



Minutes of the In-Camera, In-Conference and Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fort McMurray Public School District, held in the Main Board Room, Clearwater Public Education Centre, 2014 01 27.

Attendees:

Chair	Jeff Thompson
Trustee	Tim O'Hara
Trustee	Linda Mywaart
Trustee	Angela Adams
Superintendent	Doug Nicholls
Associate Superintendent	Brenda Sautner
- Education & Admin.	
Associate Superintendent	Allan Kallal
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Recording Secretary	Sharon Dunn
Regrets:	Trustee Stephen Drover

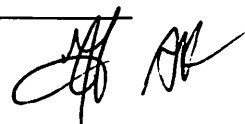
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20996	Call to Order	Chair, Jeff Thompson, called the meeting to order at 1449 hrs.
20997	Additions to the In-Camera Agenda	None.
20998	Approval of Agenda	Trustee O'Hara served motion at 1450 hrs. M/C That the agenda be approved.
20999	In-Camera Meeting	Trustee Adams served motion at 1450 hrs. M/C That the meeting proceed to the In-Camera meeting.
21000	Out of In-Camera	Trustee O'Hara served motion at 1536 hrs. M/C That the Board of Trustees move out of the In-Camera meeting and proceed to In Conference.
21001	Additions to Agenda	Trustee Development Municipal Tax Assessment Survey
21002	Approval of Agenda	Trustee Adams served motion at 1540 hrs. M/C That the agenda be approved.
21003	Minutes – In-Camera, In-Conference and Regular Meeting 2013 12 16	Trustee Adams served motion at 1541 hrs. M/C That the Minutes of 2013 12 16 In-Camera, In-Conference and Regular Meeting be approved.
21004	Minutes – Committee of the Whole 2014 01 06	Trustee O'Hara served motion at 1542 hrs. M/C That the Minutes of 2014 01 06 Committee of the Whole Meeting be approved.

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- 21005 **Business Arising from the Minutes** RMWB Step Program – Trustee, Angela Adams, advised she is not able to provide any information on this committee. Associate Superintendent, Allan Kallal, indicated he will pursue this matter further with the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.
- Coaches Code of Conduct – Trustee Adams advised trustees and senior administration that the Coaches Code of Conduct was shared with Network Committee members on Wednesday, January 22, 2014. Trustee Adams also reported on the feedback obtained regarding a Parent Code of Conduct and suggested this topic be referred to the Policy Advisory Committee for policy development.
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- 21006 **Superintendent's Report** Superintendent, Doug Nicholls, updated trustees and senior administration on several recommendations made during the recent Board Planning Session, including a 6:30 p.m. start for future Board meetings. Superintendent Nicholls also indicated the Alberta Initiative for Student Improvement (AISI) is being reviewed as part of the Budget process.
- A schedule of the June 2014 high school graduation ceremonies was provided to trustees. Trustees agreed to review this schedule again during the June Committee of the Whole meeting.
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- 21007 **Inspiring Education Symposium** Chair, Jeff Thompson, updated trustees and senior administration on the Inspiring Education Symposium scheduled on February 19, 2014, in Calgary. Chair Thompson confirmed his attendance, as well as that of Superintendent, Doug Nicholls, and Walter & Gladys Hill School Principal, Annalee Nutter.
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- 21008 **Trustee Engagement** Since the December 16, 2013, Board Meeting, trustees attended or participated in:
- December 12: Ecole McTavish Christmas Concert
  - December 17: Fort McMurray Christian School Christmas Concert rehearsal
  - December 17: Timberlea School Christmas Concert
  - December 18: Beacon Hill School Christmas Concert
  - December 18: Composite High School Concert
  - December 19: Tech Department Christmas Social
  - January 6: Committee of the Whole Meeting
  - January 7: CUPE Negotiations
  - January 10: Board "Christmas Potluck" at CPEC
  - January 13: Game On Summer Games Unveiling (2015 Summer Games)
  - January 13: Open Minds at Heritage Park with Beacon Hill School
  - January 16 - 17: Board Retreat Planning Session
  - January 19 - 22: ASBA Trustee Development Sessions in Edmonton
  - January 25: Vex Robotics Competition at Ecole McTavish
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- 21009 **Public School Boards Association (PSBA)** Trustees reviewed the upcoming Education Act Governance Seminar scheduled on March 12, 2014. Trustee Mywaart will attend on behalf of the Board.
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- 21010 **Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA)** Trustees reviewed the upcoming ASBA Spring Legal/Labour Conference scheduled on February 24 and 25, 2014, in Edmonton. Trustee, Tim O'Hara, and Associate Superintendent, Allan Kallal, confirmed their attendance.
- Chair, Jeff Thompson, updated trustees and senior administration on ASBA's Reserve Survey sent to all member Boards. Associate Superintendent, Allan Kallal, reviewed the District's response, which has been submitted to ASBA.
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- 21011 **February 3rd Committee of the Whole Meeting & Tour of Schools** Chair, Jeff Thompson, reminded trustees and senior administration of the upcoming Committee of the Whole Meeting scheduled on February 3<sup>rd</sup> preceded by school visits.



