

CALGARY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees (the "Board") held in the Multipurpose Room, Education Centre, 1221 – 8 Street SW, Calgary, Alberta on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees:

Trustee P. Cochrane, Chair
Trustee J. Bowen-Eyre
Trustee L. Ferguson
Trustee P. King
Trustee G. Lane
Trustee S. Taylor

Absent

Trustee C. Bazinet

Administration:

Ms. N. Johnson, Chief Superintendent of Schools
Mr. D. Stevenson, Deputy Chief Superintendent of Schools
Mr. F. Coppinger, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services
Ms. C. Faber, Superintendent, Learning Innovation
Ms. D. Lewis, Superintendent, Learning Services
Ms. D. Meyers, Superintendent, Finance and Supply Chain Services
Mr. K. Peterson, Acting Superintendent, Human Resources
Mr. R. Peter, Chief Communications Officer
Mr. G. Francis, General Counsel, Legal Services
Ms. J. Barkway, Corporate Secretary
Ms. J. Manfield, Recording Secretary

Stakeholder Representatives:

Ms. L. Robb, Calgary Board of Education Staff Association
Mr. F. Bruseker, Alberta Teachers' Association, Local 38
Ms. R. Morrison, Elementary School Principals' Association
Mr. M. Bester, Principals' Association for Adolescent Learners (PAAL)

1 | CALL TO ORDER, NATIONAL ANTHEM AND WELCOME

Chair Cochrane called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. on the Link and O Canada was led by the Division II Choir from W.O. Mitchell School. Chair Cochrane and Trustee Bowen-Eyre thanked the students on behalf of the Board of Trustees for their performance.

The meeting reconvened in the Multipurpose Room. Chair Cochrane acknowledged and welcomed representatives from the aforementioned organizations.

2 | CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. J. Barkway, Corporate Secretary, noted that a public comment would be given under Item 6.0.

MOVED by Trustee Ferguson:

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of March 5, 2013, be approved as submitted.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3 | AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

There were none.

4 | RESULTS FOCUS

4.1 W.O. Mitchell School Presentation

Ms. J. Everett, Area I Director, provided introductory comments noting that W.O. Mitchell School is a school of 193 students in Kindergarten to Grade 6, located in northwest Calgary in the community of Silver Springs. She introduced three students, Echo, Elise, and Scott, noting that the students will tell how they have been achieving the Academic Success results. Principal Terri Franks and teacher Cynthia Engelbracht were also present to assist in sharing an example of a rich and inspiring experience they have had this year that has resulted in academic success.

An iMovie was presented showcasing how attendance of the Grade 6 students at We Day had an impact on them, and how back at the school, the Grade 2 and 3 students took great interest in the stories of hardship and heroism told by the speakers. The video also told of how the work of Craig Kielburger took life in the classroom, and how students began to research, explore and understand issues associated with diverse communities in the world. This led to students asking questions about quality of life, and caused them to become concerned citizens who felt it was their place to improve or meet the needs of the global community.

Teacher Cynthia Engelbracht spoke about how academic success begins with carefully designed and inquiry based learning tasks that engage students in tackling real world questions and issues that have importance to them and are connected to their lives in and outside of school. In the days following We Day the students learned about the UN's eight Millennium Development Goals. The intellectual, academic, and social engagement of students resulted in giving back to their global communities and personally experiencing what it means to be an engaged thinker with an entrepreneurial spirit. Students have learned that it is their time to be the ones who can make a difference.

Students Scott, Echo and Elise came forward and made brief comments. Scott spoke about how he felt he was a successful learner during the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) project. Echo shared that at the My World Conference, she learned so much that she shared it with the older students by creating a PowerPoint presentation. Elise spoke about how she demonstrated her skills as a leader, and helped to count all the money they raised. She helped solve problems when working as a member of a group. They worked in teams while visiting other classrooms and taught about the importance of the MDGs. All classes at W.O. Mitchell want to make sure all children in the world have clean water, good food, and education.

Trustee Bowen-Eyre thanked the school and expressed that it is important to the Board to hear from students and that it is wonderful to hear how the students do academic success by being authentic, connected, rich, and purposeful in their learning. Students are becoming concerned citizens, getting involved and trying to make a difference and have shown how working together can have an impact.

5 | **OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS**

There were no items.

