



In-Camera and Regular Meeting Minutes of the Fort McMurray Public School District Board of Trustees, held at 231 Hardin Street, Fort McMurray
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Location:	Board Room - 231 Hardin Street
Date:	Wednesday, January 25, 2017
In Attendance:	<p>Jeff Thompson Board Chair Linda Mywaart, Vice Chair Angela Adams, Trustee (Arrived at 5:00 p.m.) Stephen Drover, Trustee Tim O'Hara, Trustee Doug Nicholls, Superintendent Phil Meagher, Deputy Superintendent - Human Resources & Administration Allan Kallal, Associate Superintendent - Business & Finance (Left Meeting at 7:56 p.m.) Brenda Sautner, Associate Superintendent - Education & Administration Shannon Noble, Assistant Superintendent - Inclusive Education Teena Francis, Recording Secretary</p>
Gallery Attendance:	53

	Item	Discussion
22025	Call to Order	Board Chair J. Thompson called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.
22026	Additions to In-Camera Agenda	There were no additions noted.
22027	Approval of Agenda	Motion by Trustee Drover to approve the In-Camera Agenda as circulated at 2:06 p.m. M/C
22028	In-Camera Meeting	Motion by Vice Chair Mywaart to proceed to the In-Camera Meeting at 2:07 p.m. M/C
22029	Out of In-Camera	Motion by Trustee O'Hara to move out of the In-Camera Meeting at 3:03 p.m. M/C Motion by Trustee Drover to recess at 3:03 p.m. M/C
22030	Regular Meeting	Board Chair J. Thompson called the Regular Meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.
22031	Additions to Agenda	Additions to the Regular Board Agenda included: 1. Under Alberta School Boards' Association - Update on ASBA Zone 2/3 Meeting 2. New item #7 - Question from Parent
22032	Approval of Agenda	Motion by Trustee Drover to approve the agenda with amendments at 3:11 p.m. M/C
22033	Declaration of Conflict	Board Chair J. Thompson reminded Trustees of their responsibility to make a declaration should any agenda item pose a conflict.
22034	Meeting Minutes	Motion by Trustee O'Hara that the Board of Trustees approve the In-Camera & Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2016. M/C Motion by Vice Chair Mywaart to approve the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2017. M/C
22035	Business Arising from Previous Meetings	Vice Chair Mywaart requested that Trustees revisit Trustee Development at an upcoming Committee of the Whole Meeting to discuss number of Trustees attending conference/workshops. This item will be added to February or March Committee of the Whole Agenda.

