

CALGARY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held in the Board Room, Education Centre, 515 Macleod Trail SE, Calgary, Alberta, on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees

Present:

Trustee P. Cochrane, Chair
Trustee C. Bazinet
Trustee G. Dirks
Trustee P. King
Trustee K. Kryczka
Trustee G. Lane

Absent:

Trustee L. Ferguson

Administration

Present:

Ms. B. Hubert, Chief Superintendent of Schools
Mr. F. Coppinger, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services
Mr. D. Dart, Superintendent, Corporate Services – Secretary Treasurer
Mr. C. Davies, Executive Assistant to the Chief Superintendent of Schools
Ms. N. Johnson, Acting Deputy Chief Superintendent of Schools
Ms. B. Kuester, Executive Director of Communications
Mr. R. Peden, Director and General Counsel, Legal Affairs (arrived at 5:12 p.m.)
Mr. D. Stevenson, Acting Superintendent, Learning Enhancement (arrived at 5:08 p.m.)
Ms. J. Barkway, Assistant Corporate Secretary
Ms. D. Perrier, Recording Secretary

Stakeholder Representatives:

Mr. B. Anderson, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local No. 40
Ms. C. Kehoe, Calgary Association of Parents and School Councils (arrived at 5:12 p.m.)
Mr. R. Million, Principals' Association for Adolescent Learners (PAALs)
Ms. J. Minifie, Calgary Board of Education Staff Association
Ms J. Regal, Alberta Teachers' Association, Local 38 (arrived at 5:06 p.m.)
Ms. S. Trumper, Elementary School Principals' Association

1.0 CALL TO ORDER, NATIONAL ANTHEM AND WELCOME

Chair Cochrane called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The national anthem was signed by a group of students from the Oral Deaf and Hard of Hearing program at Colonel Macleod School and Stanley Jones School. Chair Cochrane thanked the students and noted that we've never seen a presentation as such in the Board Room and it was very beautiful.

Chair Cochrane acknowledged and welcomed representatives from the aforementioned stakeholder groups.

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2.0 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Barkway noted a proposed reorder to the Agenda, to move Item 6.3, Proposed Accommodation Plan for the National Sport Academy at Fairview School, to be dealt with as Item 6.1 and to renumber the subsequent items accordingly.

MOVED by Trustee Lane:

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of January 20, 2009, be approved as submitted, subject to the above-noted reordering of items.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3.0 SCHOOL/SYSTEM PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

4.0 HONOURS AND RECOGNITIONS

4.1 Lighthouse Award

Ms. M. Levy, System Principal, introduced the item, noting the Lighthouse Award is presented each month to honour an organization that has made significant contributions to our schools and our students. The January 2009 Lighthouse Award winner is Flextronics Calgary Centre. They are a proud sponsor of the *Book Bags for Kids* program, and through their hard work and generosity we were able to give the gift of literacy to over one thousand students this holiday season.

Mr. B. See, Human Resources Associate, Flextronics Calgary Centre, expressed his appreciation to accept the award on behalf of all of their employees. He noted they are grateful for the way the CBE always looks to give back to the community and their organization was pleased to do the same by helping out with this program. He accepted the Lighthouse Award that was presented with appreciative remarks by Chair Cochrane on behalf of the Board.

5.0 PUBLIC CONVERSATION AND INFORMATION

5.1 Report from the Chair and Trustees

Chair Cochrane shared comments of welcome and appreciation to Ms. Hubert for taking up the office of Chief Superintendent of Schools. A welcome was also extended to Ms. Johnson in her new role as Acting Deputy Chief Superintendent of Schools.

Chair Cochrane acknowledged Ms. K. Krylly, Director, Area V, who will be retiring from the CBE on January 30, 2009, and thanked her for all of her work on behalf of our students.

Trustee King commented on her attendance at the kick off of the Calgary Hitmen's *Literacy for Life* campaign, which was held on January 19th at Roland Michener School.

5.2 Report from the Chief Superintendent

Chief Superintendent Hubert commented it is her privilege and pleasure to serve the Board of Trustees in the capacity of Chief Superintendent of Schools. She stated her belief that we

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have a great team within the Calgary Board of Education to ensure stabilization of the system and for the work of the system to continue to move forward during the Board's search for a new Chief Superintendent. She extended a welcome to Mr. D. Stevenson, in his new role as Acting Superintendent, Learning Enhancement, and welcomed both Ms. Johnson and Mr. Stevenson to the Superintendents' Team.

