



Public Board Meeting

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, October 9, 2019

Time: 1:07 PM

Trustees

Nicole Buchanan, Chair
Laurette Woodward, Vice Chair
Bill Christie, Trustee
Dianne Macaulay, Trustee
Bev Manning, Trustee
Bill Stuebing, Trustee
Cathy Peacocke, Trustee

Senior Administration

Stu Henry, Superintendent of Schools
Bruce Buruma, Corporate Secretary
Colin Cairney, Corporate Treasurer
Ron Eberts, Associate Superintendent
Chad Erickson, Associate Superintendent
Nicola Golby, Associate Superintendent
Rob Moltzahn, Associate Superintendent
Della Ruston, Associate Superintendent

1. Call to Order

The public meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 12:10 p.m.

2. Motion to Meet in Private

Moved By: Bev Manning, Trustee

That the Board meet in private, the time being 12:10 p.m.

Carried

3. Revert to Public Meeting

The meeting reverted to a public meeting, the time being 1:07 p.m.

4. O Canada

O Canada was sung.

5. Land Acknowledgement

The land recognition statement recognizing Treaty 6 and Treaty 7 territory was read by Trustee Christie.

6. Approval of Minutes

Moved By: Bill Christie, Trustee

That the minutes for Board Meeting (September 11, 2019) be approved as presented.

Carried

7. Approval of Agenda

Moved By: Bev Manning, Trustee

That the agenda for Board Meeting (October 9, 2019) be approved with the following additions:

9.12 CUPE Negotiations

9.13 Equity Steering Committee

Carried

8. Recognition

Aspen Heights – MicroSociety Recognition

Aspen Heights Elementary School received the Four Stars Excellence Award from MicroSociety International, the highest recognition of excellence awarded.

In addition, teachers Melisa McIntosh and Sian Milner were recognized as outstanding facilitators. Allan Baile received the HEART Award for his commitment to the continual growth of his school's MicroSociety; and six students — Gemma Gould, Raylin Jones, Addyson Higgins, Fatama Fadlalah, Stephanie Paje, and Brielle Brattson — were awarded for student leadership for their initiatives to care for the natural environment to the benefit of their school and surrounding community.

Moved By: Bev Manning, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees receive the Aspen Heights - MicroSociety Recognition as information as well as a great appreciation of the staff and students at the school.

Carried

9. Governance Agenda

9.1 Enrolment Summary Report

Student Enrolment at the end of September 2019 was 11,229 students.

Moved By: Laurette Woodward, Vice Chair

THAT the Board of Trustees accept the Enrolment Summary Report for September 30, 2019 as information.

Carried

9.2 AP & IB Exam Results

Advanced Placement, offered at Hunting Hills, is a rigorous academic program that provides students with the opportunity to experience post-secondary level studies while they are in high school.

The International Baccalaureate program, offered at Lindsay Thurber, offers an academically challenging school experience designed to better prepare students for post-secondary schooling. The program also offers post-secondary level courses, and students may receive up to a full year of university credit for courses completed at high school.

Associate Superintendent Golby shared results showing that Red Deer Public students in both programs did exceptionally well on final exams in comparison to other students in Alberta, Canada and globally.

Moved By: Laurette Woodward, Vice Chair

THAT the Board of Trustees receive the AP & IB Exam Results as information.

Carried

9.3 Information and Technology Services Report

Associate Superintendent, Eberts and Coordinator, Trevor Pikkert reported on projects, initiatives and activities in the Information and Technology Services department. The presentation included several topics, categorized under the following Learning and Technology Policy Framework directions:

1. Student-Centered Learning
2. Research and Innovation
3. Professional Learning
4. Leadership
5. Access, Infrastructure and Digital Learning Environments

Also provided was an indication as to the direction the department is moving towards in the future, which included Cloud-based technology and Digital Student Records.

Moved By: Laurette Woodward, Vice Chair

THAT the Board of Trustees receive Technology and Information Services Report as information.

Carried

9.4 Report from Learning Services

The Learning Services Department supports teaching and learning across the curriculum with a focus on student achievement and the provision of equitable learning opportunities.

Associate Superintendent Golby along with the department team shared work being done in Curriculum to enhance teaching and learning in the following areas:

1. Excellence in Instruction
2. Literacy
3. Numeracy
4. High School Collaboration
5. Early Learning
6. New Curriculum Update

Moved By: Bill Christie, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees receive Learning Services Report as information.

Carried

9.5 Public Engagement Strategy 2020

Director of Community Relations Buruma engaged a generative dialogue among the Board of Trustees, identifying potential focus areas for public engagement that will help provide direction to Senior Administration in developing plans and processes for the 2019-20 school year.

Mr. Buruma will revisit the focus areas at the November 2019 board meeting.

Moved By: Bill Christie, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees receive the Public Engagement Strategy 2020 as information.

Carried

9.6 Revisions to Board Policy #1

The Board of Trustees reviewed the proposed changes to Board Policy #1.

Moved By: Bev Manning, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees accepted the proposed revisions to Board Policy #1.

Carried

9.7 Policy Review: Policy #2: Role of the Board

The Board of Trustees reviewed the proposed changes to Board Policy #2

Moved By: Bill Christie, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees receive Board Policy #2 as information.

Carried

9.8 ASBA Report

Vice Chair Woodward provided a report from the Alberta School Boards Association September 23, 2019 Zone 4 meeting.

Moved By: Laurette Woodward, Vice Chair

THAT the Board of Trustees accept the ASBA Report as information.

Carried

9.9 Advocacy Committee Update

Chair Buchanan provided a verbal report from the Advocacy Committee along with a letter from the Public School Boards Association regarding the removal of the “Public” from the name of school divisions addressed to all Alberta School Board Chairs.

Moved By: Bill Christie, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees receive the update from the Advocacy Committee as information and further write a letter to the Minister to strongly support the use of the name "Public" in our legal name and to copy all school boards, MLA's, media, PSBA and ASBA.

Carried

9.10 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Stu Henry highlighted a number of activities he was involved in during the month of September.

Moved By: Laurette Woodward, Vice Chair

THAT the Board of Trustees accepts the Superintendent's Report as information.

Carried

9.11 Board Chair's Report

Chair Buchanan provided a verbal report on the following three items:

- recent ASBA meeting with all board chairs
- request from the Alberta School Councils Association (ASCA) regarding a letter of support for funding
- a recent media inquiry regarding vaping.

Moved By: Laurette Woodward, Vice Chair

THAT the Board of Trustees accepts the Board Chair's Report as information.

Carried

Moved By: Cathy Peacocke, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees write a letter to the Minister in support of ASCA to continue to receive the current level of funding and that Red Deer Public Schools supports the work that ASCA does.

Carried

9.12 CUPE Negotiations

Trustee Stuebing provided an update on the status of the CUPE Negotiations.

Moved By: Bill Stuebing, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees ratify the Memorandum of Agreement reached between the Division and the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 1012 effective for the dates September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2021 and further ratify the six letters of understanding authorized to sign the agreement.

Carried

9.13 Equity Steering Committee

Trustee Stuebing provided a verbal report on the Equity Steering Committee.

Moved By: Bill Stuebing, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees receive the report as information.

Carried

Adjournment

Chair Buchanan declared the meeting adjournment at 4:20 p.m.

Chair

Corporate Treasurer