



Public Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday May 18, 2016

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

FFCA Central Office Boardroom

#240, 688 Heritage Dr. SE

Calgary, AB

Attendees:

Board & Administration: Shelley Schroh, Cindy McGlashan-Beaucage, Andrew Chu, Amish Patel, Cristian Rios, Wayne Weinheimer, Pamela Wilson, Roger Nippard, Reta Morgan, John Deines, Judy Gray, Amy Donovan, Salima Hudani, Meredith Poole, Jeff Cullen

Presenters: Lorie Skaper-Burtch, Joan Burke, Pauline Miller, Renee Carrier, Julie Westenberger, Kathy Bishop, Gr. 4 students: Maddie, Peyton, Samantha and Tanner, Shelley Murray, Jesse Classen, Sunvy Tong

Gallery: Sonia Sheehan, Dwayne Sheehan, Jenny Hill, parents of students

6:00 CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

1. Review of Meeting Agenda - Reverse order of Items 3 & 4
2. Approval of Minutes – April 20, 2016
MOVED by Andrew Chu and seconded by Amish Patel as presented. **CARRIED.**
3. Campus/ASC Reports
 - 3.1 The Power of Learning and Shared Leadership – Lorie Skaper-Burtch and a huge SWE contingent comprised of administrators, teachers, students and parents described the integration of the Daily Five structure into FFCA's literacy program to fully engage students in reading and writing, extending all the way into a unique morning Lit/PE program which is growing. Increases in motivation and grades have been noted due to this intentional focus on literacy.
 - 3.2 ASC Report – 1. The new Community Fund application timeline has been approved, 2. Work is being done on scholarships, and 3. School Council AGM time is approaching; it appears that there may be quite a number of new faces around the ASC table.
4. Staff Reports
 - 4.1 Dual Credit Report – Jesse Classen introduced Gr. 12 student Sunvy Tong, who Superintendent Roger Nippard described as a “pioneer” and “ambassador” for FFCA in having been the first FFCA student to take on a university calculus course and receive both Math 31 and university credit (and in the process gain other advantages, including early registration as a returning student!). Sunvy completed the course with flying colours and answered many questions about her experience, which she said involved a lot of work, time management and, most importantly, SLEEP. Sunvy was commended for her efforts and her success, and Mr. Classen was thanked for the many hours of extra work he put in to support her in this endeavor. Planning is already underway for FFCA students to participate in this dual credit program again next year.
5. Correspondence
Letter from U. of C. expressing appreciation for FFCA's hosting/mentoring of pre-service teachers
Thank you card to the Board from Arlene Orchard re support of Performing Arts Program
6. Policies
 - 6.1 Policy 8 Charter Board Committees
MOVED by Cindy McGlashan-Beaucage and seconded by Pamela Wilson that Policy 8 Charter Board Committees be approved for Third Reading as amended. **CARRIED.**
 - 6.2 Policy 9 Charter Board Representatives
MOVED by Pamela Wilson and seconded by Wayne Weinheimer that Policy 9 Charter Board Representatives be approved for Second Reading as presented.

MOVED by Cindy McGlashan-Beaucage and seconded by Wayne Weinheimer that Policy 9 Charter Board Representatives be withdrawn from consideration. **CARRIED.**

6.3 Policy 13 Appeals and Hearings re Student Matters

MOVED by Cindy McGlashan-Beaucage that discussion of Policy 13 Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters be tabled to the May 30 T-8 meeting. **CARRIED.**

7. Superintendent's Report – 1. Most of the focus of the past month has been on staffing, and much of the admin staffing is complete. The deadline for HS PE applications is this Friday at which time an interview panel will be chosen. Many people from the high school have volunteered to do this, and the panel will also include a Board member, for interviews that will take place on Tuesday and/or Wednesday of next week. The development of "Principal Profiles" in consultation with staff and students was a great experience. The rest of the staffing process will now begin in spite of the budget not yet being firmed up. 2. Regular campus visits and PGP visits with David Townsend have taken place. 3. Attended several events including Aladdin (NMS) and the SWE concert (Dancing through the Decades). 4. Admin Council Retreat in Canmore looking at FFCA through time. 5. Staff Appreciation last evening: thank you for all your efforts and a very enjoyable time. 6. CIRTeam (Judy): interviews are culminating tomorrow with an announcement regarding the final teams to be made by next Tuesday, and 2 training sessions to be held by the end of June. There has been good representation from all Calgary charters, and a diverse pool of applicants.