Chief Superintendent Hubert provided highlights of the following issues and events:

- The CBE has received the *Partnerships in Health and Safety* Certificate of Recognition from Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry, for outstanding achievement and results following the October COR (Certificate of Recognition) Audit. Ms. Hubert acknowledged Mr. B. Eggleton, Advisor, Safety Services, for his leadership, expertise and guidance in helping the CBE achieve this Certificate. She also gave recognition to the large undertaking by our directors, school principals, schools and service units, in our school system audit, noting it is no small feat.
- Congratulations to Ms. S. Rhodes, Principal, Sir William Van Horne High School, who has won Canada's Outstanding Principal Award, sponsored by The Learning Partnership. She is one of 31 winners nationally and is the only recipient from Alberta.
- On January 14th a meeting was held at the Radisson Hotel with school principals from elementary, middle, junior and senior high schools – the first of which involved all principals, and it is planned to continue to hold these meetings once a month. Dr. Croskery was the Keynote Speaker and he spoke about a new concept called "Followership", based on the work of Barbara Kellerman.
- Ms. Hubert thanked the Board of Trustees for hosting the retirement celebration for Dr. Croskery on January 14th at Crescent Heights High School. She also extended appreciation to a number of people individually and collectively, including Trustees, Education Centre staff, staff and students from many high schools, and to all who worked behind the scenes to organize this event. She noted there were other celebrations of Dr. Croskery's retirement, including a reception at Highfield, a reception at the Education Centre, a reception hosted by Dr. L. Miller and the Superintendents of the Calgary Catholic School Board, and a wonderful send-off for him when he left the Education Centre building on Friday, January 16th.

5.3 Public Question Period

There were no public questions.

5.4 Stakeholder Reports

There were no stakeholder reports.

5.5 Trustee Inquiries

There were no Trustee inquiries.

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Proposed Accommodation Plan for the National Sport Academy at Fairview School

Chief Superintendent Hubert thanked the staff who worked on the report, noting it is complex and time intensive work. Mr. P. Carlton, Director, Community Engagement & Operational Planning, shared that student accommodation is influenced by expanding communities, expanding alternative programs, changing demographics, new schools, and declining enrolments in the regular program. The recommendations under consideration this

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evening pertaining to student accommodation are part of a larger Area V accommodation plan and strategy, and they are proposed with a view to our needs over the long term.

The following is a summary of the question and answer session held between Trustees and Administration:

- Our five-year projections show that by 2013, if the status quo were to remain, there would be approximately 1,010 students at Fairview School.
- It is expected the National Sport Academy program will expand in other locations; however, the organization that sponsors the program experiences some limitations, such as transporting students to and from the various activities and also in the area of the number of students that can be accommodated in the facilities accessed by the program. Should the Board make a decision to close the National Sport Academy at Fairview School, through the phase-out process as recommended, Administration would continue to consult with stakeholders to determine an appropriate facility to accommodate the program.
- Discussion took place about offering students the opportunity to take a French Immersion program or a Traditional Learning Centre (TLC) program in addition to taking the National Sport Academy program, all in one facility. Chief Superintendent Hubert noted that Administration has looked at the complexity that arises when we have unique parts of each type of program that need to be attended to – particularly around program integrity with the TLC, with resources and such for French Immersion, and with the uniqueness of the regular student body – but, increasingly, we have created something that has become more difficult to manage.
- It was noted that Administration's recommendation is that Fairview School would accept grade 7 students into the National Sport Academy next year with the understanding there is the potential for a relocation of the program in 2011. The intent is also that any new students accepted in the National Sport Academy (NSA) would not be allowed to overlap the NSA program with concurrent registration in French Immersion or TLC.
- The reasons for recommending that the National Sport Academy be relocated are because by 2013, if the status quo was to remain, over 1,000 students would be anticipated to attend Fairview School. The school is unable to accommodate that number of students. Administration believes the recommendations are made in the best interests of programming for the K-12 continuum that we've adopted for students, and it allows for the advancement of opportunities for long-term program continuity in Area V.

MOVED by Trustee King:

THAT the Board receives, as information and for the record, the student accommodation and implementation plan outlined in the report.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee King:

THAT the Board of Trustees is satisfied that there is cause to proceed with a consideration of closure of the National Sport Academy program at Fairview

School, to allow for its relocation, in accordance with the *Closure of Schools Regulation and the Board of Trustees' Governance Process Policy 5E: Board of Trustees' Procedure – Consideration of School Closure, sections 4 to 7.*

Chair Cochrane clarified that this is not a closure decision at this time, but it is a motion to proceed with the consideration of closure process.

