

## **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, April 26, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

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### MEETING ATTENDANCE

#### Board of Trustees:

Trustee L. Hack, Chair  
Trustee P. Bolger  
Trustee N. Close  
Trustee M. Dennis  
Trustee D. Downey  
Trustee C. May  
Trustee S. Vukadinovic (departed at 5:25 p.m.)

#### Administration:

Mr. R. Armstrong, Superintendent, Human Resources  
Mr. D. Breton, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services  
Ms. K. Fenney, General Counsel  
Mr. B. Grundy, Superintendent, Finance/Technology Services  
Ms. M. Martin-Esposito, Chief Communications Officer  
Ms. J. Pitman, Superintendent, School Improvement  
Ms. A. Holowka, Superintendent, School Improvement  
Ms. T. Minor, Corporate Secretary  
Ms. M. Broda, Board Administrator

#### Stakeholder Representatives:

Mr. K. Godfrey, Principals’ Association for Adolescent Learners (PAAL)  
Mr. D. Sparrow, Principals’ Association for Adolescent Learners (PAAL)

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

Chair Hack called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. and O Canada was led by Western High School Canada Jazz Combo by way of pre-recorded video.

A video of Saboor, a student from Western Canada High School, was played acknowledging the traditional territories and oral practices of the Blackfoot Nations, which includes the Siksika, the Piikani, and the Kainai. She also acknowledged the Tsuut’ina and Stoney Nakoda First Nations, the Métis Nation (Region 3), and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta in French.

The Chair welcomed staff, public members, and union representatives participating in the Board of Trustees’ public Board meeting in person, as well as Superintendent Grundy and Superintendent Armstrong who were attending virtually. She also welcomed staff and the public joining through the livestreamed meeting.



## 2 | **CONSIDERATION/ APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ms. Minor, Corporate Secretary, noted the following agenda change requests were made:

- That item 9.1.1 Locally Developed Courses be moved under item 8.0 Matters Reserved for Board Decision and renumbered as item 8.4; and,
- That item 9.2.1 CBE Sustainability Framework Update be removed from the Consent Agenda; and,
- That item 9.2.2 Construction Projects Status Report be removed from the Consent Agenda; and,
- That item 9.2.3 Board Correspondence be removed from the Consent Agenda.

MOVED by Trustee Close:

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves the agenda for the Regular Meeting of April 26, 2022, subject to the changes noted above.**

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## 3 | **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

There were no reports or presentations.

## 4 | **RESULTS FOCUS**

### 4.1 Varsity Acres School, Bob Edwards School, and Western Canada High School Presentation

Mr. M. Poirier, Education Director for Area 6 and Languages, introduced the presentation focusing on Results 4: Personal Development. The videos presented explored how students persevered and adapted from elementary to high school and explored new ideas while learning a second language.

Ms. M. Morden, Principal at Varsity Acres School, introduced the first video of teachers walking through the process of creating documentation panels. The panels capture and reflect back students in the midst of personal development in and through learning.

Mr. A. Fotopoulos, Principal at Bob Edwards School introduced the second video highlighting the personal development of students and staff, how they have incorporated French language learning, and the schools commitment to Truth and Reconciliation. He stated that a range of approaches for developing and representing student voice is essential to personal development and academic success, and is woven in and throughout the school's development plan.

Ms. C. Cornea, Principal at Western Canada High School introduced the third video showcasing the virtual exchange program experiences that have allowed students to expand their horizons, open their minds and hearts, and become more globally minded and reflective individuals.



Ms. M. Sawatzky, Human Resources Consultant, spoke about the importance of promoting a culture where language matters and staff have a sense of belonging. Recruitment efforts in language have increased over the past year in order to meet the demands in the schools. She spoke about ways the recruitment strategy was recently updated to recruit the best language teachers and appeal to a greater audience. She also spoke about ways the CBE is supporting retention in developing professional growth opportunities for language teachers through activities such as communities of practice.

Mr. M. Poirier, closed the presentation, stating that developing a second language takes time and effort but has a positive impact on students cognition, academic and personal lives, and also on society at large.

Trustee Dennis, Trustee Downey, and Trustee Vukadinovic thanked the presenters and stated that the level of pride and engagement reflected in the students is indicative of the leadership and great work the CBE is doing to attract and retain great teachers.

5 | **OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS**

There were no reports or presentations.

6 | **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

7 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD INFORMATION**

There were no reports or presentations.

