



## **Board Meeting**

### **Minutes**

Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Time: 1:00 PM

Presiding	Bev Manning, Chair Nicole Buchanan, Vice Chair Bill Christie, Trustee Dianne Macaulay, Trustee Bill Stuebing, Trustee Cathy Peacocke, Trustee Laurette Woodward, Trustee
Trustees	Bruce Buruma, Corporate Secretary Stu Henry, Superintendent of Schools Colin Cairney, Corporate Treasurer Ron Eberts, Associate Superintendent Chad Erickson, Associate Superintendent Nicola Golby, Associate Superintendent Rob Moltzahn, Associate Superintendent Della Ruston, Associate Superintendent

#### **Call to Order**

The public meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 12:00 p.m..

#### **Motion to Meet in Private**

Moved By: Nicole Buchanan, Vice Chair

That the Board meet in private, the time being 12:00 p.m.

**Carried**

#### **Revert to Public Meeting**

The meeting reverted to a public meeting, the time being 12:57 p.m.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Moved By: Bill Christie, Trustee

That the minutes for Board Meeting on November 14, 2018 be approved with the following amendment:

- Band Director of the Year Award item...remove "The Superintendent recommends" from the start of the motion

**Carried**

## **Approval of Agenda**

Moved By: Bill Stuebing, Trustee

That the agenda for the Board Meeting on December 12, 2018 be approved with the following additions to be added to Trustee Question:

- Seat belts on School Buses
- Mustard Seed Volunteer Opportunity

**Carried**

## **Recognition**

### **Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School Senior Women's Volleyball Team**

The Lindsay Thurber Senior Women's Volleyball Team won a gold medal at the Alberta School Athletics' Association as provincial volleyball championships in Grande Prairie in November. The Board of Trustees recognize students and their coaches for this significant accomplishment.

Moved By: Laurette Woodward, Trustee

THAT The Board of Trustees recognizes the Lindsay Thurber Womens Volleyball Team for their impressive athletic achievements.

## **Governance Agenda**

### **Approve Locally Development Courses for February**

The Board is able to approve locally developed courses which do not follow specific provincial curriculum, but which the District wishes to offer as an alternative to students and parents.

The Board reviewed and approved the following courses which will be forwarded to Alberta Education for their approval as well:

- Advanced Physics 35 -5
- Design Thinking for Innovation

Moved By: Nicole Buchanan, Vice Chair

THAT the Board of Trustees approve:

- Advanced Physics 35 -5
- Design Thinking for Innovation

as locally developed courses for the period of February 1, 2019 – August 31, 2022.

**Carried**

### **Numeracy Initiative**

Numeracy is one of the priorities for Red Deer Public Schools with the goal to ensure each learner has the ability to recently reason and apply math numerical concepts. Learning services provided an update on the numeracy initiative focusing on the following:

- Refresh our math practice through the Pyramid of Support Model with a focus on planning, assessment and instruction.
- Build capacity through positive mathematical mindset
- Analyse student achievement data and respond accordingly
- Support families to the provision of strategies and evening sessions

Moved By: Bill Christie, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees accept the Numeracy Initiative report as information.

**Carried**

### **Enrolment Summary**

11,128 students are registered in Red Deer Public Schools as of November 30.

These include 9881 students and English programs, 1043 students in French immersion and 204 students in Spanish bilingual.

Moved By: Nicole Buchanan, Vice Chair

THAT the Board of Trustees accepts the Enrolment Summary Report for November 30, 2018 as information.

**Carried**

## **Review Class Size Report**

The Board of Trustees reviewed the 2018-2019 class-size report which includes information on class sizes by grade levels and subjects. The District needs to report these averages to the Department by January 15.

Alberta Education provides funding to the district to address class sizes for K to three class sizes as well as CTS courses.

Alberta Education also establishes targets for school jurisdictions however funding is not provided to achieve these aside from the per-pupil allocation. With per-pupil allocation grants remaining the same for the last seven years, the district is seeing a increase in average class sizes across the district.

Trustees reviewed the detail data and asked administration questions for clarification.

Moved By: Nicole Buchanan, Vice Chair

THAT the Board of Trustees accept the unofficial 2018-2019 Class Size Report as information.

**Carried**

## **ASBA Report**

Trustee Woodward provided a report on activities of the Alberta School Boards Association.

Trustee Woodward also shared our District Survey response, which she prepared, regarding feedback to the Association on Board Autonomy. Trustees supported the messages and will provide additional feedback as needed.

Moved By: Laurette Woodward, Trustee

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

**Carried**

## **PSBAA Report**

Trustee Stuebing provided a report on activities of the Public School Boards Association of Alberta.

Moved By: Bill Stuebing, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees accepts the PSBAA Report as information.

**Carried**

### **Lindsay Thurber Field Study Request**

The Board of Trustees reviewed a field study request for students from Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School to go to Cuba with a focus on Afro-Cuban contributions to music, dance and visual arts. Up to 75 students will be participating in the trip taking place in February 2020

Moved By: Bill Christie, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees approve the proposed Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School to Cuba

**Carried**

### **Community Engagement Update**

As part of the Board's priority to connecting with our community, The District undertook an online engagement to help our stakeholders identify:

- What makes a successful Red Deer Public Schools student?

We asked participants two questions:

- What are your hopes for students to be successful in learning, work and life?
- What opportunities should students have in our schools to be successful in life?

The next step in the process is to determining how we use the information to develop priorities and strategies for the District Education Plan.

To support that, The Board will host focus groups/town hall meetings with stakeholders to identify what the next steps should be in the process.

Moved By: Nicole Buchanan, Vice Chair

THAT the Board of Trustees receives the Community Engagement Update report as information.

**Carried**

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Henry provided a review of activities he has been involved in.

In addition to the Agenda items, Superintendent Henry attended a meeting of Red Deer City Council to share information on the Community Safety Plan and the Integrated School Support initiative taking place at Normandeau School.

As part of the Superintendent Report, Corporate Secretary Buruma shared information on options for audio recordings of Board Meetings. Further clarification will be provided on the recommended solutions.

Moved By: Bev Manning, Chair

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

### **O Canada**

O Canada was sung.

### **Land Acknowledgement**

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

### **Trustee Questions**

Trustees received an update on:

- Sue of seat belts on school buses: Associate Superintendent Ruston followed up with our transportation providers and the Department. It was noted that additional information on research and safety testing of seatbelts on school buses is anticipated from Transport Canada and the National Transportation Safety Board (USA). This information and its recommendations will guide future directions.
- Mustard Seed Volunteer Opportunity: Trustee Macaulay shared information on opportunities to prepare school lunches with the Mustard Seed Society. Trustees welcome the opportunity to volunteer for this valued and important program.

### **Celebrations**

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

### **Adjournment**

Chair Manning declared the meeting adjournment at 3:14 p.m.

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Chair

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Corporate Secretary