

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 7, 2017 at 12:00 noon

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees:

Trustee J. Bowen-Eyre, Chair
Trustee L. Ferguson
Trustee J. Hehr
Trustee J. Hrdlicka
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. D. Breton, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services
Ms. J. Everett, Superintendent, Learning
Mr. G. Francis, Superintendent, Human Resources/General Counsel
Mr. B. Grundy, Superintendent, Finance/Technology Services
Ms. M. Martin-Esposito, Chief Communications Officer
Ms. K. Fenney, Assistant General Counsel/Corporate Secretary
Ms. D. Perrier, Recording Secretary

Stakeholder Representatives:

Mr. D. Dyck, Senior High School Principals’ Association
Mr. G. Finlay, Principals’ Association for Adolescent Learners
Ms. R. Harms, Elementary School Principals’ Association
Ms. M. Hood, Senior High School Principals’ Association
Mr. K. Kempt, Alberta Teachers’ Association, Local 38
Mr. T. Killam, Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), Local 40
Ms. L. Robb, Calgary Board of Education Staff Association
Mr. M. Wilson, Principals’ Association for Adolescent Learners

1 | CALL TO ORDER, NATIONAL ANTHEM AND WELCOME

Chair Bowen-Eyre called the meeting to order on the link at 12:00 p.m. and O Canada was led by students from Sir John Franklin School’s Brass Choir. On behalf of the Board, Trustee King expressed appreciation for the performance. She shared some remarks about the history of the school’s Band program, including the path from its demise to its success. She extended congratulatory remarks to the school’s Grade 8/9 Band on their achievement of a trophy for *Most Outstanding Junior High Concert Band* at the Alberta International Band Festival held February 22-28, 2017.

Following a short break the meeting resumed in the Multipurpose Room.

Chair Bowen-Eyre acknowledged 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. She acknowledged and welcomed staff, the public and representatives from the aforementioned organizations.

2 | **CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ms. K. Fenney, Corporate Secretary, noted that no changes were required to the Agenda.

MOVED by Trustee Ferguson:

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of March 7, 2017 be approved as submitted.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3 | **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

3.1 **Lighthouse Award**

Superintendent Everett introduced this month's Lighthouse Award recipient as TELUS Spark, Calgary's Science Centre. TELUS Spark has been a valued Calgary Board of Education (CBE) partner for over 20 years. This partnership began when the science centre became one of the first Campus Calgary Open Minds sites and since 1997, over 12,000 CBE students and teachers have participated in this full-week program. The partnership has grown and now offers over 50 unique and different learning opportunities for CBE students and staff.

Students Katelynn, Kathline and Keyra from West Dover School shared remarks about the impact TELUS Spark's programming has had on their personal learning.

Ms. K. Ziff, Vice President of Content from TELUS Spark, expressed appreciation for the recognition and the partnership. She thanked her colleagues, CBE administration, Chevron and Crescent Point Energy for their contributions. On behalf of TELUS Spark, Ms. Ziff accepted the Lighthouse Award, which was presented by Chair Bowen-Eyre on behalf of the Board.

At this point in the meeting, Chief Superintendent Stevenson introduced and welcomed Ms. K. Fenney in the position of Corporate Secretary. He pointed out that Ms. Fenney will also continue her work as Assistant General Counsel for the Calgary Board of Education.

4 | **RESULTS FOCUS**

4.1 **Results 5: Character – Annual Monitoring**

Chief Superintendent Stevenson introduced the report and noted that in 2015-16 at least 97.5% of students experienced success with the two indicators that were measured by

report cards, and over 90% experienced success with six of the seven indicators measured through student surveys. In comparison to 2014-15, results in 2015-16 have increased or been maintained in all nine of the Character monitoring measures and all of the nine targets have been met.

Chief Stevenson introduced and called forward three students to comment on their learning experiences with Results 5: Character. Ben, from A.E. Cross School, Aidan, from Ernest Manning High School, and Jacob, from Centennial High School, shared their individual stories of learning and demonstrating traits of character in both the school environment and the community.

