

## **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 17, 2023 at 11:00 a.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

#### Administration:

C. Usih, Chief Superintendent of Schools  
R. Armstrong, Superintendent, Human Resources  
D. Breton, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services  
K. Fenney, General Counsel  
B. Grundy, Superintendent, Finance/Technology Services (attended virtually)  
A. Holowka, Superintendent, School Improvement  
M. Martin-Esposito, Chief Communications Officer  
J. Pitman, Superintendent, School Improvement  
P. Minor, Corporate Secretary  
M. Graham, Board Administrator

#### Stakeholder Representatives:

S. Clements, Alberta Teachers Association, Local 38  
C. Gordon, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 40  
B. Thompson, Principals’ Association for Adolescent Learners (PAAL)  
J. Baticky, Principals’ Association for Adolescent Learners (PAAL)

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

Chair Hack called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and students from Western Canada High School led the national anthem through a video recording.

Chair Hack 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.

The Chair welcomed staff, union representatives and members of the public to the meeting.



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

P. Minor, Corporate Secretary, noted that the following agenda change request was received: Item 9.2.1, Chief Superintendent's Update, be removed from the Consent Agenda and added as Item 7.1 under Matters Reserved for Board Information.

MOVED by Trustee Close:

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves the agenda for the Regular Meeting of January 17, 2023 subject to the changes noted above.**

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## 3 | **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

### 3.1 **LEED Gold Plaque Presentation**

Chief Usih introduced the award of LEED Gold certification for three CBE schools noting that Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design® (LEED) is an internationally recognized mark of excellence for green buildings in over 160 countries. In accordance with the Board of Trustees' Operational Expectations 9: Facilities, the CBE aims to ensure that all new schools constructed meet the LEED Silver level. Sibylla Kiddle School, Dr. Freda Miller School, and Northern Lights School join 13 other CBE schools that are LEED Gold and 18 that have received LEED Silver certification.

Award plaques were presented to the principals of each school: Brad Emery, Sibylla Kiddle School; Julie Ramsey (acting principal), Dr. Freda Miller School; and Michelle Brinson, Northern Lights School. Education directors, construction project managers, and CBE Facility Projects Director and team members were also acknowledged.

## 4 | **RESULTS FOCUS**

### 4.1 **Results 2: Academic Success – Annual Monitoring**

Chair Hack noted that the presentation and questions today were to focus on indicators one and two contained in the Results 2 annual monitoring report. The balance of the report will be presented at the January 31, 2023 public Board meeting.

Chief Superintendent Usih introduced the report, stating: it summarizes CBE results and work being done to ensure student success; data provided is specific to the five indicators that serve to demonstrate reasonable progress over time; the indicators include report card results, provincial assessments, and high school completion rates; cohorts examined are All Students, English Language Learners, students who self-identify as Indigenous, and students with special needs.

Superintendent Pitman provided further context on the report including: clarification on the differences between Results 2 and the Annual Education Results Report (AERR); data interpretation over time; report card data scope; the breadth and depth of academic learning; limits on data reflection of in-classroom learning and assessment; continued



impacts from COVID-19; areas of success or concern; how data is used to make in-school adjustments; and the return to receiving provincial assessment data.

Superintendent Holowka provided additional context on the report including: the small size of some of the cohorts and the impact on data interpretation, positive statistical trends and areas for growth; the importance of work being done by teachers on a daily basis; and the significance of structures and processes in place at area levels and school levels.

Administration responded to trustee questions on the report including: context of high school completion in four or five years of study; clarity on CBE results when compared to provincial data; clarity on graduation rate calculations; the three-year graduation rate for English Language Learning students; cohort distribution; implementation of the Indigenous Education Holistic Lifelong Learning Framework; building capacity in professional learning, structures and processes, and resources; evaluation of effectiveness of strategies included in structures and processes; the upward trend in high school completion rates; Indigenous education strategist role; the Success Coach program; the graduation rate in the cohort for students who self-identify as Indigenous; clarity about challenges seen in particular divisions in ELA and Math; context around growth and challenges in student achievement year over year; changes to how special education students are coded or assessed; clarity on availability of Program Unit Funding (PUF) to only Kindergarten students; decodable books; clarity on the Results 2 indicators; additional funding and supports for special education students; EducationMatters funding in supporting student success; capacity for and prioritization of work highlighted in the Resources portion of the report; resources for new curriculum; distribution of students enrolled in dash 1, 2, 3, and 4 classes.

Recessed: 1:06pm  
Resumed: 1:18pm

## 5 | **OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS**

There were no reports or presentations.

## 6 | **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

## 7 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD INFORMATION**

### 7.1 **Chief Superintendent's Update**

Administration responded to a trustee question regarding the sharing of information with School Councils about learning through the Indigenous Education Holistic Lifelong Learning Framework.

## 8 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD DECISION**

There were no reports or presentations.



**9 | CONSENT AGENDA**

**9.1 Items Provided for Board Decision**

9.1.1 OE-8: Communicating and Engaging with the Public – Annual Monitoring

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves that the Chief Superintendent is in compliance with the provisions of OE-8: Communicating and Engaging with the Public.**

9.1.2 Regular Meeting Minutes

- Regular Meeting held November 15, 2022
- Regular Meeting held November 29, 2022

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves the Minutes of the Regular Meetings held on November 15 and November 29, 2022 as submitted.**

**9.2 Items Provided for Board Information**

9.2.2 EducationMatters Financial Statements

Chair Hack noted that the Board would meet in-camera following the public portion of the meeting to discuss three legal, one labour, and two strategic planning matters. She noted the next public Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 31, 2023.

**10 | PRIVATE SESSION**

Superintendent Grundy confirmed he was alone and in a location that no other person could hear him 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, January 17, 2023 be considered at a private session; therefore, be it

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

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion to Move out of In Camera

MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

**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 Vukadinovic:

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves the process for the Chief Superintendent's Annual Summative Evaluation as outlined in Attachment I to the report.**

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Vukadinovic:

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Lana Bentley to the Name Review Committee for Sir John A. Macdonald School.**

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Vukadinovic:

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Donna Semantha to the Name Review Committee for Sir John A. Macdonald School.**

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Downey:

**THAT the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair to communicate with the Minister of Education as discussed in camera.**

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11 | **TERMINATION OF MEETING**

The meeting terminated at 6:03 p.m.

