

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, February 21, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees:

Trustee L. Hack, Chair
Trustee P. Bolger
Trustee N. Close
Trustee M. Dennis
Trustee D. Downey (attended virtually)
Trustee C. May
Trustee S. Vukadinovic

Administration:

C. Usih, Chief Superintendent of Schools
R. Armstrong, Superintendent, Human Resources
D. Breton, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services
K. Fenney, General Counsel
B. Grundy, Superintendent, Finance/Technology Services (attended virtually)
A. Holowka, Superintendent, School Improvement
M. Martin-Esposito, Chief Communications Officer
J. Pitman, Superintendent, School Improvement
P. Minor, Corporate Secretary
M. Graham, Board Administrator

1 | CALL TO ORDER, NATIONAL ANTHEM AND WELCOME

Chair Hack called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and students from Willow Park School led the national anthem.

Students from Willow Park School acknowledged the school’s commitment to reconciliation and acknowledged the traditional territories and oral practices of the Blackfoot Nations, which includes the Siksika, the Piikani, and the Kainai. They 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.

Trustee Close thanked the students from Willow Park School for participating in the meeting.

The Chair welcomed staff and members of the public to the meeting.



2 | **CONSIDERATION/ APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

P. Minor, Corporate Secretary, noted that an agenda change request was received for Item 9.2.1, Chief Superintendent's Update, to be removed from the consent agenda and added as Item 7.1 under Matters Reserved for Board Information.

MOVED by Trustee Bolger:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the agenda for the Regular Meeting of February 21, 2023 subject to the change noted above.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3 | **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

There were no presentations.

4 | **RESULTS FOCUS**

4.1 **Willow Park School Presentation**

K. Weipert, Education Director for Area 5, introduced the Willow Park School presentation, highlighting the art focused programming for grades 5-9 students; the focus on core curriculum learning and teaching using art as a means of understanding the world; and the dedication to art core experience.

D. Marklinger, Principal at Willow Park School, introduced the Willow Park presentation. A student introduced a video presentation about the school, which highlighted: the arts as a landscape for academic success; access to arts centred learning allowing for excellence in student achievement and well being; learning in and through the arts; encouragement of student learning through experience; learning frameworks and student goals.

5 | **OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS**

5.1 **OE-3: Instructional Program – Annual Monitoring**

Chief Superintendent Usih introduced the report, stating that evidence collected is from the 2021/2022 school year. He noted the continued impacts of COVID-19 and the high quality programming offered. The report finds compliance in 10 of 11 indicators; compliance with indicator 3.2.1 was not achieved due to program evaluations being in progress during the 2021/2022 school year.

Superintendent Holowka provided highlights on the report including: School Development Plan processes; overarching theme of staff collaboration and calibration; CBE learning frameworks, resources, and guides provided the foundation for the calibration of task design, assessment, and creation of learning spaces; expansion of local measures used to assess incremental progress, additional to report card data; use



of provincial diagnostic tools to provide a consistent baseline for student learning; and learning support resources and requests.

Superintendent Pitman provided additional highlights on the report including: Career and Technology Studies opportunities; Unique Pathways program offerings, and the increase to Unique Pathways program registration.

Administration responded to trustees' questions on the report including: staffing sufficiency in Alternative Learning Teams; student well-being and achievement goals within School Development Plans; ensuring consistency in standardized diagnostic assessment; the degree of flexibility and adaptability in the School Development Plans; Indigenous Land-Based Learning; equity in Career and Technology Foundations (CTF) offerings for grades 5-9 across CBE; Career and Technology programming awareness and funding needs; MLA visits to schools; expansion of access to Dual Credit and Exploratory programs; students accessing barrier removal funding relating to Trades Pathway programming; Unique Pathways Career and Registered Trades programming; CBE's focus on Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) programming; and CBE's capacity to meet requests for support.

The Chair asked trustees to identify their intentions to bring forward any motions related to compliance, exceptions or commendations for OE-3: Instructional Program to the Corporate Secretary and all trustees by noon, March 2, 2023. If no motions are received, the item will be placed on the consent agenda for the Regular Meeting of March 7, 2023 with a motion that the Board of Trustees approves the Chief Superintendent is in compliance with the provisions of OE-3: Instructional Programming.

