

## **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<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Calgary, Alberta on Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.

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### MEETING ATTENDANCE

#### Board of Trustees:

Trustee P. Cochrane, Chair  
Trustee C. Bazinet  
Trustee J. Bowen-Eyre  
Trustee L. Ferguson  
Trustee P. King  
Trustee G. Lane  
Trustee S. Taylor

#### Administration:

Ms. N. Johnson, Chief Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. D. Stevenson, Deputy Chief Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. F. Coppinger, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services  
Ms. C. Faber, Superintendent, Learning Innovation  
Ms. D. Lewis, Superintendent, Learning Services  
Ms. D. Meyers, Superintendent, Finance and Supply Chain Services  
Mr. K. Peterson, Acting Superintendent, Human Resources  
Mr. R. Peter, Chief Communications Officer  
Ms. L. Safran, Acting General Counsel and Corporate Secretary  
Ms. J. Barkway, Office of the Corporate Secretary  
Ms. A. McNaught, Recording Secretary

#### Stakeholder Representatives:

Ms. L. Robb, Calgary Board of Education Staff Association  
Ms. J. Regal, Alberta Teachers' Association, Local 38  
Mr. R. Hurdman, Calgary Association of Parents and School Councils

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

Chair Cochrane called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and the singing of the national anthem was accompanied by students from Thorncliffe School by way of a DVD recording.

Chair Cochrane acknowledged and welcomed representatives from the aforementioned organizations, and recognized that this was the last public meeting for Ms. J. Regal as President of the Alberta Teachers' Association, Local 38 (the ATA).

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

Ms. Barkway noted the following proposed changes to the Agenda: under Item 8.1, Approval of Minutes, the minutes from the June 12, 2012 meeting were added; and two items pulled from the Consent Agenda, Item 8.1, Approval of Minutes, the minutes from the June 12, 2012 meeting and Item 8.2, Correspondence. Ms. Barkway advised that one request under Item 6, Public Comment had been received after the noon deadline.

Chair Cochrane received the consent of the Board to waive Board Procedures and allow Ms. J. Regal to speak under Public Comment.

MOVED by Trustee Ferguson:

**THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of June 19, 2012, be approved as submitted, subject to the revisions noted above.**

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **3 | AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

#### **3.1 Lighthouse Award**

Ms. M. Levy, System Principal, Corporate Partnerships, began the presentation of the Lighthouse Award by sharing details about Campus Calgary/Open Minds, an innovative curriculum-based program that moves classrooms into the community for an entire week. The Lighthouse Award for June 2012 was presented to two organizations that understand and value serving the local community through the Campus Calgary model, City of Calgary Parks and Encana Corporation.

Ms. Levy recognized Encana Corporation and City of Calgary Parks for coming together to offer Encana EcoAction School in the educationally rich environment of Ralph Klein Park. She shared that enhancing the Alberta Program of Studies through the lens of water, wetlands and environmental sustainability has created many exciting experiences for teachers and students.

The award was accepted by Kym McCully, Leader, Environmental & Education Initiatives Parks Planning & Development Services, City of Calgary Parks, Lois Wozney, Community Involvement Advisor, Encana, and Patricia Etris, Director, Community Involvement Corporate Office, Encana. Chair Cochrane presented the plaques expressing appreciation on behalf of the Board of Trustees for the incredible learning opportunity offered to CBE students.

#### **3.2 Acknowledgment of Board Page**

Chair Cochrane shared remarks of appreciation for the work performed by Darren as Board Page for the 2011-2012 school year and presented him with a gift on behalf of the Board.

### **4 | RESULTS FOCUS**

#### **4.1 Overview of Global Learning**

Deputy Chief Stevenson invited Ms. S. McLeod, Director, Global Learning, and her team to present the Overview of Global Learning.

Director McLeod began by informing that in 2002 the Board of Trustees approved a unique department, the International Bureau, which is now referred to as Global Learning. The purpose was to build a program that would welcome fee paying students from around the world into CBE schools. Seeing the tremendous benefit and advantages

those international students gained from their time in Canada led to the inspiration of the CBE's Global Learning strategy so the experience could be replicated for all CBE students.

The Global Learning team discussed different opportunities CBE students can take advantage of throughout their school years including: earning an International Certificate; attending International Youth Summits; taking Intercultural Studies 35; participating in educational exchanges; and challenging the diplôme d'études en langue française (DELF) language proficiency exam. Students who have been involved with Global Learning, including an international student from South Korea, shared highlights about their participation in the program and the many benefits they have received.

The Global Learning team talked about how essential International partnerships are for a successful Global Learning strategy, sharing that the CBE partners actively with many school districts and organizations around the world to provide both inbound and outbound opportunities for students and teachers. Some of these opportunities include school twinnings (Samuel W. Shaw School was recently twinned with a high school in Kingston, Jamaica), reciprocal cultural homestay opportunities, international study tours that facilitate professional growth opportunities for teachers and the benefit of bringing in qualified language teachers from around the world.

