

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, January 12, 2016 at 12 noon

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees:

Trustee J. Bowen-Eyre, Chair
Trustee L. Ferguson
Trustee J. Hehr
Trustee J. Hrdlicka
Trustee T. Hurdman
Trustee P. King
Trustee A. Stewart

Administration:

Mr. D. Stevenson, Chief Superintendent of Schools
Ms. S. Church, Deputy Chief Superintendent of Schools
Mr. D. Breton, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services
Ms. J. Everett, Superintendent, Learning
Mr. G. Francis, Superintendent, Human Resources/General Counsel
Mr. B. Grundy, Superintendent, Finance and Supply Chain Services
Ms. M. Martin-Esposito, Chief Communications Officer
Ms. J. Barkway, Corporate Secretary
Ms. D. Perrier, Recording Secretary

Stakeholder Representatives:

Mr. F. Bruseker, Alberta Teachers’ Association, Local 38
Ms. P. Loewen, Elementary School Principals’ Association
Ms. L. Robb, Calgary Board of Education Staff Association
Mr. T. Killam, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 40

1 | CALL TO ORDER, NATIONAL ANTHEM AND WELCOME

Chair Bowen-Eyre called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. on the Link and O Canada was led by the choir and senior band from David Thompson School. The meeting reconvened in the Multipurpose Room.

Chair Bowen-Eyre acknowledged and welcomed staff, the public and representatives from the aforementioned organizations. She also introduced and welcomed Ms. K. Wilpert and her Grade 5/6 students from Captain John Palliser School. Students have moved their classroom to the CBE and the community of Connaught for the week. Their week will guide their learning throughout the year. They will be exploring the idea of collaboration within our community and will be working with a public art expert from the City of Calgary and interviewing the Corporate Partnership team to see how they collaborate with others. They will explore the downtown core and visit McDougall Centre to learn about how the provincial government collaborates in the community.

2 | **CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ms. Barkway noted that a late circulation was made for Item 8.5, Approval of Minutes, and that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held December 15, 2015 were circulated as an addition to Item 8.5.

MOVED by Trustee King:

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of January 12, 2016 be approved, as submitted, subject to the above-noted addition.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3 | **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

3.1 **Lighthouse Award**

Superintendent Everett introduced this month's Lighthouse Award recipient as *Team Giordano*, founded by Calgary Flames Captain Mark Giordano and his wife Lauren. The *Team Giordano* program is a charitable initiative that aims to encourage and promote improved physical fitness and academics, healthy lifestyles, leadership development, and community involvement, and supports positive behaviors that lead to academic achievement and success in life. The program, which receives support from the Calgary Flames Foundation and the Calgary Italian Golf Open, has donated significant funds and coordinated in-kind donations impacting over 1200 students in Radisson Park School, Dr. Gladys Egbert School, Penbrooke Meadows School and Ian Bazalgette School.

Andreas, a Grade 4 student from Penbrooke Meadows School, and Liam, a Grade 9 student from Ian Bazalgette School, shared their personal experiences with the program and spoke of the many benefits they and their peers have experienced through the support of *Team Giordano*. They expressed their appreciation to Mark and Lauren Giordano for the inspiration they bring to students.

Through a video recording, Mark Giordano shared his appreciation for the CBE's recognition and for the partnership. Lauren Giordano came forward and thanked the principals, leaders and communities of the four schools involved with *Team Giordano*. She noted that she and Mark have enjoyed the warmth and welcome they have been shown at the schools. She expressed gratitude for the tremendous support and dedication of the many individuals involved in the program, which she and Mark hope to see flourish for years to come.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Bowen-Eyre presented Team Giordano with the Lighthouse Award and shared words of appreciation for the partnership.

4 | **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

5 | **RESULTS FOCUS**

5.1 **English Language Arts (ELA) Information Report**

Chief Superintendent Stevenson introduced the item and Superintendent Everett shared details about the format of the presentation to the Board. Specialists Ms. K. Jones and Ms. A. Sarson shared details surrounding the English Language Arts (ELA) Program of Studies for students in Kindergarten through Grade 12. A PowerPoint presentation was provided and videos were shown of student demonstrations of their learning and students sharing their personal perspectives on various aspects of their studies. Directors D. Roulson and Dr. R. Mosher provided information on the interpretation of the data from report cards, provincial achievement tests and diploma exam results.

Administration responded to trustee question on issues including: when the curriculum for the ELA program of studies was last updated by Alberta Education; the rationale for modifying the Kindergarten report card stems; the importance and emphasis on early literacy; the CBE's diverse student population and correlation of the results with our complex learners and students for whom English is not their first language; the tools and forms of assessment that are used to determine student learning outcomes; tracking of individual student achievement through the years; the context of the value of spelling and grammar; professional development and university courses for English Language Arts teachers; and the monitoring and assessment of students who have transitioned from one school to another.

