



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:	October 14, 2015
In Attendance:	<p>Jeff Thompson, Board Chair Linda Mywaart, Vice Chair Tim O'Hara, Trustee Stephen Drover, 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</p>
Regrets:	Angela Adams, Trustee

21606	Call to Order	Board Chair J. Thompson called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.
21607	Additions to In-Camera Agenda	There were no additions to the in-camera agenda
21608	Approval of Agenda	Motion by Trustee Drover to approve the In-Camera Agenda. M/C
21609	In-Camera Meeting	Motion by Trustee O'Hara to proceed to the In-Camera Meeting at 2:02 p.m. M/C
21610	Out of In-Camera	Motion by Trustee Drover to move out of the In-Camera Meeting at 3:10 p.m. M/C
21611	Regular Meeting	Board Chair J. Thompson called the Regular Meeting to order at 3:17 p.m.
21612	Additions to Agenda	Vice Chair L. Mywaart requested the addition of November 18, 2015 Board Meeting under Agenda Item 25 Trustee Items/Engagement.
21613	Approval of Agenda	Motion by Trustee Drover to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda with addition at 3:19 p.m. M/C
21614	Declaration of Conflict	Board Chair J. Thompson reminded Trustees of their responsibility to make a declaration should any agenda item pose a conflict. There were no conflicts noted.
21615	Minutes: Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes 09/08/2015 In-Camera & Regular Meeting Minutes 09/16/2015	<p>Motion by Vice Chair Mywaart to approve the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of 09/08/2015 as circulated. M/C</p> <p>Motion by Trustee O'Hara to approve the In-Camera & Regular Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes of 09/16/2015 as circulated. M/C</p>
21616	Business Arising from Minutes	An action log of business arising from minutes has been created. Business arising action items have been assigned completion dates. There were no business arising action items to bring forward at this meeting.

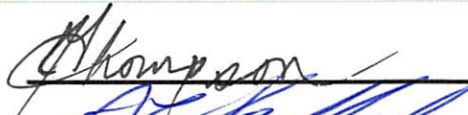
21617	Public School Boards' Association (PSBA)	<p>Vice Chair Mywaart encouraged fellow Trustees to review the Fall Meeting Package as it contains important information to assist with the budget and revised work plan discussions. Elections will also be held and there is potential for a number of staffing changes. An update was provided on the FMPSD Strategic Direction presentation for the Trustee University III.</p> <p>Vice Chair Mywaart also shared it is PSBA's intention to extend an invitation to students to attend the spring meeting.</p>
21617	Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA)	<p>The ASBA Fall General Meeting is scheduled on November 15 - 17, 2015 just before the PSBA on November 13 and 15, 2015.</p> <p>Input to Minister's Consultation: Board Chair J. Thompson summarized the supporting document. Vice Chair Mywaart expressed concern with a statement in the document regarding Employer Bargaining Association (EBA). The document suggests that ASBA should be governing the process. Board Chair J. Thompson commented that based on previous discussions, ASBA has taken a different position on the EBA. Our Board's perspective is that government should be at the bargaining table.</p>
21619	HICA Field Trip Application - Westwood Community High School Student Travel to Costa Rica (March 25 - April 3, 2016), Final Approval	<p>Superintendent D. Nicholls provided an overview of this field trip submission. Students from Biology Advanced Placement, grades 11 and 12 will travel to San José, Costa Rica for hands-on learning and lessons on preservation and conservation as well as biological diversity. Following the last Board Meeting, chaperones were named and shared with Trustees to ensure the staff/student ratio is adhered to.</p> <p>Motion by Trustee Drover that the Board of Trustees give final approval for Westwood Community High School student travel to San José, Costa Rica, March 25 - April 3, 2016.</p> <p>M/C</p>
21620	Enrolment Report	<p>Associate Superintendent A. Kallal provided an overview of the enrolment report. The district is seeing continuous growth in both Div 2 and Junior High. With the opening of Christina Gordon Public School and the expansion of École McTavish Junior High School the district will have two additional options for growth north of the river. The District continues to work with increasing programming options for all our schools. To summarize, the District looks for continued growth in the years ahead based on programming and location of schools.</p> <p>Board Chair J. Thompson commented that given the downturn in the economy the District has done well as the small decrease in enrolment has not resulted in layoffs for any teaching staff.</p>
21621	<p>Policy:</p> <p>HA Curriculum Goals</p> <p>GCCC Relocation Expenses of New District Administrators</p>	<p>HA Curriculum Goals: Policy HA Curriculum Goals (2002) is recommended to be rescinded as it is out of date and not aligned to the Guide to Education: ECS to Grade 12 (2015 - 2016) or the Ministerial Order on Student Learning (2013). A completely new policy will be needed to support the changes to the School Act, curriculum re-design. The new policy will be brought forward at a later date when the proposed Education Act takes effect. The Guide to Education and the Ministerial Order are both in place to guide and support.</p> <p>Motion by Trustee O'Hara to accept the recommendation to rescind policy HA Curriculum Goal as presented.</p> <p>M/C</p> <p>GCCC Relocation Expenses of New District Administrators: Associate Superintendent A. Kallal requested that this item be deferred to the November meeting.</p>
21622	PAT and Diploma Results	<p>Summary of Accomplishments 2015: Associate Superintendent B. Sautner provided a summary. Some of the data for the Accountability Pillars is collected through various surveys conducted to obtain feedback from parents and students. The survey's are not conducted by FMPSD. Compared to other students in the province, our Diploma Exam results have declined.</p> <p>2015 Accountability Pillar Overall Summary: A summary was presented. FMPSD scored high on the Safe and Caring Schools. Overall, we have maintained a good rating. The dropout rate is an issue for all of the province, not just FMPSD. Discussions continue with administration on the importance of results. All results are equally important, not just Provincial Achievement Tests. When school administrators present their School Growth Plans to Trustees in January they will share their strategies for improvement. Information</p>

