

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 19, 2016 at 12:00 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
Mr. T. Killam, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 40
Ms. L. Robb, Calgary Board of Education Staff Association

1 | **CALL TO ORDER, NATIONAL ANTHEM AND WELCOME**

Chair Bowen-Eyre called the meeting to order on the link at 11:57 a.m. and O Canada was led by the Colonel J. Fred Scott School Choir. The meeting reconvened in the Multipurpose Room.

Chair Bowen-Eyre acknowledged and welcomed staff, the public and representatives from the aforementioned organizations. She also welcomed Ms. C. Gytierrez and her Grade 4 students from Canyon Meadows School, who 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 “How can I feel at home in the world?” and they will work with CBE staff on ways to welcome newcomers to our schools. They have met with staff from the Mustard Seed and heard how they make people welcome, and they will also meet with the Columbian Consulate to investigate their role in the community.

2 | CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. J. Barkway, Corporate Secretary, noted that Item 8.2.1, Chief Superintendent's Update, was removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion immediately following the Consent Agenda.

MOVED by Trustee Hehr:

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of January 19, 2016 be approved, as submitted, subject to the above-noted revision.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3 | AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

There were none.

4 | PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

5 | RESULTS FOCUS

5.1 School Presentation – Colonel J. Fred Scott School

Dr. D. Yee, Director, Area III, provided opening comments, noting that the presentation would provide a snapshot of academic success specific to the discipline of English Language Arts, as it is experienced at Colonel J. Fred Scott School. She expressed appreciation to Ms. J. Gunderson, Music Teacher, and the Grades 3 to 6 student choir for leading the singing of O Canada, and to Ms. M. Morden, Learning Specialist, for her assistance with developing the presentation. She introduced the presenters as follows:

Ms. A. Paull, Principal
Mr. C. Southworth, Assistant Principal
Aziza, Derek, Sajun, Students (video)
Ms. S. McLellan, Teacher (video)
Ms. J. Simpson, Teacher (video)
Ms. C. Craig, Teacher (video)

Ms. Paull noted that Colonel J. Fred Scott School offers a Kindergarten to Grade 6 regular program and has a current enrolment of 513 students, 61% of whom are English language learners, representing 34 different languages. The school's focus and development plan this year was on creating a positive school environment and for students to work collaboratively in building their understanding within the content area. Staff created a model for leading students in classroom meetings, where the focus was on positive discipline tasks, dialogue and experiences. A positive play group was established in which the older students led the younger students; clubs were restructured; a student leadership group was initiated and their work encompassed themes of peace. The two main areas of learning at Colonel J. Fred Scott School are concentrated on literacy through numeracy and guided reading strategies. Through the video recording, teachers and students shared their experiences with leadership and learning.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Trustee King expressed appreciation to the presenters for providing a glimpse of the learning at Colonel J. Fred Scott School, and she thanked the teachers for providing a positive learning environment for students.

5.2 Results 3: Citizenship – Annual Monitoring

Chair Bowen-Eyre noted that Administration presented the report to the Board on January 12, 2016, and responded to trustee questions. She stated that it is the responsibility of the Board to now consider whether the report is evidence of reasonable organizational progress in this Results area.

MOVED by Trustee Hrdlicka:

THAT the Board of Trustees has reviewed the monitoring report and approves that the Chief Superintendent has made reasonable progress towards the ultimate achievement of Results 3: Citizenship.

In debate of the motion, trustee comments included: the report shows evidence that progress and tremendous improvement has been made in many areas of citizenship; students are being exposed to the many complexities of the world through their school experiences; school presentations given to the Board throughout the year support this evidence; the student-contributed examples of citizenship in action, as noted in the report, clearly indicate achievement has been made in Results 3: Citizenship; students are learning to embrace and respect diversity and they are understanding how to be democratic thinkers; and safe and caring environments for our students and our staff are relevant to the achievement of this Results policy.

Chair Bowen-Eyre called for the vote on the motion.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Ferguson:

THAT the Board of Trustees commends the Chief Superintendent for sustained and improved levels of success in students' understanding and actions as responsible citizens.

