presentation.</p> <p>Myma Matheson, Literacy Coordinator and Erin Keca, Math and Science Coordinator introduced Diana Changirwa, Westwood Community High School, Amber Wall, Frank Spragins High School and Momin Syed, Fort McMurray Composite High School. The student's shared a summary of the Student Advisory Team work for the 2014 - 2015 school year and vision going forward. Following the presentation, the student's asked the Board and Superintendent "who hears our ideas and what happens to those ideas?"</p>

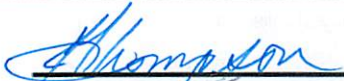
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		<p>Board Chair J. Thompson, Vice Chair Mywaart and Superintendent D. Nicholls provided an explanation on the flow of information received from the Student Advisory Team and advised that further suggestions are welcome.</p> <p>This year, as a result from feedback and based on a recommendation from administration a Grade 5 - 7 Student Advisory Team was established.</p> <p>Board Chair J. Thompson and Superintendent D. Nicholls thanked the students for their presentation adding their work is valued and appreciated and as a Board it is important for us to listen to what our students are saying.</p>																												
21530	Recess	<p>Motion by Trustee O'Hara to recess at 7:42 p.m. Regular Board Meeting reconvened at 7:51 p.m.</p>																												
21531	Trustee Items/Engagement	<p>Board Chair J. Thompson provided a summary of community engagement and provincial association meetings that were attended by Trustees for the month of April/May 2015:</p> <table><tr><td>April 16</td><td>Policy Advisory Committee</td></tr><tr><td>April 17</td><td>Sports Academy Launch (PEAK)</td></tr><tr><td>April 17 &amp; 18</td><td>Public School Boards' Council (PSBC) in Edmonton</td></tr><tr><td>April 21</td><td>Gathering of Elders at District Office</td></tr><tr><td>April 22</td><td>C2 Committee Meeting</td></tr><tr><td>April 24</td><td>ASBA Zone 2/3 Meeting in Edmonton</td></tr><tr><td>April 25 - 28</td><td>CAPSLE Conference</td></tr><tr><td>April 29</td><td>100 Days Out Celebration (Western Canada Summer Games)</td></tr><tr><td>May 2</td><td>Spring Fling</td></tr><tr><td>May 2</td><td>Markaz Abram's Land Ceremony</td></tr><tr><td>May 4</td><td>School Visits (Greely Road, Fort McMurray Composite High School, Fort McMurray Islamic Program/School)</td></tr><tr><td>May 4</td><td>Committee of the Whole Meeting</td></tr><tr><td>May 8</td><td>Robotic Dinner and Awards</td></tr><tr><td>May 11</td><td>Allan Markin - APPLE Schools Presentation</td></tr></table>	April 16	Policy Advisory Committee	April 17	Sports Academy Launch (PEAK)	April 17 & 18	Public School Boards' Council (PSBC) in Edmonton	April 21	Gathering of Elders at District Office	April 22	C2 Committee Meeting	April 24	ASBA Zone 2/3 Meeting in Edmonton	April 25 - 28	CAPSLE Conference	April 29	100 Days Out Celebration (Western Canada Summer Games)	May 2	Spring Fling	May 2	Markaz Abram's Land Ceremony	May 4	School Visits (Greely Road, Fort McMurray Composite High School, Fort McMurray Islamic Program/School)	May 4	Committee of the Whole Meeting	May 8	Robotic Dinner and Awards	May 11	Allan Markin - APPLE Schools Presentation
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21532	Reports	<p>Superintendent D. Nicholls updated Trustees and Senior Administration on the recent district successes, highlighting the Science Fair and Skills Alberta winners. We look forward to a formal presentation at the June Board of Trustees Meeting.</p> <p>Chief Deputy Superintendent P. Meagher updated Trustees and Senior Administration on the current scope of the Human Resources and Administration Department.</p> <p>Associate Superintendent A. Kallal updated Trustees and Senior Administration on the current scope of the Business &amp; Finance Department.</p> <p>Associate Superintendent B. Sautner updated Trustees and Senior Administration on the current scope of the Education &amp; Administration Department. Superintendent D. Nicholls thanked Associate Superintendent B. Sautner for her work on the many activities and partnerships.</p>																												
21533	Correspondence	<p>Vice Chair Mywaart shared an invitation was received from KAOS 91.1 Radio to attend their 8th Annual Birthday Bash on June 14, 2015.</p>																												
21534	Business Arising from Presentations & Delegations at Previous Meetings	<p>Superintendent D. Nicholls presented the Board of Trustees with a gift of appreciation from APPLE Schools, a handmade framed drawing. Superintendent D. Nicholls also shared that together with the Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education a letter is being composed to lobby government for continued funding for APPLE Schools.</p>																												
21535	Other Business	<p>Superintendent D. Nicholls will research and draft a policy regarding Commemoration/Tribute of District Staff</p>																												
21536	Request for Information	<p>Superintendent D. Nicholls will research policy/guidelines around Involvement of Trustees with Elections (Provincial/Federal).</p>																												
21537	Future Agenda Items	<p>No items identified</p>																												
21538	Adjourn	<p>There being no further business, Board Chair J. Thompson adjourned the Regular Board meeting at 8:25 p.m.</p>																												

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Motion by Trustee O'Hara to recess at 8:26 p.m. and return to in-camera.  
Motion by Vice Chair Mywaart to move out of in-camera at 8:45 p.m.  
Motion by Trustee O'Hara to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Board Chair:



Date: June 17, 2015

Secretary-Treasurer:



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