

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, March 10, 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. 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. D. Perrier, Recording Secretary

Stakeholder Representatives:

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

1 | **CALL TO ORDER, NATIONAL ANTHEM AND WELCOME**

Chair Bowen-Eyre called the meeting to order at 11:58 a.m. on the Link and O Canada was led by the Monterey Park School Handbell Ensemble.

The meeting reconvened in the Multipurpose Room. Chair Bowen-Eyre acknowledged and welcomed staff, the public and representatives from the aforementioned organizations. She also welcomed a group of students from the SAIT Journalism program.

2 | **CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ms. Barkway, Corporate Secretary, noted that requests were made for two public comments, which could be added as new agenda Item 5.0, and the remaining items renumbered accordingly.

MOVED by Trustee Hehr:

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of March 10, 2015 be approved as submitted, subject to the above noted addition.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3 | **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

3.1 **2015 Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Edwin Parr Teacher Award – CBE Nominee**

Mr. G. Francis, Acting Superintendent, Human Resources, shared information about the history of the ASBA Edwin Parr Teacher Award and the nomination process. This is an annual presentation in recognition of outstanding teaching performance by a beginning teacher. Each Zone selects one nominee for the award, for a total of six nominations throughout the province. The Calgary Board of Education (CBE) selection committee recommends that Ms. Kristi MacLeod be the CBE nominee for this award. Ms. MacLeod is currently teaching Grade 5/6 students at Marlborough School.

Ms. MacLeod came forward and expressed comments in appreciation for the nomination and shared how she has been inspired and challenged as a first-year teacher in the classroom.

MOVED by Trustee King:

THAT Kristi MacLeod is the Calgary Board of Education nominee for the 2015 Alberta School Boards Association Edwin Parr Award.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Bowen-Eyre presented Ms. MacLeod with a token of appreciation for her exceptional work with students.

4 | **RESULTS FOCUS**

4.1 **Monterey Park School Presentation – Results 4**

Dr. D. Yee, Director, Area III, shared opening remarks about the presentation, noting that staff and students would provide a snapshot of learning at Monterey Park School and how personal development is portrayed by students. She welcomed and introduced Mr. M. Craig, Assistant Principal, and called forward Ms. T. Lewis, Principal, to commence the presentation.

Principal Lewis shared some of the teaching and learning aspects that are undertaken at their school. The diverse culture is evident at Monterey Park School, with students having 45 different home languages. Students Nimrat and Jared shared comments about their personal and academic challenges and success. They spoke about the pillars of care as learned at their school, their growth in leadership skills, making connections, demonstrating resilience, personal development and self-confidence, in both the school environment and their personal lives. A video was shown in which students portrayed their learning experience at Monterey Park School.

On behalf of the Board, Trustee King expressed appreciation to the presenters and she thanked the students of the hand-bell ensemble and Ms. Crisfield, Music Teacher, for leading O Canada.

5 | **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

5.1 Ms. O. Muirhead, Chair, Centennial High School Parent Council

Ms. Muirhead shared some challenges the staff and administration at Centennial High School face with having one gymnasium, including: having enough teaching spaces to provide the physical education curriculum and instructional hours; being able to offer the students a full range of extra-curricular team sport opportunities; and balancing the need of the gym for administering final exams, facilitating parent/teacher interviews and school assemblies, and for the ongoing physical education demands.

Ms. Muirhead noted that the expansion of a fourth wing and addition of a second gym for Centennial High School were on the CBE Capital Plan for a number of years, but were taken off last year in favour of a new high school in the community of Seton. She stated that their school council advocates that both projects, the new high school in Seton and the expansion of Centennial High School, need to be on the CBE's Capital Plan. They believe that with the rapid growth of the southeast quadrant of Calgary, even with the opening of the new high school, Centennial High School will be able to maintain a utilization of 80% or more.

5.2 Ms. C. Steed, School Council, Centennial High School

Ms. C. Steed shared comments advocating for the CBE to reinstate Centennial High School's addition with a regulation size gym on the Capital Plan. She spoke of the CBE's mission, the four pillars of the Three Year Education Plan, and the CBE's values. Ms. Steed pointed out that the school has paid \$1.5 million for gym rental space, drivers' salaries, bus purchases and maintenance, and certification of drivers out of its resource allocation money. She shared comments about financial stewardship and how the money would be better spent to offset the costs of an addition with a regulation size gym for Centennial High School.

