



Public Board Meeting

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2020

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 12:00 p.m.

2. Motion to Meet in Private

Moved By: Bev Manning, Trustee

THAT the Board meet in private, the time being 12:00 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 Stuebing.

6. Approval of Minutes

Moved By: Bill Christie, Trustee

THAT the minutes for Board Meeting (February 12, 2020) be approved as presented.

Carried

7. Approval of Agenda

Moved By: Bill Christie, Trustee

THAT the agenda for Board Meeting (March 11, 2020) be approved with the following additions:

9.11 Education Plan Follow-up

9.12 Classified Staff Remuneration

9.13 Charter School Application

Carried

8. Recognition

8.1 Recognition of Community Engagement

Elizabella Mackenzie, a Grade 5 student at Ecole Mountview Elementary School, contacted Veterans Affairs Canada and received 560 blank Postcards of Peace, which she took to school. Elizabella and her fellow classmates wrote a message of hope and encouragement on each postcard, which were then mailed to veterans across Canada and overseas.

Ten of those postcards ended up in the hands of veterans at Extendicare Michener in Red Deer.

Because of this, Elizabella took part in a celebration at Extendicare Michener last month where 10 veterans were honoured with a quilt provided by Quilts of Valour-Canada.

Thanks to the dedication and efforts of Elizabella, these local veterans were honoured and received their prestigious quilts.

Moved By: Bev Manning, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees recognize that student Elizabella Mackenzie be recognized for leadership and community building

Carried

9. Governance Agenda

9.1 Admin Staffing Committee

Moved By: Bill Stuebing, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees approve the recommendation of the Administrative Hiring Committee for the position of principal.

Carried

9.2 The Foundation for Red Deer Public Schools Report

The Foundation for Red Deer Public Schools plays an important role in providing opportunities that enhance and enrich learning for students in Red Deer Public Schools. Aligned with the district's priorities of Literacy and Numeracy; Equity; and Student Success and Completion, the Foundation supports programs that have a significant impact on the lives of students across the District.

Foundation Board Chair, Dave Tilstra along with Executive Director, Bruce Buruma, shared information on the Foundations successes as well as future directions for the Foundation.

Moved By: Bev Manning, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees receive The Foundation for Red Deer Public School Report as information.

Carried

9.3 Student Services Report

The Student Services Department continues to work on several initiatives that support inclusion of all students in the most enabling environment.

While there are a number of activities currently occurring, the items that follow were provided to the Board of Trustees.

- Student Services Structure
- Comprehensive Student Support
- Planning For Inclusion
- Valuing Mental Health
- Student Support Rooms
- District Programs and Enrollment
- Early Learning

Moved By: Bill Christie, Trustee

It is recommended that the Board receive the report from Student Services as information.

Carried

9.4 Update on Board Policy #3 - The Role of the Board

Corporate Treasurer Colin Cairney, provided an update from the January 8, 2020 Public Board Meeting request that Administration review Board Policy #3 –Role of the Trustee, specifically the section on Indemnification that listed certain exclusions. The Board's legal and insurance broker were contacted to provide an opinion and direction.

The legal recommendation was to refer to indemnification to the extent that the Board's insurance policy of officers and directors provides coverage and to the extent the insurer agrees to provide coverage.

The insurance broker recommended requesting to have a review of the list of exclusions by the USIC group to consider updating these exclusions to better align with the wording within the insurance liability policy.

Moved By: Laurette Woodward, Vice Chair

THAT the Board of Trustees receive the update on Board Policy #3 - The Role of the Board as information.

Carried

9.5 Review Policy #4 Appendix: Trustee Code of Conduct and Sanctions

The Board of Trustees reviewed Board Policy #4 – Trustee Code of Conduct and provided suggestions for updates. The suggested updates will be reported at a future public meeting.

Moved By: Laurette Woodward, Vice Chair

THAT the Board of Trustees receive the review of Policy #4 Appendix: Trustee Code of Conduct and Sanction as information.

Carried

9.6 Field Study Request from HHHS

The agenda item will be deferred to a future public meeting.

9.7 ASBA Report

Trustee Peacocke provided a report from the Alberta School Boards Association from the February 24, 2020 Zone 4 meeting.

Moved By: Cathy Peacocke, Trustee

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

Carried

9.8 Enrolment Summary Report

Student Enrolment at the end of February 2020 was 11,314 students.

Moved By: Laurette Woodward, Vice Chair

THAT the Board of Trustees accept the Enrolment Summary Report for February 2020 as information.

Carried

9.9 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent of Schools Henry provided a review of activities he has been involved in the past month.

Moved By: Bev Manning, Trustee

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

Carried

9.10 Board Chair's Report

Board Chair Buchanan provided a verbal report.

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

Moved By: Nicole Buchanan, Chair

Carried

9.11 Education Plan Follow-up

Superintendent Henry presented a list of smart goals (outcomes) regarding the Education Plan for the board as information and review.

Moved By: Bev Manning, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees accepts the Education Plan Follow-up as information.

Carried

9.12 Classified Staff Remuneration

Moved By: Cathy Peacocke, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees amend the recommendations as presented.

Carried

9.13 Charter School Application

Superintendent Henry presented a charter school proposal from SCcyber E-Learning Community to the Board of Trustees to form a partnership. Upon review of the proposal it was determined that the District was currently doing this work within our own schools.

Moved By: Bev Manning, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees requests that the Superintendent of Schools notifies SCcyber E-Learning Community that they are not interested in pursuing a partnership.

Carried

10. Correspondence

10.1 Correspondence Sent

There was a letters sent to the Minister of Education regarding the removal of “Public” from our legal name. Alberta Education notified Corporate Treasurer Cairney that a new letter was required to be sent with an amended motion requesting to have the corporate name changed and not the legal name changed as per Section 79 of the Education Act.

THAT the Board of Trustee defers the motion to write the letter until a face-to-face meeting can be set up with the board and the Minister of Education.

11 Celebrations

The Board of Trustees and Senior Administration shared celebrations of events and activities taking place in the District over the last month.

Motion to Meet in Private

Moved By: Bev Manning, Trustee

That the Board meet in private, the time being 3:00 p.m.

Carried

Revert to Public Meeting

The meeting reverted to a public meeting, the time being 3:18 p.m.

Adjournment

Chair Buchanan declared the meeting adjournment at 3:18 pm.

Chair

Corporate Treasurer