In debate of the motion, Trustees expressed support and commented on how the Board has pushed the targets to a higher level and the system has been meeting and improving on those targets; and all of this work is done within very diverse environments.

Chair Bowen-Eyre called for the vote on the motion.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6 | OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS

6.1 OE-6: Financial Administration – Annual Monitoring

Chair Bowen-Eyre stated that this report was introduced at the January 12, 2016 Board meeting where trustees posed questions and received clarification from Administration. The Board must now formally act on the monitoring report by a vote of compliance, non-compliance or compliance with noted exception(s).

MOVED by Trustee Hurdman:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves that the Chief Superintendent is in compliance with the provisions of OE-6: Financial Administration.

MOVED by Trustee Stewart:

THAT the motion be amended by the addition of “with the exception of policy subsection 6.4”.

Trustee comments in support of the amendment included: the bad debt expense for student fees was out of compliance as noted in the report from Administration; a trustee shared her belief that it is imperative to keep close tabs on this issue to understand the related challenges; a concern was noted about bad debt that can lead to the involvement of collection agencies; and the belief was shared that it is a sensitive area for families in this current economic climate.

Subsequent to further debate, discussion took place about the reasonable interpretation and Board-approved indicators for OE-6: Financial Administration. It was suggested that there may be a need for the Board to review the policy.

Chair Bowen-Eyre called for the vote on the amendment.

The amendment was
CARRIED.

In favour: Trustee Ferguson
Trustee Hrdlicka
Trustee Hurdman
Trustee King
Trustee Stewart

Opposed: Trustee Bowen-Eyre
Trustee Hehr

Chair Bowen-Eyre stated that the main motion, as amended, was on the floor for consideration. Trustee comments in debate of the motion included: Administration works exceptionally well with the Board’s appointed financial auditor; this work involves a very substantial budget and complex issues surrounding the distribution of funds; and this work is being accomplished in a professional and transparent manner.

The Chair called for the vote on the motion, as amended.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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, with the exception of the Chief Superintendent's Update, which was pulled for questions.

8.1 OE-7: Asset Protection – Annual Monitoring

THAT the Board approves that the Chief Superintendent is in compliance with the provisions of policy OE-7: Asset Protection.

8.2 Items Provided for Board Information

8.2.2 Construction Projects Status Update

8.2.1 Chief Superintendent's Update

Administration provided clarification on trustee questions regarding the Joint Education and Health Committee, and the Staff Association Recall Initiative.

Chair Bowen-Eyre informed the public that the Board meeting would go in camera to discuss a land issue and a labour issue.

Recessed: 1:21 p.m.

Reconvened: 1:42 p.m.

9 | **IN-CAMERA SESSION**

Motion to Move In Camera

MOVED by Trustee Ferguson:

Whereas the Board of Trustees is of the opinion that it is in the public interest that matters on the private agenda for the Regular Meeting of January 19, 2016 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 Stewart:

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee King:

THAT on adjournment, the meeting adjourns to the call of the Chair.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Chair Bowen-Eyre reconvened the January 19, 2016 Regular Meeting on Monday, January 25, 2016 at 1:05 p.m. in Room S308, Education Centre, 1221 – 8 Street SW, Calgary, Alberta

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees:

Trustee J. Bowen-Eyre, Chair
Trustee L. Ferguson
Trustee J. Hehr (departed at 2:09 p.m.)
Trustee J. Hrdlicka (departed at 2:31 p.m.)
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. G. Francis, Superintendent, Human Resources/General Counsel
Ms. J. Barkway, Corporate Secretary

MOVED by Trustee Stewart:

Whereas the Board of Trustees is of the opinion that it is in the public interest that matters on the private agenda for the Regular Meeting of January 19, 2016, reconvened on January 25, 2016, 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.

Absent: Trustee Hehr

Motion to Revert to Public Meeting

MOVED by Trustee Stewart:

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Hehr
Trustee Hrdlicka

10 | **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Bowen-Eyre declared the meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.