

CALGARY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) held in the Multipurpose Room, Education Centre, 1221 – 8 Street SW, Calgary, Alberta on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 12 noon.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees:

Trustee J. Bowen-Eyre, Chair
Trustee L. Ferguson
Trustee J. Hehr
Trustee T. Hurdman
Trustee P. King
Trustee A. Stewart

Administration:

Mr. D. Stevenson, Chief Superintendent of Schools
Ms. S. Church, Deputy Chief Superintendent of Schools
Mr. E. Heeger, on behalf of F. Coppinger, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services
Ms. C. Faber, Superintendent, Learning Innovation
Mr. B. Grundy, Superintendent, Finance and Supply Chain Services
Mr. B. Brunton, Chief Communications Officer
Mr. G. Francis, General Counsel, Legal Services
Ms. J. Barkway, Corporate Secretary
Ms. J. Manfield, Recording Secretary

Stakeholder Representatives:

Mr. R. Anderson, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 41
Mr. F. Bruseker, Alberta Teachers’ Association, Local 38
Ms. L. Robb, Calgary Board of Education Staff Association
Ms. M. Speight, Elementary School Principals’ Association
Mr. R. Petrowitsch, Principals’ Association for Adolescent Learners (PAAL)

1 | CALL TO ORDER, NATIONAL ANTHEM AND WELCOME

Chair Bowen-Eyre called the meeting to order at 11:56 p.m. on the Link and O Canada was led by Royal Oak School Grade 4 Choir. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Trustee Bowen-Eyre thanked the students for their performance.

The meeting reconvened in the Multipurpose room. Chair Bowen-Eyre acknowledged and welcomed staff, public and representatives from the aforementioned organizations. She also welcomed teacher Mrs. D. Allan and her grade 4 students from Maple Ridge School. This week the students have moved their studies to the historical classroom where they will be exploring the many artifacts at the CBE and the community of Connaught. They are studying the big idea of “What is our Legacy” and will be working with Corporate Partnerships to learn about the many legacy projects the CBE is involved

with. Students are very excited to be working at McDougall Centre on Wednesday studying legacy and hope to have an opportunity to meet Premier Jim Prentice.

2 | **CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED by Trustee Hehr:

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of January 20, 2015 be approved as submitted.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3 | **RESULTS FOCUS**

3.1 **School Presentation – Royal Oak School – Results 4**

Ms. J. Everett, Area I Director, stated that the presentation will share an impactful learning opportunity that began over four years ago. The students were introduced to Stephen McPhee and learned of his desire to fill backpacks with gifts for people less fortunate. Stephen's mother, author Nancy McPhee, began a relationship with the students at Royal Oak School, who supported Stephen's dreams by filling backpacks. The students also worked alongside their teachers and Stephen's mother as they illustrated the book "On Eagles' Wings". Principal Ms. L. Sparks explained that the words in the book were the canvas they used to create and imagine with clay illustrations to match the details of the story.

Grade 1 Teacher Ms. J Percival shared comments about how author Nancy McPhee has been a true inspiration and role model for the students and that having the students illustrate the author's new book served as a tremendous learning opportunity. Ms. K. Morden, grade 3 teacher stated that last year students filled more than 100 backpacks that went to High River flood victims, and this year another 100 backpacks went to local kids in Calgary. Grade 4 teacher Mr. C. Baker, stated that the students presenting today are the first graduating class of Royal Oak from K-4 and that teachers have seen dramatic changes in the students' ability to work and collaborate effectively with others.

Grade 4 student Nick spoke of how he set learning goals to complete the task of providing illustrations for the book, met the challenges and solved the problems that arose in the task. He stated that it took a lot of planning and patience and he is very proud of how the illustrations turned out. Grade 4 student Josh stated that he has been involved with Stephen's Backpacks since Kindergarten and shared comments on his involvement in illustrating the book and how he took on a leadership role working with younger students. Grade 4 student Sarah shared comments on working collaboratively and that when working with partners, it is important to ask your partner's opinion to ensure the work is shared. A video clip was shown that was aired on Global News of the students working on their project at the school.

Parent, Ms. A. Lloyd shared a parent's perspective about the project. She spoke of how each of her two children engaged in the project in a different way. Through their involvement in Stephen's Backpacks they have expanded their perspective and the complexities of what it means to be less fortunate and their role in a helping society.

Assistant Principal Ms. B. Dalton presented Chair Bowen-Eyre and Chief Superintendent Stevenson with framed pieces of artwork that were used as illustrations in the book and created by the students at Royal Oak.

Trustee Bowen-Eyre thanked the staff, students and parent for the presentation and on their initiative which ties in to all Results policies and has built a legacy for the school.

4 | **RESULTS FOCUS**

4.1 **OE-6: Financial Administration – Annual Monitoring**

Chair Bowen-Eyre stated that this report was introduced at the January 13, 2015 meeting where trustees posed questions and received clarification on the report. The Board must now consider whether the Chief Superintendent is in compliance with the provisions of OE-6.

MOVED by Trustee Stewart:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves that the Chief Superintendent is in compliance with the provisions of OE-6: Financial Administration.

MOVED by Trustee Hurdman:

THAT the motion be amended by the addition of “with the exception of policy subsections 6.1 and 6.4”.

Trustees debated the proposed amendment, and their comments are summarized as follows:

- Although these two policy subsections are very close to being in compliance, the approved indicators were not met. It is also Administration’s opinion that these parts of the policy are not in compliance.
- The CBE is a large organization and there is tremendous effort on the part of many staff to ensure compliance. Trustees need to be mindful that there has been a drop in the level of Administrative staff and consideration should be given to the staffing levels the system needs in order to support schools and pay staff on time.
- A trustee noted the encouraging capacity building information in Attachment I of the report which provides information on the strategies that are being employed to bring both of these areas into compliance for the next monitoring period.

The motion to amend was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Bowen-Eyre invited trustees to put forward any motions arising regarding commendations or areas of concern.

Chair Bowen-Eyre informed that the Regular meeting would go in-camera for the Board to discuss two items relevant to legal issues and one strategic administrative item.

Recessed: 12: 44 p.m.
Reconvened: 1:12 p.m.

7 | **IN-CAMERA ISSUES**

7.1 **Motion to Move In Camera**

MOVED by Trustee Stewart:

Whereas the Board of Trustees is of the opinion that it is in the public interest that matters on the Private Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Board, January 20, 2015, be considered at an in-camera session; therefore be it

Resolved, THAT the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees moves in camera.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7.2 **Motion to Revert to Public Meeting**

MOVED by Trustee Hehr:

THAT the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees moves out of in camera.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7.3 **Motion to Action In-Camera Recommendations**

MOVED by Trustee Ferguson:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the renewal of the contract with KPMG LLP to serve as the Calgary Board of Education's auditors for a one-year period, to February 28, 2016.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee King:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves a revision to the scheduled Regular Board Meeting of January 27, 2015 to change the time of the meeting to 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., in Room T224 at 1221 – 8 Street SW, Calgary, Alberta.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8 | **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Bowen-Eyre declared the meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.