22036	Question from Parent - Fort McMurray Christian School	Board Chair J. Thompson received questions from a parent of the Fort McMurray Christian School. Board Chair J. Thompson shared the questions with fellow Trustees and commented he will respond to the parent during Question Period when the Regular Board Meeting resumes the evening session.
22037	Public School Boards' Association/Public School Board Council Update	Trustee O'Hara will be attending the PSBC Session on February 9 - 11, 2017. Trustee O'Hara also shared additional information electronically with fellow Trustees. Trustee O'Hara reported it was agreed to return the funds that were collected for the levy to the respective School Board's in the event they are not used for their intended purpose.
22038	Alberta School Boards Association Update	Vice Chair Mywaart shared the notes from the ASBA Zone 2/3 Meeting electronically with fellow Trustees. Additionally, Vice Chair Mywaart commented the survey that was shared will need to be completed by February 6, 2017. It was agreed to complete the survey at the Committee of the Whole meeting.
22039	Appointment of Auditors	<p>Associate Superintendent A. Kallal presented the recommendation to appoint auditors for the 2016 - 2017 fiscal year.</p> <p>Associate Superintendent A. Kallal commented that MNP continues to provide the District with quality audit services. Their rates and services were reduced last year. MNP provides balance and continuity on the audit team, adding new members to ensure a quality audit service.</p> <p>Motion by Trustee Drover that the Board of Trustees appoint the firm of Meyers Norris Penny (MNP) as the District's Auditors for the 2016-2017 fiscal year and 2016 Pension Audit and Winter 2017 School Audits.</p> <p>M/C</p>
22040	Request to Change Number of Trustees at Fall Elections	<p>Associate Superintendent A. Kallal presented on this recommendation requesting to change the number of FMPSD Trustees at the Fall Elections.</p> <p>The District has some challenges with quorum on passing budget and or collective agreements. As well, the District, being located a five (5) hour drive from Edmonton makes it difficult for the Trustees to attend the required meetings of Alberta Education and Associations.</p> <p>Finally, with a community that has large number of working adults (many working 12-hour shifts) and few retirees and/or part-time workers, it is difficult for Trustees to balance work and Trustee obligations. The District has adjusted meeting times from all day, to evening, to some day and some night, but has not been able to solve the issues of conflict of interest/quorum and getting attendance to meetings.</p> <p>The Board of Trustees believes that 7 (seven) elected trustees would be better able to meet the needs of the community by having greater opportunity for reaching quorum for voting and splitting the attendance to district, department and association commitments. The Board requests that the Minister use the powers awarded under section 247 to increase the number of trustees to seven (7) for the Fall election.</p> <p>Motion by Trustee O'Hara that the Board of Trustees make a request to the Minister of Education to increase the number of Trustees from five (5) to seven (7) for the Fall election.</p> <p>Trustees agreed to present this item at the Joint Networks Committee Meeting to satisfy the Minister's process. Superintendent D. Nicholls agreed to lead the discussion.</p> <p>Trustees recommended background information be included in the letter to the Minister and should address the number of new schools to the District, funding and deficit and increased workload, and time commitments for our current Trustees.</p> <p>M/C</p> <p>Trustees also requested the Superintendent's Office contact the Minister's Office to schedule a meeting before the end of the school year.</p>

22041	Field Trip Application - École McTavish Junior High School	<p>Superintendent D. Nicholls provided additional information on the field trip submission from École McTavish Junior High School.</p> <p>The École McTavish FIRST Lego League (FLL) Robotics Team, “Mechanimals” has been selected to represent Alberta in the 20167 - 2017 FLL Razorback Invitational Event, after placing 2nd in the FIRST League (FLL) Provincial Tournament.</p> <p>Motion by Trustee Drover that the Board of Trustees give École McTavish Junior High School Robotics Team approval-in-principle to travel to Fayetteville, Arkansas, USA, May 17 - 22, 2017.</p> <p>Friendly amendment to the original motion.</p> <p>That the Board of Trustees waive the administrative procedures timelines for approval-in-principal for international travel, and give École McTavish Junior High School Robotics Team approval-in-principle to travel to Fayetteville, Arkansas, USA, May 17 - 22, 2017.</p> <p>M/C</p>
22042	Review Board Evening Agenda	Trustees and Senior Administration reviewed the evening agenda.
22043	Recess	Motion by Trustee Drover to recess the Regular Board Meeting at 4:11 p.m. M/C
22044	Reconvene Board Regular Meeting	Board Chair J. Thompson reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
22045	National Anthem	Board Chair J. Thompson welcomed guests and invited everyone to stand for the National Anthem.
22046	Question Period	<p>A question was submitted by L. MacDonald, parent from Fort McMurray Christian School. Board Chair J. Thompson provided an overview of the process for submitting questions for Question Period.</p> <p>The questions submitted pertained to the Fort McMurray Christian School grade expansion and relocation in the 2017 - 2018 school year.</p> <p>Board Chair J. Thompson advised that the Fort McMurray Christian Society has been invited to attend the February 6, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting to present their proposal on possible grade expansion and relocation to another FMPSD facility.</p> <p>Once the proposal has been presented, Trustees will review the issues and determine the best course of action. Depending on the proposal, Board Chair J. Thompson shared Trustees will work to have a response at the April Regular Board Meeting</p> <p>Board Chair J. Thompson thanked L. MacDonald for her submission.</p>
22047	Spotlight on Education	<p>Bell Let's Talk: Trustees and Senior Administration were presented with Bell Let's Talk Toque to recognize and spread awareness for Mental Health.</p> <p>École Dickinsfield Elementary School: Students presented on the growing Coding Program. Over 1200 students in the District participate in the Coding Program.</p> <p>Students spoke about enjoying the after-school initiative immensely, and taking the learned skills home to create their own games, and programs. FMPSD Tech was appreciated for its assistance in keeping the programs thriving at schools.</p> <p>Trustees and Senior Administration thanked the students and staff for their very informative presentation.</p> <p>École McTavish Junior High School: S. Barr, Principal - École McTavish Junior High School, who also oversees PEAK (Passion, Excellence, Attitude, Knowledge) sports</p>