6 | **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

7 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD INFORMATION**

7.1 **Chief Superintendent's Update**

Administration responded to trustee questions on the update including: topics being discussed by the Student Advisory Council.

8 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD DECISION**

8.1 **Results 2: Academic Success – Annual Monitoring**

Chair Hack noted the annual monitoring report for Results 2: Academic Success was presented at the January 17 and January 31, 2023 meetings where trustees posed questions and received clarification from Administration. The Board must now formally act on the monitoring report to determine whether the Chief Superintendent is making reasonable progress towards the ultimate achievement of this Results policy.



MOVED by Trustee Close:

THAT the Board of Trustees has reviewed the monitoring report for Results 2: Academic Success, and concludes that reasonable progress is being made toward the ultimate achievement of this Results policy, with the exception of students who self-identify as Indigenous in all academic areas.

In debate of the motion trustees made comments on: the indicators of achievement; the impacts of COVID-19; incorporation of Indigenous ways of learning and achievements of students who self-identify as Indigenous; examination results and achievements of all CBE students; areas for improvement; opposition to the exception of students who self-identify as Indigenous; continued prioritization of improvement; and grade 10 graduation rate reporting.

The motion was
CARRIED

In Favour: Trustee Bolger
Trustee Close
Trustee Dennis
Trustee Downey
Trustee Hack
Trustee May

Opposed: Trustee Vukadinovic

8.2 Proposed Amendments to Governance Policies: Operational Expectations 5: Financial Planning and Operational Expectations 8: Communicating and Engaging With the Public

Chair Hack noted that the proposed amendments to Operational Expectations 5 and Operational Expectations 8 were received on October 25, 2022; an impact report was received from Chief Usih on January 31, 2023.

MOVED by Trustee May:

THAT the Board of Trustees gives second reading and thereby final approval to the amendments of Operational Expectations 5: Financial Planning and Operation Expectations 8: Communicating and Engaging With the Public, provided in attachments I and II to the report.

In debate of the motion trustees made comments on: amendments to Operational Expectations 5 to align with the Alberta Education funding manual; changes to Operational Expectations 8 to align with the Education Act; and the reserve level changes that will allow the CBE budget to be more flexible.

Chair Hack called for the vote on the motion.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



9 | CONSENT AGENDA

9.1 Items Provided for Board Decision

9.2 Items Provided for Board Information

9.2.1 Correspondence

Chair Hack noted that the Board would meet in-camera following the public portion of the meeting to discuss four legal, three labour, four land, and three strategic planning matters. She noted the next public Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2023.

Recessed: 12:51 p.m.

Reconvened: 1:19 p.m.

10 | PRIVATE SESSION

Trustee Downey and Superintendent Grundy confirmed they were alone and in locations that no other person could hear them or any part of this meeting.

Motion to Move In-Camera

MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

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 the Board of Trustees, February 21, 2023 be considered at a private session; therefore, be it

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion to Move Out of In Camera

MOVED by Trustee Close:

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motions to Action In-Camera Recommendations

MOVED by Trustee Bolger:



THAT the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair and two trustees to communicate with the EducationMatters Board of Governors as discussed in camera.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11 | **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

MOVED by Trustee Vukadinovic:

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adjourned: 7:24 p.m.

Chair Hack reconvened the February 21, 2023 Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 12.01p.m. on Monday, February 27, 2023 on Microsoft Teams.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees:

Trustee L. Hack, Chair
Trustee P. Bolger
Trustee N. Close
Trustee M. Dennis
Trustee D. Downey
Trustee S. Vukadinovic

Absent:

Trustee C. May

Administration:

C. Usih, Chief Superintendent of Schools
K. Fenney, General Counsel
P. Minor, Corporate Secretary

Attendees confirmed they were alone and in locations that no other person could hear them or any part of this meeting.

Motion to Move In-Camera

MOVED by Trustee Downey:



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 the Board of Trustees, February 21, 2023, reconvened February 27, 2023, be considered at a private session; therefore, be it

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee May

Motion to Revert to Public Meeting

MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee May

The meeting terminated at 12:48 p.m.