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- 21012    **Trustee Development**      Chair, Jeff Thompson, requested trustees review the list of upcoming conferences and confirm whether they plan to attend any of them as part of their trustee professional development. This topic will be reviewed again at an upcoming meeting.
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- 21013    **Municipal Tax Assessment Survey**      Chair, Jeff Thompson, updated trustees and senior administration on the Municipal Tax Assessment Survey - Corporate School Support Declaration brought to his attention by Trustee Adams. Trustee Adams expressed her concern regarding some of the wording. The Board requested Associate Superintendent, Allan Kallal, follow up with the Alberta School Boards Association and other Secretary-Treasurers in Alberta and report back at an upcoming meeting.
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- 21014    **Review of Public Agenda**      Trustees reviewed the public agenda in preparation for the Regular Board meeting.
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- 21015    **Out of In-Conference**      Trustee O'Hara served motion at 1646 hrs.  
M/C  
That the Board of Trustees move out of the In-Conference meeting and recess until 1900 hrs.
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- 21016                                      Joined: Trustee, Linda Mywaart (via teleconference) and Associate Superintendent, Phil Meagher, at 7:00 p.m.
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- 21017    **Convene Regular Meeting**      Chair, Jeff Thompson, called the meeting to order  
M/C  
That the Board of Trustees reconvene the Regular Meeting at 1900 hrs.
- Other attendees:      Full audience  
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- 21018    **O Canada**      Chair, Jeff Thompson, welcomed everyone present and invited meeting attendees to stand for the national anthem.
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- 21019    **Question Period**      There were no questions.
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- 21020    **Additions to Agenda**      Alberta School Boards Association (ASCA)
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- 21021    **Approval of Agenda**      Trustee O'Hara served motion at 1906 hrs.  
M/C  
That the agenda be approved.
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- 21022    **Trustee Items**      Board Chair, Jeff Thompson, updated meeting attendees on trustees' participation in school events, Christmas concerts, District events, and conferences since the last regular Board meeting.
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21023 District SpotlightSpotlight on Education

Presentation by Fort McMurray Christian School

Associate Superintendent, Brenda Sautner, introduced Fort McMurray Christian School Principal, Joe Champion. Mr. Champion, in turn, introduced teacher Mrs. Anna-Marie Mywaart. Mrs. Mywaart outlined the value and benefits of music and art instruction for students. Christian School students performed a delightful interactive musical activity with trustees and senior administration, followed by student's individual artwork presentations.

Trustees were very impressed by the artwork presented, and thanked the students for sharing their love of music and art.

District Initiatives

Operations & Maintenance Update on Christina Gordon Construction

Associate Superintendent, Allan Kallal, introduced Tony Brammar, Senior Architect with ACI Architects Inc. Mr. Brammar shared a copy of the plans for Christina Gordon Elementary School with trustees and senior administration.

Trustees were excited with the start of another new school and thanked Mr. Brammar for his presentation. This school will come with six portables and is slated to open September 2016.