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22048	District Showcase	<p>TAFI Award: The Twitter, Apps, Facebook, and Instagram – TAFI Award went to S. Livingstone, who is a teacher, and currently with FMPSD Technology Department at District Office. She's @aylwardsam on Twitter, and most of her over 6000 tweets are about FMPSD and all the great work going on in our schools.</p> <p>Fort McMurray Christian School Tech Trade Academy: Teachers A. Dinan, and R. Rigby presented on the growing Tech Trade Academies for Grades 4-6 and 7-9. The Academies consist of pre-engineering and multimedia streams. Elementary students are using Tynker, and have written 6,844 lines of code while the junior highs have 25,339 lines of coding completed. They are also working on graphics, photography, and movies, to name a few initiatives.</p> <p>Trustees and Senior Administration thanked staff for their commitment to students and commented it is exciting to see students engaged and passionate.</p> <p>Westwood Student Honoured with Governor Award for Bravery: Chelsea Little, Westwood Community High School student was honoured for her Governor General Award from December. She saved her step father and uncle from drowning in a Newfoundland lake.</p>
22049	Community Partners	<p>United Way Campaign: Superintendent D. Nicholls introduced United Way Representatives R. Thomas, and H. Frihed. Superintendent Nicholls acknowledged G. Bowers, Administrative Assistant for leading the District's United Way campaign. This year the FMPSD family raised \$22,288.53 for the United Way bringing our grand total to over \$640,000 in the last 30 years.</p>
22050	Recess	<p>The Regular Board Meeting recessed at 7:56 p.m. and reconvened at 8:03 p.m. Associate Superintendent A. Kallal left the meeting at 7:56 p.m.</p>
22051	Trustee Items/Engagement	<p>Board Chair J. Thompson provided a summary of community engagements and provincial association meetings that were attended for the period of January 2017.</p>
22052	Reports	<p>Superintendent D. Nicholls updated Trustees and Senior Administration on the current activities held throughout the District. Superintendent D. Nicholls commented it has been a very busy, active and successful month for the District.</p> <p>Deputy Superintendent P. Meagher updated Trustees and Senior Administration on the current scope of the Human Resources and Administration Department. Deputy Superintendent P. Meagher provided an overview of the proposed 2018 - 2017 District Calendar.</p> <p>Superintendent D. Nicholls updated Trustees and Senior Administration on the current scope of the Business & Finance Department on behalf of Associate Superintendent A.</p>

		<p>Kallal.</p> <p>Associate Superintendent B. Sautner updated Trustees and Senior Administration on the current scope of the Education & Administration Department. Trustee Adams suggested an invitation to an Elder be extended so that the importance of language and culture could be explained. The Board of Trustees could also publicly acknowledge we are on Treaty Land.</p> <p>Assistant Superintendent S. Noble updated Trustees and Senior Administration on the current scope of the Inclusive Education/Mental Health Department.</p>
22053	Correspondence	No correspondence received.
22054	Business Arising from Presentations & Delegations at Previous Meetings	There was no business arising to bring forward at this time.
22055	Other Business	No other business was brought forward at this time.
22056	Requests for Information	Vice Chair Mywaart brought forward the incident recently reported regarding an Edmonton Public student who had passed away and on two occasions the family received automated phone messages indicating the student was absent from school. How will this be prevented from happening in our District?
22057	Future Agenda Items	No agenda items identified.
22058	Adjourn	There being no further business, motion by Trustee Drover to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 8:31 p.m. M/C

Board Chair:



Date: February 22, 2017

Secretary-Treasurer:



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