		<p>on the importance of continued parental involvement at all grades will be shared with parents at the Joint Networks Committee Meeting.</p> <p>Superintendent D. Nicholl shared there will be a change in the way diploma exams are calculated this year. There is always something to work on and we will continue to build on strengths. We will be taking a closer look at the results to see if there are some teaching or learning gaps that need to be addressed.</p> <p>Board Chair J. Thompson thanked staff, students and parents, commenting certainly for the system to be effective, it takes everyone to be engaged.</p>
21623	Meeting with the Minister of Education Update	<p>Board Chair J. Thompson and Superintendent D. Nicholls met with the Minister of Education and his staff on September 29, 2015. This meeting provided an opportunity to share some highlights and showcase the district, as well as discuss some of the challenges we face. During the meeting issues were provided to the Minister with some recommendations and suggestions for improvement. The Minister shared that the Education Act would receive royal assent in 2016. Overall, it was a constructive conversation.</p> <p>Motion by Trustee Drover to recess at 4:09 p.m.</p> <p>Motion by Vice Chair Mywaart to reconvene at 4:57 p.m.</p>
21624	Board Support FMWB 2017 Alberta 55+ Games / 2018 Alberta Winter Games	<p>Board Chair J. Thompson welcomed guests Monica Lance, Community Strategies Coordinator, and Carole Bouchard, Director of Community Services both with the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo. C. Bouchard shared that they have been directed by City Council to put forth a bid for the 2017 55+ Games and the 2018 Alberta Winter Games. The presentation provided an overview of the games and games history. The Bid Committee is looking for a letter of support from FMPSD to host both games.</p> <p>Motion by Trustee Drover for FMPSD Board of Trustees to provide a letter of support for the 2017 55+ Games and the 2018 Alberta Winter Games.</p> <p>Based on the school calendar the 2018 Alberta Winter Games would potential be scheduled during Teacher Convention Week. This could negatively impact the games as students and teachers are out. Typically, families leave the city when school breaks are planned and this could also impact volunteers for the games.</p> <p>The bid for the 2017 55+ Games and the 2018 Alberta Winter Games have not incorporated the use of any of our schools, but could be used as a contingency.</p> <p>M/C</p> <p>Board Chair J. Thompson thanked both M. Lance and C. Bouchard for the presentation and information on the games.</p>
21625	Review of Evening Agenda	Trustees and Senior Administration reviewed the evening agenda.
21626	Recess	Motion by Trustee O'Hara to recess at 5:14 p.m.
21627	Reconvene Regular Meeting	Board Chair J. Thompson reconvened the Regular Board Meeting a 6:30 p.m.
21628	O' Canada	Board Chair J. Thompson welcomed students, staff, parents and community members and invited everyone to stand for the national anthem.
21629	Question Period	No questions were submitted for Question Period.
21630	Spotlight on Education	<p>At each Regular Board Meeting, the Spotlight on Education portion of the agenda will showcase one or two schools. Each school will highlight programs and initiatives to help promote student success.</p> <p>Fort McMurray Composite High School: Principal K. Bergen provided a summary of the many wonderful initiatives happening in their school. The spotlight showcased the partnership with Keyano College. Through this partnership, students have an incredible opportunity to broadcast Huskies Soccer home games. Teacher Mark Wilson and students, Samir Hamdan, Madison Day, Tanner Hadfield, Abdullah Mansoor shared a video that had been created by the students to showcase their accomplishments. Each student shared their enthusiasm and passion for this new project.</p>

