



Minutes of the In-Conference and Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fort McMurray Public School District, held in the Library of Ecole McTavish Junior High Public School, 2012 09 17 at 1134 hrs.

Attendees:

Chair	- J. Thompson
Vice Chair	- G. Cooper
Trustee	- L. Mywaart
Trustee	- S. Drover
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 Angela Adams

20295	Call to Order	Chair, Jeff Thompson, called the meeting to order at 1134 hrs.
20296	Additions to the In-Camera Agenda	None.
20297	Approval of Agenda	Trustee Mywaart served motion at 1135 hrs. M/C That the agenda be approved.
20298	In-Camera Meeting	Trustee Cooper served motion at 1135 hrs. M/C That the meeting proceed to the in-camera meeting.
20299	Investigations	Superintendent, Dennis Parsons, updated trustees and senior administration on the status of current investigations within the District.
20300	Personnel	Superintendent, Dennis Parsons, updated trustees and senior administration on the status of current personnel issues within the District. Discussion followed.
20301	Tripartite Discussions	Chair, Jeff Thompson, updated trustees on recent communications received from the Alberta School Boards Association regarding the current status of Tripartite discussions. Trustees discussed the issues at hand and the implications as they would pertain to the Fort McMurray Public School District.
20302	Out of In-Camera	Trustee Cooper served motion at 1208 hrs. M/C That the Board of Trustees move out of the in-camera meeting and proceed to the in-conference meeting.

20303	In-Conference Meeting	Trustee Mywaart served motion at 1210 hrs. M/C That the Board of Trustees proceed to the in-conference meeting.
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20304	Additions to the Agenda	4.7 Student Advisory Dates 4.8 Student Speak Out Dates
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20305	Approval of Agenda	Trustee Mywaart served motion at 1213 hrs. M/C That the agenda be approved.
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20306	In-Conference Meeting	Trustee Drover served motion at 1213 hrs. M/C That the Board of Trustees proceed to the in-conference meeting.
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20307	Premier's Award of School Board Excellence & Innovation	Chair, Jeff Thompson, updated trustees and senior administration on the Premier's Award of School Board Excellence & Innovation application prepared by Associate Superintendent of Education & Administration, Dr. Brenda Sautner. Trustee Mywaart noted some amendments; trustees discussed the application and agreed it should be submitted. Trustee Mywaart expressed her opinion that the application was well written and represented the work being done in the District and she was excited to move this work forward and share it with colleagues. Trustee Mywaart served motion at 1218 hrs. M/C That the application be submitted as amended.
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20308	Trustee Engagement	Trustee Mywaart agreed to report on Trustee Engagement during the Regular Board Meeting.
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20309	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 2012 06 18	Trustee Cooper served motion at 1222 hrs. M/C That the minutes of 2012 06 18 Regular Board Meeting be approved.
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20310	Minutes of the Special Meeting of 2012 09 04	Trustee Mywaart served motion at 1222 hrs. M/C That the minutes of 2012 09 04 Special Board Meeting be approved.
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20311	Business Arising from Minutes	Trustee Mywaart inquired about Item 20227 from the Minutes of the June 18 th Regular Board Meeting and inquired if steps had been taken regarding the District Policy on Social Media and value of District PLC time. Superintendent Parsons updated trustees that these two items are currently under review and will be brought back before the Board at a later date.
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- 20312 Superintendent's Operational Report Superintendent Parsons indicated that his report had been provided for trustees and senior administration to review. He asked if there were any questions.
- Trustee Mywaart requested an update on the portables utilized by the Fort McMurray Islamic School, and the health issues at Composite High School. Superintendent Parsons updated trustees on the steps Administrative staff have taken to date with regard to both situations. Trustee Mywaart also mentioned a heating issue at the Fort McMurray Christian School. Associate Superintendent, Allan Kallal, indicated he will follow up on the concern and report back to the Board at a future meeting.
- Associate Superintendent, Phil Meagher, updated Trustees and senior administration on staffing. Discussion followed and Associate Superintendent, Allan Kallal, suggested the District issue a press release on District staffing. Trustees agreed that this would be the best approach to inform stakeholders.
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- 20313 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.
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- 20314 Student Advisory Dates Associate Superintendent, Brenda Sautner, put forward the date of November 5, 2012, for the first meeting of the Student Advisory Committee. Trustees confirmed this date and indicated they would have lunch with the students, as well as set aside part of the October 1st Committee of the Whole meeting to prepare a set of questions for the students to address.
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- 20315 Student Speak Out Forum Associate Superintendent, Brenda Sautner, put forward the date of Monday, May 6, 2013, for the annual Student Speak Out Forum. Trustees indicated they would prefer February 4, 2013.
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- 20316 Out of In-Conference Trustee Mywaart served motion 1241 hrs.
M/C
That the Board of Trustees move out of the in-conference meeting and recess until 1300 hrs.
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- 20317 Regrets: Jeff Thompson at 1300 hrs.
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- 20318 Convene Regular Meeting Vice Chair, Glenn Cooper, called the meeting to order
M/C
That the Board of Trustees reconvene the Regular Meeting at 1316 hrs.
- Other attendees: 6
Media: 2
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- 20319 O Canada Vice Chair, Glenn Cooper, welcomed everyone present and invited them to stand for the national anthem.
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- 20320 Question Period There were no questions.
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20321 Additions to Agenda None

