

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, April 5, 2016 at 12:00 noon

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees:

In Attendance:

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

Absent:

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/Technology 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. J. Green, Principals’ Association for Adolescent Learners
Ms. J. Hugill, Elementary School Principals’ Association
Mr. P. Numan, Principals’ Association for Adolescent Learners
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 12:03 p.m. and O Canada was led by the Senior Choir from Haultain Memorial School. The meeting reconvened in the Multipurpose Room.

Chair Bowen-Eyre acknowledged the traditional territories and oral practices of the Blackfoot Nations, which includes the Siksika, the Piikani, and the Kainai. She also acknowledged the Tsuut’ina and Stoney Nakoda First Nations, the Métis Nation (Region 3), and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta. She

acknowledged and welcomed staff, the public and representatives from the aforementioned organizations.

The Chair also welcomed Ms. A. Lee and her Grade 3/4 students from Alex Munro School, who have moved their classroom to the CBE and the community of Connaught for the week. Students will be exploring the idea of “How sound impacts our quality of life”. They will work with Ms. J. Issler, Deaf and Hard of Hearing specialist with the CBE; they will meet with a city by-law officer to learn about testing for sound and sound complaints; and, they will meet with an organist and soloist to learn about the acoustics at the sandstone churches in the area.

Chair Bowen-Eyre noted that Trustee Stewart was absent from the meeting due to Board business.

Chief Superintendent Stevenson shared that this year marks the anniversary of having more than 100,000 students over the past 23 years participate in the Campus Calgary/Open Minds school project. On behalf of the City of Calgary and the citizens of Calgary, Mayor Nenshi has proclaimed April 4 to 8 Calgary Campus/Open Minds week. Chief Stevenson shared details surrounding a celebration to be held April 7, 2016 to honour the collaboration of education, community sites and funders.

2 | **CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ms. J. Barkway, Corporate Secretary, noted that an in-camera session was added as Item 9.0, to discuss a legal issue, and Item 8.1.4, Second Quarter Budget Variance Report for the 2015-16 Budget, was pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

MOVED by Trustee King:

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of April 5, 2016 be approved, as submitted, subject to the above-noted revision.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3 | **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

3.1 **Lighthouse Award**

Superintendent Everett introduced this month’s Lighthouse Award recipient as “Learning Through the Arts “. Learning Through the Arts was created and developed by the Royal Conservatory and it has worked with the CBE for over two decades. It is an educational program that uses authentic encounters with art, artists and art making to teach the core curriculum, and is currently working in 14 elementary and middle schools. In each school, the learning is adapted to fit the various school contexts.

Learning Through the Arts also has a focus on how constructing and sharing learning through the arts engages the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities. They work with indigenous artists and elders and then extend these opportunities to our students. Through work like this, research indicates that student engagement increases, students become socially empowered and therefore intellectually engaged.

Mikayla and Julia, Grade 6 students from Glamorgan School, shared their experiences with Learning Through the Arts. Ms. C. Grant and Ms. D. Maher, teachers from Beddington Heights School, shared remarks about how Learning Through the Arts has impacted teacher practices and learning.

Ms. M. Merrell and Mr. J. Reckseidler, representatives from Learning Through the Arts, accepted the award that was presented by Chair Bowen-Eyre on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

4 | PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

5 | RESULTS FOCUS

5.1 Results 4: Personal Development – Annual Monitoring

Chief Superintendent Stevenson provided a summary of the contents of the report on Results 4: Personal Development. He noted that the monitoring report shows that we have met or shown progress towards 9 of the 13 targets established for the 2014-15 year, including the three areas identified as needing improvement at this time last year.

Tiana, a student from Tom Baines School, and Dilpreet, a student from Crescent Heights High School, shared their learning experiences and commented on how they have personally developed their skills and found greater academic achievement.

Administration addressed trustee questions on issues including: the types of support provided to high school principals towards more explicit inclusion of student voice; the delay of information on the annual return rate; the 2013-14 statistics on returning students through Encore CBE; and the benefits of outreach programs, direct connections with high school principals and staff, graduation coaches, etc., in regards to lowering student drop-out rates and increasing completion rates.

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. She asked that if any motions are to be proposed, that notification be given to the Corporate Secretary and to all trustees by 4:30 p.m., April 6, 2016. The Chair noted that this item will be placed on the Board meeting agenda for April 12, 2016, for consideration.

6 | OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS

6.1 OE-9: Communicating With the Public – Annual Monitoring

Chief Superintendent Stevenson provided opening comments and noted the evidence demonstrates that compliance was achieved on both policy provisions and the four indicators. Chief Communications Officer Martin-Esposito pointed out that the Board of Trustees approved revisions to OE-9 in June 2015, and Administration is working on the reasonable interpretations and associated indicators with the new policy statements. She provided highlights of the contents of the 2014-15 annual monitoring report for OE-9: Communicating With the Public.

Administration provided responses to trustee questions on issues including: the current practices in the CBE for public engagement and the effectiveness of those practices; and information pertaining to community engagement definitions to be put forward in the new Education Act.

Chair Bowen-Eyre asked trustees to identify their intentions to bring forward any motions related to compliance, exceptions or commendations for OE-9: Communicating With the Public, to the Corporate Secretary and to all trustees by noon, April 6, 2016. She stated that if no motions come forward, the item will be placed on the April 12, 2016 Consent Agenda.

7 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD ACTION**

7.1 **Trustee Remuneration Committee**

Trustee Hurdman provided a brief review of the report that was circulated with the agenda, and of the discussion held by the Trustee Remuneration Committee at its meeting on March 11, 2016.

MOVED by Trustee Hurdman:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the amendments to the Terms of Reference for the Trustee Remuneration Committee, subject to the deletion of “annually” from the first bullet under a. Purpose/Charge.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8 | **CONSENT AGENDA**

Chair Bowen-Eyre noted a correction to the order of business on the consent agenda, in that item 8.1.5, OE-5: Financial Planning – Reasonable Interpretation, should have been noted as a matter for Board approval under the consent agenda.

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

8.1 **Items Provided for Board Information**

- 8.1.1 Correspondence
- 8.1.2 Results 5: Character – Student Information
- 8.1.3 EducationMatters Financial Statements as at December 31, 2015

8.2 **Items Provided for Board Approval**

- 8.2.1 OE-5: Financial Planning – Reasonable Interpretation

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the revised reasonable interpretation and indicators of Operational Expectations 5: Financial Planning, as submitted.

The following item was removed from the consent agenda for questions.

8.1.4 Second Quarter Budget Variance Report for the 2015-16 Budget

Superintendent Grundy responded to trustee questions on issues including: the meaning of the term “change office”; the internal reviews that continue and are underway for identifying areas where additional cost cutting measures may be implemented without impacting student learning; transportation fuel costs and the model by which those costs to the CBE are determined; the actual amount of operating reserves that are available for deployment in support of student learning; and, school commissioning costs.

Recessed: 1:33 p.m.

Reconvened: 1:54 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 April 5, 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 King:

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10 | **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Bowen-Eyre declared the meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.