



Public Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, April 10, 2019
1:00 PM

Trustees
Bev Manning, Chair
Bill Christie, Trustee
Dianne Macaulay, Trustee
Bill Stuebing, Trustee
Cathy Peacocke, Trustee
Laurette Woodward, 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

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: Bill Christie, Trustee

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 1:04 p.m.

O Canada

O Canada was sung.

Land Acknowledgement

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

Approval of Minutes

Moved By: Laurette Woodward, Trustee

THAT the minutes for Board Meeting March 13, 2019 be approved as presented.

Carried

Approval of Agenda

Moved By: Dianne Macaulay, Trustee

THAT the agenda for Board Meeting April 10, 2019 be approved with the following additions:

9.15 Campaign for a Smoke-free Alberta

9.16 Professional Improvement leave

9.17 Women in Leadership

Carried

Recognition

Edwin Parr Nominee Recognition

Randi Cummerford, a grade 3 teacher at École Barrie Wilson School, is Red Deer Public Schools' 2018 nominee for the Zone 4 ASBA Edwin Parr Teacher Award. The award is presented annually to a first year teacher who demonstrates outstanding performance in a number of areas.

Randi Cummerford has demonstrated exemplary work and was recognized by the Board of Trustees.

Moved By: Bill Christie, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees acknowledge Randi Cummerford as the Red Deer Public School District nominee for the Edwin Parr Award and for demonstrating excellence as a first year teacher.

Carried

Governance Agenda

Radon Report

Associate Superintendent, Della Ruston presented a report on Radon Testing and informed the Board of Trustees that the District will put out a Request for Proposals (RFP) this spring/summer and will award radon testing to a contractor. Testing will occur next winter, as the best time to test for radon is over the winter when windows and doors aren't open as much, allowing radon levels to build up and provide more accurate readings. The use of Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal (IMR) funds will be used to pay for the testing.

Moved By: Laurette Woodward, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees receive Radon Report as information.

Carried

Three-Year Education Plan

The Draft Three-Year District Education Plan sets the strategic direction for Red Deer Public Schools. The highest priority for the District is the success of every student. The plan includes outcomes, strategies, and performance measures the District and our schools will follow to achieve this. The plan is based on significant consultations with our stakeholders to reflect the needs and priorities for Red Deer Public Schools and our community.

The draft Three-Year District Education Plan maintains the same three main priority areas as the plan from last year:

- Literacy and Numeracy
- Equity
- Student Success and Completion

The full District Three-Year Education Plan (2019-2020 to 2021-2022), including all mandatory components, will be presented at the June Board of Trustees Meeting for approval.

Moved By: Dianne Macaulay, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees receive the Three Year Education Plan as information.

Carried

Second Quarter Financial Statements

The financial statement for the second quarter of the year ending February 28, 2019 were reviewed and noted that revenues and expenditures are currently in line with budget projections as well as in line with revenues and expenditures when compared to the previous year's second quarter.

Moved By: Bill Christie, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees accept the quarterly financial statements for the period ending February 28, 2019 as information.

Carried

International Student Tuition 2019-20

The International Student Program is requested a tuition increase of up to \$400 dollars beginning in the 2020-2021 school year. This amount was agreed upon in collaboration with the Red Deer Catholic Schools International Student Program. Traditionally, Red Deer Public's International Student Program has increased its tuition every two years.

Transportation costs, administration cost along with committing to provide international students with the best possible experience by providing activities and services contribute to the tuition increase.

International Student Program's overall tuition costs will remain competitive. With this increase, total tuition would cost \$11,500. The program anticipates an increase in

homestay charges for students but, will absorb the increased homestay costs within the \$400 amount of increased tuition.

Moved By: Bill Stuebing, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees accepts the tuition increase for International Students effective 2020-2021.

Carried

Proposed 2020 WPM Field Study to Orlando, Florida

The Board of Trustees reviewed a field study request for students from Westpark Middle School to travel to Orlando, Florida for February 12 - 19, 2020. The "Ultimate Science Experience" involves middle school students from across the District.