6 | **PUBLIC COMMENT**

6.1 **Ms. Katie McBeath, Parent**

Ms. McBeath noted that she is a concerned parent and resident of Lakeview. She stated that she received a letter on February 12 from the CBE entitled "*Addressing the Growth at Westgate School*". This was the first mention of the relocation of a portion of the growing Spanish Bilingual program. The letter contained information on an Open House to be held 16 days later for parents to offer feedback and support to select one of the three proposed scenarios. As a result, she has now begun a petition against the speed at which the CBE is trying to make a final decision. Prior to this letter Lakeview parents were not invited to take part in this process. She noted her reluctance to make a choice between scenarios which she believes do not align with the CBE's guiding principles of minimizing disruptions, keeping cohorts together, equitable access, and long-term sustainability. She recognizes that it is difficult to come up with a solution for all, but suggested that the CBE considers taking more time to genuinely investigate options and consider the implications on strong established school communities. She provided her opinion that perhaps broader advertising, representatives coming to the school, and an authentic community engagement process could result in the best scenario for all.

Since her petition was launched two days ago, there are 185 supporters. The petition is titled "*Delay the Westgate 2013-2014 Accommodation Plan*". She noted that in addition to the petition, volunteers will begin a door knocking campaign to inform the community of this hurried process. This community awareness campaign will also seek signatures in conjunction with the petition. She requested that the CBE slow down, consider more options and delay implementing scenarios A, B, or C.

Chair Cochrane advised Ms. McBeath that the Board does not normally respond to stakeholder reports or community comments, but because the Board has had so many

contacts from the Lakeview community, the Board decided to prepare a response as follows:

“We would like to thank all of the parents, students and community members who have offered feedback regarding the relocation of the French Immersion and Spanish Bilingual programs currently located at Westgate School. We are listening to your comments, and would like to take the opportunity to provide a brief response.

We have heard from administration that a final decision about these programs has not yet been made. Administration is still listening to community comments and reviewing the feedback from the engagement process. This decision is administration’s to make. This decision is part of an overall need to accommodate students system-wide and it will impact students attending several Area IV schools.

We know that there is no solution that allows us to easily accommodate all the affected students. There is no scenario that would not disrupt some students and we must balance many competing demands. As trustees who are responsible for the system, we are responsible for meeting the very diverse and complex needs of all of our students, schools and programs.

This situation reflects what we are seeing across our system. We urgently need more schools for our students, and we need them now. Our system is under tremendous pressure. Our city is growing at a significant rate and our schools are only going to become more crowded.

The challenges of best accommodating all our students are different for administration, for students, for parents, for schools and for the community. I would like to assure you that while we will not be able to make a decision that satisfies each and every family, your concerns, ideas, input and feedback are taken seriously as administration continues to compile all comments from parents and community members. If you have further comments to share, I invite you to contact your Area Office or email yourvoice@cbe.ab.ca.

We know this situation is difficult for everyone involved. Situations similar to this are happening across our system and will continue to emerge over the next 3 years, when there will be no new building. We sincerely hope that even though the province faces a challenging budget, the government will keep its commitment to fund new schools for our students. Thank you.”

7 | MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD ACTION

7.1 Financial Disclosure Bylaw

MOVED by Trustee Bowen-Eyre:

THAT Bylaw Number 2 of 2013 (as attached to the report), Being a Bylaw of the Calgary Board of Education to Require the Public Disclosure of Campaign Contributions and Expenses be given first reading.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ms. Barkway, Corporate Secretary, read Bylaw Number 2 of 2013 in its entirety, for the record.

Trustees posed questions which were addressed by Administration and are summarized as follows:

- A trustee questioned whether the fine of \$1,000 referred to in the Bylaw is the maximum fine allowable under the Act. Attention was drawn to s. 118 (4) of the Local Authorities Election Act.
- A trustee questioned the effective period of the Bylaw. General Counsel Francis responded if candidates fail to report donations and expenses for any part of the campaign period, there would be the potential for candidates to be charged under the Act.
- A trustee questioned whether the \$1,000 fine is a maximum per candidate or per offence? General Counsel Francis responded that a candidate could have a maximum fine of \$1,000 per offence.
- A trustee questioned the absence of requirements for campaign surpluses in the Bylaw. General Counsel Francis advised that in developing the Bylaw, Administration canvassed other school boards and municipal authorities and were advised that they would not be addressing surpluses as provided for in the Act. It was suggested that potential costs to administer surpluses placed in trust do not merit the energy or effort for what is believed to be rare circumstances.
- Regarding any legal requirement on the use of surpluses, General Counsel Francis noted that he is not aware of any legal restriction, but suggested that there would be strong moral imperatives that would guide a candidate who generated significant surpluses.
- In response to a question as to whether there were any significant changes between this Bylaw and the previous CBE Bylaw, General Counsel Francis responded that trustee candidates are required to show where the money comes from and where it is spent as has always been the case.