The Global Learning team expressed that as the city of Calgary and the country of Canada continue to grow in diversity and complexity, the CBE will continue to respond seeking more innovative approaches to meet the goals of increasing competency levels, assuring retention of students in programs and engaging students in their roles as global citizens.

Chair Cochrane thanked Director McLeod, the Global Learning team and all of the student presenters for sharing their experiences.

## **5 | OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS**

There were no items.

## **6 | PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **6.1 Ms. J. Regal, President Alberta Teachers' Association, Local 38 (ATA)**

Ms. Regal introduced herself as the President of Calgary Public Teacher's Association, Local 38 (ATA). She stated that the CBE and each of its employees should be collectively proud of how the over 100,000 students have been supported each year in schools. She noted that over the past five years of her presidency it has been evident from the Board of Trustees monitoring reports that senior Administration continues to improve and enhance the way CBE does its business. She urged them to consider the entirety of the voices that should be involved when talking about future improvements and enhancements. Ms. Regal further stated that all stakeholders should be involved and feel valued as they collectively seek the best possible educational opportunities for students regardless of age or ability. She went on to share some suggestions for ways in which Trustees and senior Administration could keep the CBE's Working Relationship Commitment alive, not just in spirit but in reality.

**7 | MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD ACTION**

**7.1 Governance Policies Amendment**

Chair Cochrane noted that when the Board of Trustees changed their governance policies earlier this year, some of the old policy details were not included. The amendments proposed in the report would bring some of those policies back into the new policies.

MOVED by Trustee Bowen-Eyre:

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves the amended policies attached as Appendix I, specifically:**

- **OE-4: Treatment of Employees, and**
- **GC-3: Board Job Description.**

Trustees entered into debate on the motion. Comments were in favour of incorporating the proposed old policies into the new policies. A Trustee expressed concern about the process for this policy amendment, in that it was not discussed in two public meetings.

Chair Cochrane called for the vote on the motion.

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

For ease of reference the revised policies are attached to these minutes.

**8 | BOARD CONSENT AGENDA**

Chair Cochrane reminded that two items were removed from the Consent Agenda. She declared the following items to be approved as submitted:

**8.1 Approval of Minutes**

- Regular Meeting held May 29, 2012

**THAT the Board approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held May 29, 2012, as submitted.**

**9 | CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT CONSENT AGENDA**

**9.1 Chief Superintendent Update**

**THAT the Board receives the report for information.**

**9.2 Ten-Year System Student Accommodation and Facilities Strategy**

**THAT the Board receives the Ten-Year System Student Accommodation and Facilities Strategy report for information.**

**9.3** Three-Year System Student Accommodation Plan (2012-2015)

**THAT the Board receives the Three-Year System Student Accommodation Plan (2012-2015) report for information.**

Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda

**8.1** Approval of Minutes

- Regular Meeting held June 12, 2012

Ms. Barkway noted that a correction was required to page 8-20 of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 12, 2012. The motion had been correctly recorded as defeated, however the "in favour" and "opposed" Trustees was reversed. Following revision, the minutes would show two Trustees in favour and five Trustees opposed to the motion.

MOVED by Trustee Lane:

**THAT the Board approves the amended minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 12, 2012.**

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**8.2** Correspondence

MOVED by Trustee King:

**THAT the Board receives the correspondence for information and for the record, as submitted:**

- Letter dated June 13, 2012 from Board Chair Pat Cochrane, to the Board of Trustees advising of her resignation as Board of Trustees' liaison to the Calgary Association of Parents and School Councils (CAPSC) effective immediately.

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Trustee King nominated Trustee Bazinet to the appointment of Trustee liaison for CAPSC. Trustee Bazinet agreed to let her name stand for the position.

Chair Cochrane called twice for further nominations. There were no further nominations. Chair Cochrane declared that Trustee Bazinet was acclaimed as Trustee liaison for CAPSC.

Recessed: 4:20 p.m.  
Reconvened: 4:37 p.m

**10 | In-Camera Issues**

**10.1 Motion to Move In Camera**

MOVED by Trustee Lane:

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, June 19, 2012 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.

During the in camera session Chair Cochrane received the consent of the Board to continue the meeting past 6:00 p.m. to the end of the Agenda.

**10.3 Motion to Revert to Public Meeting**

MOVED by Trustee King:

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

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**10.4 Motions to In Camera Recommendations**

MOVED by Trustee Bowen-Eyre:

**THAT the Board of Trustees receives the report on property disposition as amended and an appropriate communications plan be implemented; and**

**THAT subject to confirmation of Ministerial approval, the Board of Trustees approves the recommendation regarding allocation of proceeds as provided in the report.**

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Ferguson:

**THAT the Board of Trustees ratifies the mediator's recommended terms of settlement dated June 6, 2012 with respect to the dispute between the Calgary Board of Education and the CBE Staff Association.**

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Lane:

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves the Employment Agreement for the Chief Superintendent and authorizes the Chair and Vice-Chair to sign the contract on behalf of the Board of Trustees.**

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11 | **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Cochran declared the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.