20322 Approval of Agenda Trustee Drover served motion at 1318 hrs.
M/C
That the agenda be approved.

20323 Delegations and Presentations

Spotlight on Education

Ecole McTavish Junior High Public School

Associate Superintendent, Phil Meagher, introduced Ecole McTavish Principal, Scott Barr. Two students accompanied Mr. Barr and after introducing themselves, went on to explain what the presentation was about: a) volunteering; and b) McTavish time.

McTavish time was explained, and some of the topics students suggested for discussion included: nuclear energy/war, holocaust, sexism and sports, homosexuality, racism, homelessness, animal cruelty, cosmetic testing, video games, carbon footprint, human rights, social media, etc.

Mr. Barr indicated students are asked to do 15 hours of community service, mentioning that the total number of community service hours anticipated from Ecole McTavish students would total 10,000.

20324 Chair, Jeff Thompson, joined at 1327 hrs.

20325 Continuation of Spotlight on Education

Ecole McTavish Junior High Public School

Mr. Barr described Ecole McTavish's project-based learning program and circulated copy of a letter that is sent to parents.

Presentations
Decade Marker – Ecole McTavish

Chair, Jeff Thompson, called upon Principal Scott Barr to present the Decade Marker. Mr. Barr provided some history and comparisons between the first school and the new Ecole McTavish and asked the students in attendance to unveil the decade marker.

Trustees thanked the staff and students of Ecole McTavish Junior High Public School for their enlightening and informative Spotlight on Education and their decade marker presentation.

20326 Superintendent of Schools Report

Superintendent Parsons provided highlights of his report which had been previously provided to trustees and senior administration, including mention of the huge volunteer commitment that went into the Eagle Ridge Partnership sod-turning ceremony and the District's 100th Anniversary celebrations.

Superintendent Parsons also updated trustees and senior administration on receipt of the Student Speak Out Report/Results and brought forward a motion to acknowledge receipt of the report.



20327 Acknowledge Receipt of Student Speak Out Report/Results Trustees Mywaart and Cooper felt the Student Speak Out Report/Results was very valuable and would be useful as the District moves forward.

Trustee Mywaart served motion at 1346 hrs.
M/C
That the Board of Trustees acknowledge receipt of the Student Speak Out Report 2011 – 2012 provided by the Education Department.

20328 Superintendent of Schools Report (continued) Superintendent Parsons also updated trustees and senior administration on the development and launch on August 31st of a new District Website. He also spoke about the Strategic Plan on-One-Page and called upon Dr. Sautner to briefly explain the newly developed District Framework.

Trustees requested a copy of the Strategic Plan-on-a-Page and Dr. Sautner indicated she would provide them with an electronic copy.

Superintendent Parsons also updated trustees and senior administration on the work of the Policy Advisory Committee during the 2011 – 2012 school year and indicated two policies will be placed on the District website for first reading in the very near future.

20329 Approval – Board Organization – 2012 – 2013 School Year Chair, Jeff Thompson, updated trustees and senior administration on completion of this annual process. He reviewed the current positions and roles.

Trustee Cooper served motion at 1404 hrs.
M/C
That the Board of Trustees acknowledge the appointments to committees and election to positions for the 2012-2013 school year.

20330 Approval – 2012 – 2013 Schedule for Trustee School Visits Chair, Jeff Thompson, updated trustees and senior administration on annual process of scheduling trustee visits to District Schools. Trustee Mywaart indicated she felt this was an invaluable process. Chair, Jeff Thompson, also felt it gave trustees direct contact at ground level.

Trustee Cooper served motion at 1409 hrs.
M/C
That the Board of Trustees review and approve the proposed 2012 – 2013 schedule for trustee school visits.