MOVED by Ferguson:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves Bylaw Number 2 of 2013, as given first reading.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Lane:

THAT Bylaw Number 2 of 2013 be given second reading.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Bowen-Eyre:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves Bylaw Number 2 of 2013 of the Calgary Board of Education to Require the Public Disclosure of Campaign Contributions and Expenses as read the second time.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee King:

THAT, in accordance with Section 69 of the School Act, Bylaw Number 2 of 2013, be given third reading.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Bowen-Eyre:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves Bylaw Number 2 of 2013, Being a Bylaw of the Calgary Board of Education to Require the Public Disclosure of Campaign Contributions and Expenses as read for the third time.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Cochrane declared the following items to be adopted as submitted.

8 | BOARD CONSENT AGENDA

8.1 Approval of Minutes

- Regular Meeting held February 5, 2013

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 5, 2013, as submitted.

9 | CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT CONSENT AGENDA

9.1 Chief Superintendent's Update

THAT the Board of Trustees receives the Chief Superintendent's Update report for information.

10 | ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Trustee King:

THAT when the Board adjourns, it adjourns to meet at the call of the Chair.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Cochrane declared the meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Chair Cochrane reconvened the March 5, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, March 11, 2013, in Room T224 of the Education Centre, 1221 – 8 Street SW, Calgary, Alberta.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees

Present:

Trustee P. Cochrane, Chair
Trustee J. Bowen-Eyre
Trustee L. Ferguson
Trustee P. King
Trustee G. Lane
Trustee S. Taylor

Absent:

Trustee C. Bazinet

Administration:

Ms. N. Johnson, Chief Superintendent of Schools
Mr. D. Stevenson, Deputy Chief Superintendent of Schools
Mr. F. Coppinger, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services
Ms. C. Faber, Superintendent, Learning Innovation
Mr. G. Francis, General Counsel, Legal Services
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Ms. J. Barkway, Corporate Secretary

Chair Cochrane stated that the six trustees present unanimously agreed to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, March 5, 2013, to the call of the Chair because of budget implications and potential labour relations issues.

It was noted that the Corporate Secretary had emailed a Notice to trustees, informing them that the item to be dealt with at this reconvened meeting relates to planning for budget impacts.

MOVED by Trustee Ferguson:

THAT the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of March 5, 2013, and reconvened on March 11, 2013, be amended by the addition of a new item titled *Planning for Budget Impacts*.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA

MOVED by Trustee Lane:

Whereas the Board of Trustees is of the opinion that it is in the public interest that matters on the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, March 5, 2013, and reconvened March 11, 2013, be considered at an in-camera session; therefore, be it

Resolved, THAT the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees moves in-camera.

The motion was
CARRIED.

In favour: Trustee Bowen-Eyre
Trustee Cochrane
Trustee Ferguson
Trustee King
Trustee Lane

Opposed: Trustee Taylor

MOTION TO REVERT TO PUBLIC MEETING

MOVED by Trustee King:

THAT the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees moves out of in camera.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION TO ACTION IN-CAMERA RECOMMENDATIONS

MOVED by Trustee Bowen-Eyre:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the communication strategy as discussed in the in-camera session.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Trustee King:

THAT when the Board adjourns, it adjourns to meet at the call of the Chair.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Cochrane declared the meeting adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

Chair Cochrane reconvened the March 5, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 17, 2013, in Room T224 of the Education Centre, 1221 – 8 Street SW, Calgary, Alberta.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees

Present:

Trustee P. Cochrane, Chair
Trustee J. Bowen-Eyre
Trustee L. Ferguson
Trustee P. King
Trustee G. Lane
Trustee S. Taylor

Absent:

Trustee C. Bazinet (Due to a declared pecuniary interest in the agenda item, Trustee Bazinet did not attend the meeting.)

Administration:

Ms. N. Johnson, Chief Superintendent of Schools
Mr. D. Stevenson, Deputy Chief Superintendent of Schools
Mr. F. Copping, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services
Ms. C. Faber, Superintendent, Learning Innovation
Mr. G. Francis, General Counsel, Legal Services
Ms. D. Lewis, Superintendent, Learning Services
Mr. K. Peterson, Acting Superintendent, Human Resources
Mr. R. Peter, Chief Communications Officer
Ms. J. Barkway, Corporate Secretary

MOVED by Trustee Lane:

THAT the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of March 5, 2013, and reconvened on March 17, 2013, be amended by the addition of a new item titled *Labour Relations*.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA

MOVED by Trustee Bowen-Eyre:

Whereas the Board of Trustees is of the opinion that it is in the public interest that matters on the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, March 5, 2013, and reconvened March 17, 2013, be considered at an in-camera session; therefore, be it

Resolved, THAT the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees moves in-camera.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION TO REVERT TO PUBLIC MEETING

MOVED by Trustee King:

THAT the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees moves out of in camera.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Trustee King:

THAT when the Board adjourns, it adjourns to meet at the call of the Chair.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Cochrane declared the meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.