Administration responded to trustee questions on issues including: student engagement in the classroom to help them better understand the survey questions to provide data that is representative; the student grades that are surveyed; the actual number of students on an Individual Program Plan that responded to the survey question “makes responsible decisions”; clarification of how student responses are interpreted for the question of using technology responsibly and with integrity; and the fact that some of the indicators for report card measures are unique to actual report card stems.

Chair Bowen-Eyre asked trustees to identify their intentions to bring forward any motions related to reasonable progress being made towards achievement of this Results policy, exceptions or commendations. Trustee King shared her intention to propose a motion of commendation. The Chair asked that any proposed motions be provided to the Corporate Secretary and to all trustees by the end of day, Wednesday, March 8, 2017. She noted that the item will be placed on the March 14, 2017 Agenda for the Board’s consideration.

5 | OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS

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

Chief Superintendent Stevenson provided opening remarks and noted the targets were met for all twenty indicators that encompass the twelve policy subsections for OE-8.

At the request of a trustee, Chief Stevenson commented further about issues that were of significant difference from previous years of reporting.

Chair Bowen-Eyre asked trustees to identify their intentions to bring forward any motions related to compliance, exceptions or commendations for OE-8: Communication With and Support for the Board. Trustee King shared her intention to propose a motion of commendation on March 14, 2017. The Chair requested that trustees send any motions to be proposed to the Corporate Secretary and to all trustees by the end of day, March 8, 2017.

6 | PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

7 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD ACTION**

7.1 **Three-Year School Capital Plan 2018-2021**

Superintendent Breton provided highlights of the contents of the Three-Year School Capital Plan. He pointed out that the system utilization rate dropped from over 87% to 82% during this school year; however, if no new schools are approved in the next five years, it is projected that the system utilization rate would rise back up to 86% by the end of 2021/2022. This Capital Plan shifts the emphasis towards modernizing existing junior high and middle schools, with the objective of reducing our deferred maintenance and optimizing the learning environments within our older schools. The Calgary Board of Education (CBE) has recently moved from a model that grouped schools into five geographical administrative areas to a model that is based upon seven feeder school families. In the future the Capital Plan will focus upon the City of Calgary planning sectors to align with the demographic growth forecast provided by the City. The City's planning sector growth projections have always formed the basis for the CBE's Three-Year School Capital Plan, and so this change is only a cosmetic one and will not have any impact upon the way new schools or modernization projects are prioritized.

Administration responded to trustee questions on issues including: expectations for the roll out of school capital plans in relation to priorities that were submitted and could possibly change as a result of the timing of government announcements for new schools and modernizations; how the balance is made between program needs and infrastructure needs; the rationale for the drop in priority ranking for the north central Calgary high school; the status of engagements to review high school needs across the system; with respect to modernizations, details of what is covered through Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal (IMR) program funding, versus Capital project funding; how priority ranking is applied for school modernization needs; what the province takes into consideration as classroom space in calculating school utilization rates; the one project listed as a partnership consideration in the Three-Year School Capital Plan as priority C-14 Innovation Centre/Academy; details surrounding the status of the Booth Centre replacement project; cost estimates for building new schools and for modernizations to schools; and past and future challenges for the CBE in paying new school commissioning costs.

Chair Bowen-Eyre stated that the Three-Year School Capital Plan will be placed on the March 14, 2017 public agenda for consideration by the Board of Trustees.

8 | **CONSENT AGENDA**

The Chair noted that items on the consent agenda are approved with the agenda as follows:

8.1 **Approval of Minutes**

- Regular Meeting held February 7, 2017

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 7, 2017 as submitted.

8.2 Items Provided for Board Information

8.2.1 Correspondence

8.2.2 Impact of Proposed Changes to Operational Expectations Policy Statements

9 | **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Bowen-Eyre declared the meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m.