8. Discussion Items

8.1 Wait List Proposal

MOVED by Cristian Rios and seconded by Cindy McGlashan-Beaucage that the Board approve the Wait List Proposal as presented. **CARRIED.**

Translations have been completed and the proposal will be placed on the website in 4 languages.

8.2 Technical Theatre 25-5, 35-5

MOVED by Amish Patel and seconded by Wayne Weinheimer that the following senior high school courses be approved for use at Foundations for the Future Charter Academy High School campus for the 2016-2017 school year.

- Technical Theatre 25-5
- Technical Theatre 35-5

CARRIED.

9. Information Items

9.1 Budget Update – Next meeting to discuss the budget is on May 24.

9.2 Preferred Future Update – Marc Prefontaine will be meeting with the Lead Team on May 30.

9.3 Tech Review – Ongoing. A full report will be prepared for the June Board meeting.

9.4 Board Crawl – The tour of the south campuses will be scheduled for September or October.

9.5 TAAPCS Update – There were three particularly interesting/informative aspects to this meeting: 1. a presentation by FFCA's Chris Shaw and U. of C.'s Dr. Larry Katz on research being done by FFCA, 2. an information session by Hill & Knowlton, the Public Relations firm contracted by TAAPCS to raise our profile with government, and 3. a feedback session conducted by Becky Kallal, a Trustee with the Edmonton Catholic Board, on governance, which was identified as a concern in their recent Strategic Planning exercises.

9.6 Fort McMurray Student Update – FFCA has taken in four Ft. McMurray students: 1 at the high school, 1 at SMS and 2 at NEE. Fortunately, this has resulted in no changes to our transportation service. Admin Council has met to discuss other initiatives we might undertake, particularly in support of those evacuees connected to FFCA families.

10. Committees

10.1 Charter Board Committee of the Whole – Met last on April 21 (finance) and April 26 (Preferred Future); upcoming meeting on May 24 (budget).

10.2 Community Relations Committee – Attention will now turn to the June newsletter and a wind-up BBQ. No meeting has yet been scheduled.

10.3 Executive Committee – This committee has been trying to stick to a schedule of meeting on the Thursday preceding a Board meeting and the Tuesday immediately following, with limited success.

10.3.1 Government Relations Update – Meetings have been held with MLA's Craig Coolahan, Robin Luff and Ric McIver.

10.4 Human Resources Committee – The committee met on May 7 with Terry Gunderson, and on May 11 (regular monthly meeting). The full day of June 11 will be spent with Terry as well, with the morning devoted to the Superintendent Performance Evaluation and the afternoon to the Board Performance Evaluation.

MOVED by Wayne Weinheimer and seconded by Cindy McGlashan-Beaucage that in the absence of a process defined in policy, the HR Committee proceed with an interim process for this year's Board Performance Review, based on the GTEC format, facilitated by Terry Gunderson, and using the Performance Assessment Guide (Appendix B for Policy 2) as presented. **CARRIED**.

10.5 Audit Committee – No report.

10.6 Director Highlights – Wayne Weinheimer – Staff Appreciation event, SWE performance, Campus Crawl, calamari; Andrew Chu – watching Karen Gies teaching on the Campus Crawl; Cindy McGlashan-Beaucage – Campus Crawl, and in particular being able to do it with this particular group of Directors; Amish Patel – watching the high school Spanish class on the Campus Crawl; spring concert at SWE; Cristian Rios - watching Karen Gies teaching on the Campus Crawl, listening to John Picard's speech at Staff Appreciation, and seeing the curvature of the earth from 100,000 feet courtesy of a balloon launched by a Gr. 10 science class; Pamela Wilson – Campus Crawl, in particular the art at the high school; Staff Appreciation; Preferred Future work; Shelley Schroh – Staff Appreciation, rehearsing in the parking lot.

11. Open to Gallery – Shelley Murray mentioned that there will be no SMS Pancake Breakfast this year, but they are holding a Movie Night next Thursday.

12. Talking Points (Standing Item)

13. Chairperson's Remarks

ADJOURNMENT: 8:05 p.m.

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING: June 15, 2016

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Policy 7 Board Operations, Policy 11 Delegation of Authority, Policy 14 Uniforms, Policy 15 Managed Growth, Policy 17 Transportation of Students to Campus, Policy 18 Parent-School Partnerships