8 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD DECISION**

8.1 **Results 4: Personal Development – Annual Monitoring**

Chair Hack introduced the report, stating that at the April 5, 2022 meeting, trustees had the opportunity to ask questions. It is now on the agenda for the Board to determine if the Chief Superintendent is in compliance.

MOVED by Trustee Downey:

**THAT the Board of Trustees has reviewed the monitoring report for Results 4: Personal Development, and concludes that reasonable progress is being made toward the ultimate achievement of this Results policy.**

In debate of the motion, trustees made comments on: evidence showing achievement during the global pandemic; a significant pillar being well-being; evidence demonstrating that teachers are working hard to help students; the survey allowing for personal stories of how students are feeling to be expressed; the ability of students to learn and being able to learn with all the disruptions over the last year; students making reasonable progress in managing their physical and emotional health, with an outlier of managing their screen



time; students dealing with a great amount of change and uncertainty due to the pandemic; and the CBE working to create stability for students.

Chair Hack called for a vote on the motion.

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## 8.2 OE-2: Learning Environment/ Treatment of Students – Annual Monitoring

Chair Hack introduced the report, stating that at the April 5, 2022 meeting, trustees had the opportunity to ask questions. It is now on the agenda for the Board to determine if the Chief Superintendent is in compliance.

MOVED by Trustee May:

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves that the Chief Superintendent is in compliance with the provisions of OE-2: Learning Environment/Treatment of Students with the exception of indicator 2.1.2.**

In debate of the motion, trustees made comments on: having a learning environment for students that is welcoming, caring, safe, and respectful helping to develop citizens in the community; this being the second year of non-compliance for indicator 2.1.2; the great work of the attendance team in following up with families; and recognizing the additional measures put in place to address the non-compliance of indicator 2.1.2.

Chair Hack called for a vote on the motion.

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## 8.3 Recommendation to Commence Public Input to Consider the Closure of Start Outreach – Bowness and Westbrook Outreach Programs for the Purpose of Relocation

Acting Chief Superintendent Pitman introduced the item, stating the report is recommending to commence public input to consider the closure of Start Outreach – Bowness and Westbrook Outreach Programs for the purpose of relocation to existing CBE schools. Currently, the leased sites offer outreach programs for high school students that are designed to meet the individualized needs of each student.

Superintendent Breton continued, providing more detail about the four CBE Outreach program locations throughout the City. Leases expiring in 2023 at the Bowness and Westbrook locations, recent funding changes for outreach programs, and the elimination of the requirement to house outreach programs outside of school buildings means its now possible to support outreach students in different ways. The CBE is proposing to relocate students from the Start Outreach program to Robert Thirsk High School and Westbrook Outreach students to the Alternative High School. The new locations would allow the students to participate in enhanced learning opportunities while also continuing to provide the individualized programming and supports available at the current sites.



Administration responded to trustee questions on matters including: other locations considered for relocating to; reason for the chosen locations; consideration given to Rosscarrock School; the need to offer the program at four different locations; value in doing feasibility study to further investigate the use of Rosscarrock School; and the opportunity to explore alternative locations.

Chair Hack called a trustee to order stating the time for a new motion to be put forward by a trustee has passed in accordance with section N(9)(b) of the Board Meeting Procedures.

Questions continued with Administration responding to trustee questions on matters including: consideration given to doing separate school closure procedures for each location of the program; any surprising feedback received from students during the engagement; plans to gather more public comments or broader input; grade configurations at the schools; the flexibility needed by the students; and partnerships that exist at the two locations.

Chair Hack called a trustee to order noting the Board was in the comments and questions period and not in debate.

Questions continued with Administration responding to trustee questions on matters including: having conversations about additional opportunities or locations; the funding guideline changes; details around the transition of the NEXUS program; transition and implementation concerns about moving students into existing buildings and sharing with existing programs; and mitigating measures by staff and educators in getting students to the school location or program that are in their best interest.

Recessed: 1:23 p.m.

Reconvened: 1:33 p.m.

MOVED by Trustee May:

**THAT the Board of Trustees is satisfied that there is cause to commence the public input process to consider the closure of the Discovering Choices Start Outreach - Bowness and Westbrook Outreach Program sites for the purpose of relocation in accordance with GC-3E Closure of Schools Procedure.**

In debate of the motion, trustees made comments on: the report clearly stating the impacts to the CBE and to students; the public input process being incredibly important; comments showing that the outreach program participants are concerned about joining regular program buildings; and being concerned about the possible increase in high school drop out rates.

Chair Hack called a trustee to order for the reason that her debate did not pertain to the motion under consideration.