Chair Bowen-Eyre noted this information will roll into the annual monitoring report of R-2: Academic Success, to be presented in May or June 2016.

Chief Superintendent Stevenson expressed his appreciation to the staff involved in this significant work and presentation.

Recessed: 2:01 p.m.
Reconvened: 2:18 p.m.

5.2 **Results 3: Citizenship – Annual Monitoring**

Chief Superintendent Stevenson provided brief comments about the contents of the report and noted that targets have been met on 11 of the 13 indicators for this Results policy. He introduced and welcomed three students, whom he noted are members of the Chief Superintendent's Student Advisory Council and were present to share how they and their peers experience Citizenship at their individual schools, and personally:

- Lucy, Grade 9 student from Vincent Massey School;
- Alexander, Grade 9 student from Balmoral School; and
- Emma, Grade 12 student from John G. Diefenbaker High School.

Administration responded to trustee questions on issues including: the spectrum for measuring how students demonstrate respect and appreciation for diversity; environmental stewardship in our schools and involvement of partnerships and environmental groups; finding a balance in setting the targets; interpretation and clarification of some of the data that was gathered from the student surveys; the selection

of questions that are posed to students; and, details surrounding the expansion of the cohort of students on specific survey questions.

Chair Bowen-Eyre asked trustees to identify their intentions to bring forward any motions related to reasonable progress being made towards achievement of this Results policy, exceptions or commendations. The Chair asked that if any motions are to be proposed, that notification be given to the Corporate Secretary and all trustees by noon Friday, January 15, 2016. She noted that this item will be placed on the Board meeting agenda for January 19, 2016 for consideration.

6 | OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS

6.1 OE-6: Financial Administration – Annual Monitoring

Superintendent Grundy provided a brief review of the contents of the report and expanded on two indicators that were not met, specific to policy subsections 6.1 and 6.4. He noted that capacity building and process information relevant to these two issues was provided in the attachment to the report.

At 2:59 p.m. Chair Bowen-Eyre received the consent of the Board to continue the meeting to the completion of the agenda.

Administration responded to trustee questions on issues including: a summary of the issues and variables surrounding payroll inaccuracies; waiver rates; and increased uncollectible rate.

Chair Bowen-Eyre asked trustees to identify their intentions to bring forward any motions related to compliance, exceptions or commendations for OE-6: Financial Administration. Trustee Stewart noted that she may bring forward an exception motion in relation to policy subsection 6.4. The Chair asked that if any motions are to be proposed, that notification be provided to the Corporate Secretary and all trustees by 4:00 p.m., January 13, 2016.

6.2 OE-7: Asset Protection – Annual Monitoring

Superintendent Grundy provided a brief synopsis of the contents of the report. Policy subsection 7.3 was noted as non-compliant and he spoke to the matter.

Administration responded to trustee questions on a number of issues, including: plant operations and maintenance funding and spending; internal tracking of intrusion attempts and measures of prevention that have been undertaken; and the difficulty with managing maintenance requirements within the confines of the funding provided by Alberta Education.

Chair Bowen-Eyre asked trustees to identify their intentions to bring forward any motions related to compliance, exceptions or commendations for OE-7: Asset Protection, by 4:00 p.m. January 13, 2016. She stated that if no motions come forward, the item will be placed on the January 19, 2016 Consent Agenda.

7 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD ACTION**

There were no items.

8 | **CONSENT AGENDA**

The Chair noted that items on the consent agenda are approved with the agenda, as follows:

8.1 OE-11: Learning Environment/Treatment of Students – Annual Monitoring

THAT the Board of Trustees approves that the Chief Superintendent is in compliance with the provisions of policy OE-11: Learning Environment/Treatment of Students.

8.2 Locally Developed Courses

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the following, newly acquired from Calgary Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 1, for the Calgary Board of Education, senior high locally developed courses and resources, as listed in the course outline submitted to Alberta Education, for use in Calgary Board of Education schools:

Production Field Operator

Level: 15 Credits: 5

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8.3 Teachers' Employer Bargaining Association (TEBA) Appointments

THAT the Board of Trustees ratifies the appointment of Trustees Stewart and Hrdlicka as Calgary Board of Education co-representatives on the Teachers' Employer Bargaining Association representative committee.

8.4 GC-6E: Annual Work Plan 2015-2016

THAT the Board of Trustees approves GC-6E: Annual Work Plan 2015-2016 in principle, recognizing that the work of the Board and Agenda planning for specific Board Meetings is subject to ongoing review and update.

8.5 Approval of Minutes

- Regular Meeting held December 1, 2015
- Regular Meeting held December 8, 2015
- Regular Meeting held December 15, 2015

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the Regular Meetings held December 1, 8 and 15, 2015, as submitted.

8.6 Items Provided for Board Information

8.6.1 Correspondence

9 | **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Bowen-Eyre declared the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Chair

Corporate Secretary
Adopted: February 2, 2016