		<p>Board Chair, Trustees and Superintendent D. Nicholls thanked M. Wilson for his commitment and sharing his passion with the students. The students were thanked for sharing their experiences. Principal K. Bergen was thanked for supporting staff and students. This program exemplifies the future is very bright for Fort McMurray Composite High School.</p> <p>Beacon Hill Public School: Principal W. Najmeddine shared information on Lexia Core 5, a program that provides reading interventions for student. Student Hannah MacDonald, Grade 6 shared her story. With the assistance of Lexia Core 5, H. MacDonald was able to reach her grade level in reading. Hannah's parents shared that within a month they noticed improvement with her reading and know she enjoys reading. H. MacDonald shared the reading program is a valuable tool for her and for other students.</p> <p>Board Chair J. Thompson, Trustees and Superintendent D. Nicholls thanks H. MacDonald for sharing her story. Principal W. Najmeddine and the staff at Beacon Hill Public School were also thanked for their commitment to students and doing what's best for kids.</p>																								
21631	District Showcase	<p>PEAK Academy: Principal S. Barr shared he is proud to attend the Board Meeting in his role and as Program Director with the PEAK Academy. Dance Instructor, N. Antony was introduced and shared her experience and background. The dance program enrolment has increased to 39 students this year. A video was also shared to provide an overview of the different dance techniques and training provided to students. A grant for the program was received by the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo. The grant has provided an opportunity for the program to bring in guest instructors to compliment the program and to work with the students.</p> <p>Board Chair J. Thompson, Trustees and Superintendent D. Nicholls thanked N. Antony for the passion and vision she has brought to the program.</p>																								
21632	Recess	<p>Motion to recess at 7:29 p.m. Reconvened at 7:35 p.m.</p>																								
21633	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 period of September/October.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>September 17, 2015</td> <td>Dr. K. A. Clark Elementary School Welcome Back BBQ</td> </tr> <tr> <td>September 17, 2015</td> <td>Chamber of Commerce Networking Luncheon with Dave Mowat of ATB, Head of the Royalty Review Team</td> </tr> <tr> <td>September 23, 2015</td> <td>Fort McMurray Composite High School Visioning Session</td> </tr> <tr> <td>September 25, 2015</td> <td>ASBA Zone 2/3 Meeting</td> </tr> <tr> <td>September 28, 2015</td> <td>Planning Meeting for PSBAA Trustee University Session</td> </tr> <tr> <td>September 29, 2015</td> <td>Meeting with Minister of Education</td> </tr> <tr> <td>October 2 & 3, 2015</td> <td>Keyano Huskies Soccer (Fort McMurray Composite High School (Broadcast Crew)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>October 3, 2015</td> <td>Alberta Emerald Day at MacDonald Island</td> </tr> <tr> <td>October 5, 2015</td> <td>Fort McMurray Composite High School Modernization Meeting</td> </tr> <tr> <td>October 5, 2015</td> <td>Westview and Westwood School Visits</td> </tr> <tr> <td>October 5, 2015</td> <td>Committee of the Whole</td> </tr> <tr> <td>October 7, 2015</td> <td>C2 Committee Meeting</td> </tr> </table> <p>Following a brief discussion it was agreed to reschedule the November In-Camera/Regular Board Meeting. The meeting will now be held on Wednesday, November 25, 2015.</p>	September 17, 2015	Dr. K. A. Clark Elementary School Welcome Back BBQ	September 17, 2015	Chamber of Commerce Networking Luncheon with Dave Mowat of ATB, Head of the Royalty Review Team	September 23, 2015	Fort McMurray Composite High School Visioning Session	September 25, 2015	ASBA Zone 2/3 Meeting	September 28, 2015	Planning Meeting for PSBAA Trustee University Session	September 29, 2015	Meeting with Minister of Education	October 2 & 3, 2015	Keyano Huskies Soccer (Fort McMurray Composite High School (Broadcast Crew)	October 3, 2015	Alberta Emerald Day at MacDonald Island	October 5, 2015	Fort McMurray Composite High School Modernization Meeting	October 5, 2015	Westview and Westwood School Visits	October 5, 2015	Committee of the Whole	October 7, 2015	C2 Committee Meeting
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21634	Reports	<p>Superintendent D. Nicholls updated Trustees and Senior Administration on the current activities held throughout the District.</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 & Finance Department.</p> <p>Associate Superintendent B. Sautner updated Trustees and Senior Administration on the current scope of the Education & Administration Department.</p>																								
21635	Correspondence:	<p>Announcement from Minister of Education Regarding School Openings: Board Chair J.</p>																								

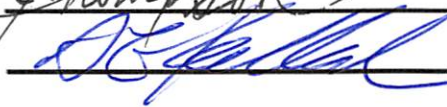
		Thompson summarized the news release from Alberta Government. Our goal will be to continue work with all parties for an opening date of September 2016 for Christina Gordon Public School. The budget will be announced later this month and there may be an update for our district.
21636	Business Arising from Presentations & Delegations at Previous Meetings	None.
21637	Other Business	Nancy Ball, ATA Representative extended an invitation to Trustees to attend the Annual Institute Day being held on October 30, 2015 at Holy Trinity School. An information email will be circulated to Trustees.
21638	Requests for Information	None noted.
21639	Future Agenda Items	No items identified
21640	Adjourn	There being no further business, Board Chair J. Thompson asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting. Motion by Trustee Drover to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Board Chair:



Date: November 25, 2015

Secretary-Treasurer:



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