Moved By: Dianne Macaulay, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees approve the proposed Westpark Middle School trip to Orlando, Florida from February 12 - 19, 2020.

Carried

Proposed 2020 HHHS Field Study to France

The Board of Trustees reviewed a field study request for students from Hunting Hills High School to travel to France for April 7 - 17, 2020. Students will experience French and Belgian art and culture while applying language skills (listening, speaking, reading) and artistic competencies for evaluating works of art that they have learned in school. Students will gain further knowledge and appreciation for the Canadian involvement of our soldiers in World Wars I and II in France and Belgium.

Moved By: Bill Christie, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees approve the proposed Hunting Hill High School trip to France and Belgium from April 7 - 17, 2020.

Carried

Enrolment Summary Report

Student enrolment at the end of March 2019 was 11,193 students.

Moved By: Bill Christie, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees accepts the Enrolment Summary Report for March 31, 2019 as information.

Carried

ASBA Policy Resolutions

Corporate Secretary, Bruce Buruma requested that Trustees consider any issues that could be brought forward through the policy development process that the Alberta School Boards

Association conducts. Should there be a resolution to be advanced, it was suggested that an assigned trustees, with support from district administration, could develop resolutions for consideration by the Alberta School Boards Association.

Trustee Woodward brought up the increased issue with vaping in schools. It was decided that this resolution would be submitted to the ASBA zone meeting in May 2019 zone meeting.

Moved By: Laurette Woodward, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees request Trustee Woodward and Corporate Secretary, Bruce Buruma submit a letter encouraging the ASBA at the upcoming General Meetings of the Alberta School Boards Association to bring forward for discussion the issue with vaping in Alberta schools.

Carried

ASBA Report

Trustee Woodward reported on the March 25, 2019 ASBA Zone 4 meeting.

Moved By: Cathy Peacocke, Trustee

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

Carried

PBSAA Report

No report was provided.

Moved By: Bill Stuebing, Trustee

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

Carried

District Values

Director of Community Relations, Bruce Buruma reported on the districts involvement in the community engagement activities that the Board of Trustees undertook to help identify values and character attributes that our schools and the community wish students to develop.

As the district move towards finalizing the District Education Plan 2019/20 to 2021/22, the Board of Trustees were asked to confirm the district values. Once these are finalized, the district can further strategize how to implement and highlight these values across our community.

Moved By: Bill Christie, Trustee

1. THAT the Board of Trustees approve the District Values as presented.
2. THAT the Board of Trustees approve the District Values as modified.
3. THAT the Board of Trustees requests Administration review the District Values as discussed and present recommendations at the next meeting of the Board.

Carried

Campaign for a Smoke-free Alberta

Chair Manning presented a document for a campaign of support to stop the repeal of important legislation to protect thousands of Alberta youth from the hazards of tobacco, smoking and vaping. The campaign is asking for signatures on the document to show support of the cause that is to be sent to the Premier.

Moved By: Bev Manning, Chair

THAT the Board of Trustees supports the signing of the document be Chair Manning to be sent to the Premier.

Professional Improvement

Associate Superintendent, Rob Moltzahn brought forward information and a recommendation regarding Professional Improvement Leave for review and approval by the Board of Trustees.

Moved By: Cathy Peacocke, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees approve the application for Professional Improvement Leave as recommended.

Women in Leadership

Trustee Macaulay reported on her attendance at the Women in Leadership Conference.

Moved By: Dianne Macaulay, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees accepts the report as information.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Stu Henry highlighted a number of activities he was involved in during the month of March. This report included the meeting with Scott Builders around the move of the modular from Westpark Middle School to Normandeau School.

Moved By: Bev Manning, Chair

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

Carried

Board Chair's Report

Moved By: Bev Manning, Chair

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

Carried

Correspondence Received

Letter from Alberta Education acknowledging that the Districts 2018/19 – 2020/21 Three-Year Education plan and 2107/18 Annual Education Results Report has been accepted.

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 2.49 p.m.

Chair

Corporate Secretary