20331 Approval – Borrowing Resolution for Current Expenditures Chair, Jeff Thompson, called upon Associate Superintendent, Allan Kallal, to update trustees and senior administration on the background for this request.

Trustee Drover served motion at 1412 hrs.
M/C
That the Board of Trustees approve a borrowing resolution in the amount of \$2,000,000.



20332 Approval of Locally Developed/Acquired Course – Reading 15 – 25 (5)

Superintendent, Dennis Parsons, called upon Dr. Brenda Sautner to inform trustees and senior administration on the request for Board approval of Locally Developed/Acquired Course – Reading 15 -25.

Trustee Mywaart served motion at 1414 hrs.
M/C
That the Board of Trustees approve the locally developed/acquired course, Reading 15 – 25 (5).

20333 Reaffirmation – Policy DN – School Properties Disposal Procedure

Associate Superintendent, Allan Kallal, updated trustees and senior administration on the purpose of this policy and its coverage. Mr. Kallal noted an amendment that was overlooked.

Trustee Cooper served motion at 1417 hrs.
M/C
That the Board of Trustees reaffirm the attached policy, as amended.

20334 Approval of Amended Policy EBBC – Fire Safety Precautions

Associate Superintendent, Allan Kallal, updated trustees and senior administration on the proposed amendments to Policy EBBC. Mr. Kallal also noted one error that will be corrected.

Trustee Drover served motion at 1422 hrs.
M/C
That the Board of Trustees approve the attached policy with the recommended change.

20335 Approval – First Reading of Policy FLA – Surplus Land and Buildings

Associate Superintendent, Allan Kallal, updated trustees and senior administration on the background and purpose of this policy. Trustee Mywaart inquired about policy coverage and who it pertained to and Mr. Kallal responded this Policy pertained to only our District. Chair, Jeff Thompson, indicated this policy will also go before the Policy Advisory Committee.

Trustee Mywaart served motion at 1425 hrs.
M/C
That the Board of Trustees approve the first reading of the attached Policy FLA – Surplus Land and Buildings.

20336 Recess

Trustee Cooper served motion at 1428 hrs.
M/C
That the Board of Trustees recess for 15 minutes.

20337 Reconvene

Trustee Cooper served motion at 1443 hrs.
M/C
That the Board of Trustees reconvene the Regular Board meeting.



20338 Trustee Items Trustee Engagement - Trustee Mywaart reported on trustee engagement since the June 18, 2012, Board Meeting:

June 19 Meeting with Education Minister Jeff Johnson
June 22 Frank Spragins Graduation
June 22 ASBA Zone 2/3
June 26 Aspiring Leaders Year-end get together
June 28 COMP Graduation/WW Graduation
July 3 Meeting MLAs Don Scott and Mike Allen
July 10 MLA Dinner - Sawridge
(Health Partners International—Brian Jean)
Aug 14 100th Anniversary Committee Meeting
Aug 23 Governance Workshop with Maurice Fritz in Edmonton
Aug 23-25 PSBC in Edmonton
Aug 28 District Welcome Back Assembly
Aug 31 Sod Turning for Walter and Gladys Hill Elementary School
Aug 31-Sept 2 100th Anniversary Celebration Weekend
Sept 7 United Way Campaign Launch

20339 Correspondence

1. Chair, Jeff Thompson, updated trustees and senior administration on his receipt of a letter from Minister Jeff Johnson dated July 20th thanking the District for participating in the recent round of meetings and reaffirming the partnership he has with School Boards as the Education Minister.
2. Chair, Jeff Thompson, also updated trustees and senior administration on his receipt of a letter from the Alberta Teachers' Association regarding the upcoming World Teacher's Day scheduled for October 5, 2012.

20340 Business Arising None

20341 Other Business

1. Review of New Meeting Format
Chair, Jeff Thompson, updated trustees and senior administration on the reformatting of board meetings to make them effective and also engaging for the public. He asked trustees if they had any comments or suggestions regarding the new meeting structure.

Trustee Mywaart questioned the scheduling of these meetings, i.e. during the day versus in the evening, recognizing the importance of our Spotlight on Education segments.

Chair, Jeff Thompson, suggested surveying the District's stakeholders to obtain their feedback on their preference for Board meeting times.

Trustees discussed at length the pros and cons for day-time meetings versus evening meetings. It was agreed Superintendent Parsons will prepare a survey to be posted on the District's new website and the results of the survey will be reviewed at the October 22, 2012, Board meeting.

20342 Request for Information None

20343 Future Agenda Items To be determined.