Ms. Steed commented on key findings of the wellness curricula to improve the health of children and youth. She thanked Principal Christison and the staff of Centennial High School for going above and beyond their call of duty for students. She shared her belief that student success is determined by our level of commitment to them or the lack thereof.

A handout of Ms. Muirhead's and Ms. Steed's public remarks was provided to the trustees and the Corporate Secretary.

6 | **OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS**

There were no items.

7 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD ACTION**

7.1 **Three-Year School Capital Plan, 2016-2019**

Superintendent Coppinger provided an overview of the contents of the Three-Year School Capital Plan, 2016-2019, through a PowerPoint presentation. He pointed out that the CBE can expect an increase of 2,455 students (2.1 percent) this September; currently we are at 87% utilization across the system, which can be expected to increase to 89% in September 2015. In striving to move to 80% utilization by 2020, we will need an additional 20 new schools approved in the next three years.

Administration's responses to trustee questions are summarized as follows:

- The number of modernization projects in the Plan does not include all of our actual needs, but it is a reflection of Administration's belief that it is important to recognize the economic situation in the province.
- The new ranking criteria that was approved by the Board last fall has led to a different way of assessing our modernization needs.
- The proceeds from the sale of Viscount Bennett Centre are expected to be used towards the multi-purpose Booth Centre.
- Administration shared some aspects of creative financing that has been and will be undertaken for specific projects.
- The Stampede Youth Campus is now known as the Performing Arts project, and it does not yet have a site for its location.
- Administration agreed to provide the Board with more detailed information regarding the data shown in the charts on page 14, Area Utilization by Student Enrolment and Area Utilization by Student Residence.
- Discussion was held about the high school utilization rates and capacity by enrolment and by residence in Area V and in Sector 9. With respect to the addition to Centennial High School that was previously ranked in the Capital Plan, Administration noted that the addition was for classrooms to accommodate an additional 300 students– it was not for a gym. The space for a fourth wing on the school is available and we have the ability to look at that in the future. In regards to a trustee comment about the possibility of building a larger high school in Seton, to increase the capacity from 1800 to 2100, Administration noted it could be an option.
- Administration noted that our high schools can accommodate more students than the official provincial capacity rating. With respect to Centennial High School, we have a number of out-of-boundary students attending the school. Administration commented on the Career and Technology Strategy and the high school flexible

- programming that is being explored, and noted that we need to be creative around the use of our facilities, and particularly our high schools.
- In regards to the costs, accommodation needs and benefits of potentially adding 300 or 600 additional student spaces to Centennial High School, and the costs/benefits of potentially building a larger high school for Seton to accommodate 2100 students, Administration stated that it is less expensive to add additional space to a school while it is in the building phase. A critical factor would be to look at where the students reside, the projected populations and the need for bus transportation. Administration noted that a verbal update of the options surrounding this information could be provided to Trustees through the Chief Superintendent.
 - With respect to the new Education Act allowing students to continue their high school learning to the age of 21, and what could be expected in terms of projections and accommodation for those additional students, Administration noted that those students will most likely desire flexibility and an opportunity to continue their learning on a part-time basis. The projections in the Capital Plan do not take into account the potential increase in the number of students between the ages of 19 and 21. It is anticipated that career pathways that focus on personalized learning and dual credit programs will attract that group of students.

The Board agreed to place the Three-Year School Capital Plan on the agenda for the Regular Meeting of March 17, 2015, for debate in public session.

7 | **CONSENT AGENDA**

7.1 Approval of Minutes – February 24, 2015

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 24, 2015, as submitted.

7.2 OE-8: Communication With and Support for the Board – Annual Monitoring

THAT the Board of Trustees approves that the Chief Superintendent is in compliance with the provisions of policy OE-8: Communication With and Support for the Board.

7.3 Items Provided for Board Information

7.3.1 Chief Superintendent's Update

7.3.2 Construction Projects Status Report

Chair Bowen-Eyre informed that the meeting would go in-camera for the Board to discuss a land issue. She spoke about the upcoming by-election on April 13, 2015 for Trustee, Wards 11 and 13, and reminded that a public session meeting would take place on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, with an in-camera session to follow.

Recessed: 2:03 p.m.

Reconvened: 2:29 p.m.

8 | **IN-CAMERA ISSUES**

8.1 **Motion to Move In Camera**

MOVED by Trustee Hurdman:

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, March 10, 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.

8.2 **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.

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

MOVED by Trustee King:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the tender package for the partial modernization of Jack James High School, as discussed in camera.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9 | **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Bowen-Eyre declared the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.