## 21024 Superintendent of Schools Report

Superintendent, Doug Nicholls, highlighted the key elements of his report including an update on the C.2 Committee's proposed staff survey that will be conducted in March.

Superintendent Nicholls also briefed trustees on a proposed move of Fort McMurray Islamic School Grades 7, 8 and 9 to the Fort McMurray Composite High School effective the 2014 – 2015 school year. Discussion followed.

Trustee Mywaart served motion at 2024 hrs.

M/Defeated

That the Board of Trustees table the action item until the February Board meeting.

Trustee Mywaart stressed the importance for all senior leadership team members to take very thorough steps in making parents aware of the Board's reasons for undertaking this course of action.

Trustee Adams served motion at 2032 hrs.

M/C (Unanimously)

That the Board of Trustees instruct the Superintendent and his staff to work towards moving the FMIS Grades 7, 8 and 9 move to Composite High School effective the 2014 – 2015 school year.

The Associate Superintendents provided trustees with the highlights of their reports.

## 21025 Approval-in-Principle – Edge School Skills Academy Grade 9 Hockey Trip to Boston, May 13 – 19, 2014

Trustee Adams served motion at 2051 hrs.

M/C, as amended

That the Board of Trustees give approval-in-principle for Edge School Skills Academy Students to travel to Boston, May 13 – 19, 2014, subject to appropriate insurance coverage for non-Edge students.

## 21026 Approve Minor Amendments to Policies EEAB School Bus Scheduling &amp; Routing and EED Student Suspension /Transportation Services

Trustee Mywaart served motion at 2055 hrs.

M/C, with Trustee O'Hara abstaining

That the Board of Trustees approve Policies EEAB School Bus Scheduling & Routing and EED Student Suspension/Transportation Services, as amended.

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| 21027 | Alberta School Councils Association (ASCA) | Trustee Adams served motion at 2055 hrs.<br>M/C<br>That the Board of Trustees approve reimbursement of the registration costs of two parents per school for the ASCA Annual General Meeting as well as coverage of the District schools' ASCA annual membership fee through their trustees' budget. |
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| 21028 | Correspondence | 1. Chair, Jeff Thompson, updated meeting attendees on the January 21, 2014, letter he received from the Honourable Jeff Johnson regarding the December 2013 capital announcements.<br><br>Chair Thompson also updated trustees and senior administration that the Naming Committee met prior to the Board meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss naming of the new school that will be built in Parsons Creek. Chair Thompson reported the Committee will be seeking public input sometime in April. From the public input, the Committee will create a short list that will be brought before the Board for discussion and a decision. |
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| 21029 | Business Arising | None. |
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| 21030 | Other Business | None. |
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| 21031 | Request for Information | None. |
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| 21032 | Future Agenda Items | To be determined. |
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| 21033 | Adjourn | There being no further business, Chair, Jeff Thompson, adjourned the meeting at 2104 hrs. |
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BOARD CHAIR

  
SECRETARY-TREASURER

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21034	Call to Order	Chair, Jeff Thompson, called the meeting to order at 1432 hrs.
21035	Additions to the In-Camera Agenda	Walter & Gladys Hill School
21036	Approval of Agenda	Trustee O'Hara served motion at 1434 hrs. M/C That the agenda be approved.
21037	In-Camera Meeting	Trustee Mywaart served motion at 1434 hrs. M/C That the meeting proceed to the In-Camera meeting.
21038		Joined: Trustee Drover at 1440 hrs.
21039	Out of In-Camera	Trustee O'Hara served motion at 1602 hrs. M/C That the Board of Trustees move out of the In-Camera meeting and proceed to In Conference.
21040	Additions to Agenda	KAOS Radio Banquet
21041	Approval of Agenda	Trustee Drover served motion at 1617 hrs. M/C That the agenda be approved.
21042	Minutes – In-Camera, In-Conference and Regular Meeting 2014 01 27	Trustee O'Hara served motion at 1617 hrs. M/C That the Minutes of 2014 01 27 In-Camera, In-Conference and Regular Meeting be approved.

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