Recessed: 1:38 p.m.

Reconvened: 1:40 p.m.



In continued debate of the motion, trustees made comments on: declining enrolment at the two locations; closing and moving to other schools having a favourable impact on utilization rates; looking at how to address people's concerns; lots of feedback being received already; there being cause to commence public input for consideration of closure; more discussions being needed going forward; engaging in the public input process to gain more information being very valuable; the cut in funding from the government being a huge cost to the CBE, the program, and the students; wanting to gather as much information as possible and get as many questions answered as possible; and needing to hear more from students, parents, and staff.

Chair Hack called for a vote on the motion.

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee May:

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves the public input period to consider the closure of the Discovering Choices Start Outreach - Bowness and Westbrook Outreach Program sites for the purpose of relocation be shortened from 60 calendar days to 56 calendar days in accordance with GC-3E Closure of Schools Procedure.**

In debate of the motion, trustees made comments on: shortening by four calendar days to allow the report to come to the last Board Meeting on June 21; and providing certainty to administration and to the students in having a decision a year in advance of the change taking place being great.

Chair Hack called for a vote on the motion.

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### 8.4 Locally Developed Courses

Acting Chief Superintendent Pitman stated that the locally developed courses are submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval yearly.

Administration responded to a trustee's question on difficulties in finding certified teachers for American Sign Language and Deaf Culture classes.

MOVED by Trustee Downey:

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves the Locally Developed Courses listed in Appendix I for school use in The Calgary Board of Education, for the authorization periods set by Alberta Education.**

In debate of the motion, trustees made comments on: the importance of offering students classes outside of the provincially mandated curriculum; these courses helping to keep



students engaged in school; teachers learning new skills; and offering great choice to students also helps the CBE be responsive in future focused skill areas.

Chair Hack called for a vote on the motion.

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## 9 | **CONSENT AGENDA**

### 9.1 Items Provided for Board Decision

#### 9.1.1 Office of the Board of Trustees 2022-23 Operating Budget

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves the 2022-23 budget for the Office of the Board of Trustees of \$1,561,930, and it to be reasonable to allow the Board to effectively and efficiently perform its governing responsibilities.**

### 9.2 Items Provided for Board Information

#### 9.2.1 CBE Sustainability Framework Update

Administration responded to a trustee's questions on matters including: how the Board can help achieve success in the 2030 targets; and what can be done through policies.

#### 9.2.2 Construction Projects Status Report

Administration responded to trustee questions on matters including: who is financially accountable for any delays to construction of Prairie Sky School; anticipated completion and handover date to the CBE of the North Calgary High School; outstanding items at Sibylla Kiddle School; projects staying at 99% completion for years; the minimum construction completion percentage in order to occupy and open a school; and concerns that the three new schools will not open in September 2022.

#### 9.2.3 Board Correspondence

Administration responded to a trustee's question on the letter dated March 4, 2022 regarding the funding for *Bayside School* playground and who will fundraise the additional dollars and construct the playground.

Chair Hack noted that the Board would meet in-camera following the public portion of the meeting to discuss five land, two legal, and four strategic planning matters. She noted the next public Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

Recessed: 2:17 p.m.

Reconvened: 2:45 p.m.





10 | **IN-CAMERA SESSION**

Superintendent Grundy and Superintendent Armstrong confirmed they were alone and in a location that no other person could hear them or any part of this meeting.

Motion to Move In-Camera

MOVED by Trustee Bolger:

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 of Trustees, April 26, 2022 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.

Motion to Revert to Public Meeting

MOVED by Trustee Vukadinovic:

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

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motions to Action In-Camera Recommendations

MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

**THAT the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair to correspond with the Minister of Education, as per the attached letter.**

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Downey:

**THAT the Board of Trustees authorizes a name change for Riverside School to include the Blackfoot translation, Riverside School *Issuihtaa*, effective immediately.**

The motion was  
DEFEATED.

In favour: Trustee Downey  
Trustee Hack  
Trustee May

Opposed: Trustee Bolger  
Trustee Close  
Trustee Dennis  
Trustee Vukadinovic





Trustee Hack turned the chair over to Trustee Vukadinovic.

MOVED by Trustee Hack:

**THAT the Board of Trustees authorize the formation of a Name Review Committee in relation to Sir John A. Macdonald School.**

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Hack retook the chair.

Motion to Move In-Camera

MOVED by Trustee May:

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 of Trustees, April 26, 2022 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.

Motion to Revert to Public Meeting

MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

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

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11 | **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