Trustee comments in support of the motion were as follows:

- Sufficient information has been provided by Administration to warrant that the consideration of closure process moves forward.
- It is worthwhile to go forward to the consideration of closure process where a further examination of the issues, the possibilities and probabilities can be reviewed.

Comments in opposition to the motion were as follows:

- We have a situation at Fairview School that was not necessarily planned, where students are able to access two programs of choice and it has worked out very well. It is felt to be a good fit to have the three programs – French Immersion, Traditional Learning Centre and National Sport Academy – operating at Fairview School.
- With respect to the space challenge that has been cited, the anticipated future enrolment at Fairview School will still be high even if it were to accommodate only the French Immersion and Traditional Learning Centre programs. It is felt that the enrolment numbers in the National Sport Academy would not have that large of an impact on enrolment at Fairview School.
- It is unknown at this time where the National Sport Academy would be relocated to, if it were closed.

Chair Cochrane called for the vote on the motion.

The motion was
CARRIED.

In favour:	Trustee Cochrane Trustee Dirks Trustee Lane Trustee King Trustee Kryczka
Opposed:	Trustee Bazinet

6.2 Proposed Accommodation Plan for the Regular Program at Le Roi Daniels School

Superintendent Coppinger provided introductory remarks and Mr. P. Carlton, Director, Community Engagement & Operational Planning, provided a brief review of the background information and the community engagement involvement, which is detailed in the report. In regards to future accommodation, by 2010 we would have a serious problem related to the expansion of the Traditional Learning Centre and the regular program at Le Roi Daniels, as the projection anticipated is an enrolment of 479 students, while the instructional space available is 425.

Trustees provided comments and raised questions, which were addressed by Administration, and a summary of the discussion is as follows:

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- A discussion was held about how we encourage schools to address declining enrolment by increasing out-of-attendance area students. Administration noted the out-of-attendance area students are equally as important to the school as the home-area students from that particular school. The difference is that the out-of-attendance area students have a home school that they may choose to attend.
- The resources that were purchased for the Aboriginal program at Le Roi Daniels School would follow the students to Louis Riel School, should the proposed closure and accommodation plan be approved.
- Louis Riel School offers both a regular program and a Science alternative program.
- Projections indicate that by year 2011 the Traditional Learning Centre at Le Roi Daniels School will have an enrolment of approximately 420 students.
- Instructional space at Louis Riel School is 715 students and it has a current enrolment of 480 students; therefore, it has the space to accommodate further enrolment growth. We would continue to designate students who are in kindergarten to grade 9 from the Tsuu T'ina Nation to Louis Riel School and those who are in grades 10 to 12 would have the choice of attending Dr. E.P. Scarlett High School or Lord Beaverbrook High School.
- Administration noted that when a program is moved from one school to another, attempts are made to move the students together as a community; however, this is not always a possibility.

MOVED by Trustee Bazinet:

THAT the Board receives, as information and for the record, the accommodation and implementation plan outlined in the report.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Bazinet:

THAT the Board of Trustees is satisfied that there is cause to proceed with a consideration of closure of the Kindergarten to Grade 6 regular program at Le Roi Daniels School, in accordance with the *Closure of Schools Regulation* and the Board of Trustees' Governance Process Policy 5E: *Board of Trustees' Procedure – Consideration of School Closure*, sections 4 to 7.

Trustees debated the motion and expressions of support included that there is sufficient information provided by Administration indicating a declining enrolment in the regular program and a growing enrolment in the alternative program at Le Roi Daniels School. It is felt to be worthwhile to take this consideration of closure proposal to a public meeting for an in-depth review of whether this is a plan that is right for students.

Chair Cochrane called for the vote on the motion.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Recessed: 6:17 p.m.
Reconvened: 6:29 p.m.

6.3 Proposed Accommodation Plan for the Regular Program at Fairview School

Mr. P. Carlton, Director, Community Engagement & Operational Planning, provided brief remarks, noting an important piece to this plan is the Tsuu T'ina Nation's request for continuity of a kindergarten to grade 12 programming.

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

- Clarification was provided noting that the plan is to offer a grades 5 to 8 Traditional Learning Centre (TLC) program at Fairview School and a grades 9 to 12 TLC program at Henry Wise Wood High School. With respect to the configuration noted on page 6-18 of the report, that depicts the current program offering at Fairview School.
- With respect to a question of anticipated projections for enrolment at Fairview School, in year 2010 Administration is projecting a total regular program enrolment of 100 students, a TLC enrolment of 315 students, and a French Immersion enrolment of 348 students; in 2011 the projections are a TLC enrolment of 335 students and a French Immersion enrolment of 369 students; in 2013 if we only have TLC and French Immersion, we anticipate 340 students enrolled in TLC and 496 students enrolled in French Immersion, which totals 836 students in a building capacity of instructional space of 940.
- Mr. Carlton responded to a comment, noting that it has been noticed over time that when we put an alternative program in a school, the home area families tend to look carefully as to whether that is a program that interests them. We also know from our conversations with communities that when regular programs have declined and an alternative program is placed in that particular school, it boosts enrolment in the school but it does not necessarily save the regular program from decline.

MOVED by Trustee Dirks:

THAT the Board of Trustees receives, as information and for the record, the student accommodation and implementation plan outlined in the report.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Dirks:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Trustees is satisfied that there is cause to proceed with a consideration of closure of the Grade 7 to 9 regular program at Fairview School, in accordance with the *Closure of Schools Regulation* and the Board of Trustees' Governance Process Policy 5E: *Board of Trustees' Procedure – Consideration of School Closure*, sections 4 to 7.

Trustees debated the motion and expressions of support included the belief that sufficient information has been provided by Administration to move towards the consideration of closure process.

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Chair Cochrane called for the vote on the motion.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.4 Renaming of Salvation Army Children's Village School

Chair Cochrane spoke to the contents of the report, noting that the school is currently operated in a facility that is owned by the Salvation Army and as a result of the dissolution of their partnership with the CBE it is felt to be appropriate to rename the school.

MOVED by Trustee Dirks:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the renaming of *Salvation Army Children's Village School* to *Children's Village School*.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7.0 MONITORING AND RESULTS

There were no items.

8.0 POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW

There were no items.

9.0 CONSENT AGENDA

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

9.1 Board Consent Agenda

- 9.1.1 Approval of Minutes
- Regular Meeting held January 6, 2009

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 6, 2009, as submitted.

- 9.1.2 Appointment/Resignation of Governors of EducationMatters

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the reappointment of Dr. Gene Edworthy as Governor of EducationMatters, to be effective January 17, 2009, for a 3-year term, ending January 17, 2012.

THAT the Board of Trustees accepts the resignation of Mr. David Pickersgill as Governor of EducationMatters effective December 31, 2008.

9.2 Chief Superintendent Consent Agenda

- 9.2.1 Report on Financial Status of Operating Budget as at November 30, 2008 and Forecast for the Year Ending August 31, 2009

THAT information regarding all budget revisions made during the period September 1, 2008 to November 30, 2008 inclusive (identified in the Analysis section of this report and in Attachments I and II), be received for monitoring information and for the record.

THAT the Statement of Revenue and Expense for the period September 1, 2008 to November 30, 2008 and Forecast Annual Revenue and Expense for the year ending August 31, 2009 and notes thereto (Attachments III and IV, respectively) be received for monitoring information and for the record.

THAT operating fund surplus of \$3.8 million, designated for project initiatives carried forward from 2007/08, be approved for transfer and inclusion in the 2008/09 operating budget. (A listing of approved items as identified in Attachment V).

9.2.2 Capital Budget Status Report as at November 30, 2008

THAT information regarding all budget revisions and transfers, as outlined in the report for the period September 1 to November 30, 2008 inclusive, be received for monitoring information and for the record.

THAT attachments I to IV, reflecting actual capital expenditures for the period September 1 to November 30, 2008 and forecast expenditures for the year ending August 31, 2009, be received for monitoring information and for the record.

THAT capital fund surplus of \$7.06 million, designated for project initiatives carried forward from 2007/08, be approved for transfer and inclusion in the 2008/09 Capital Budget. (A listing of approved items as identified in Attachment V).

10.0 TRUSTEE NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

Recessed: 6:47 p.m.

Reconvened: 7:06 p.m.

11.0 IN-CAMERA ISSUES

MOVED by Trustee King:

THAT the meeting moves in camera.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee King:

THAT the meeting moves out of in camera.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MOVED by Trustee Lane:

THAT the Board of Trustees ratifies the amendment to *Form 4, Notice of Intent to Appoint the Superintendent of Schools*, as outlined in the report, and ratifies the submission of the Form, as amended, to the Minister on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Kryczka:

- 1. THAT the proposal outlined in the private report be approved as an acceptable strategy to preserve and enhance the market value of the current Education Centre site; and**
- 2. THAT the Board of Trustees directs CBE Administration to pursue negotiations with the City's senior elected officials and the City's administration regarding this proposal.**

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cochrane declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.