



**Public Board Meeting Minutes**  
Wednesday September 16, 2015  
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
Deerfoot Inn & Casino  
1000, 11500 – 35 St SE  
Calgary, AB

**Attendees:**

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

**Presenters:** Shelley Murray (ASC)

**Gallery:** Bruce Hibbard, Josh Symonds, Jesse Classen, Anand Gill

**7:00 BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**1. Resignation of Board Chair:**

Shelley Schroh MOVED that the Board accept the resignation of Pamela Wilson from the office of Board Chair. Amish Patel seconded. CARRIED.

**2. Election of Board Officers**

**2.1 Chair**

First call: Amish Patel nominated Shelley Schroh, on the condition that she relinquish the position of Vice-Chair: accepted. Second call: No further nominations. Third call: No further nominations. Shelley Schroh was acclaimed as Board Chair, and congratulated.

**2.2 Vice-Chair**

First call: Amish Patel nominated Cindy McGlashan-Beaucage: accepted. Second call: No further nominations. Third call: No further nominations. Cindy McGlashan-Beaucage was acclaimed Vice-Chair, and congratulated.

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**7:10 CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING**

**1. Review of Meeting Agenda** - Add Item 10.5 Director Highlights.

**2. Approval of Minutes** of June 10, 2015

MOVED by Andrew Chu and seconded by Cristian Rios, as amended. CARRIED.

**3. Campus/ASC Reports**

3.1 ASC Report – Shelley Murray reported that the ASC held their first meeting on August 27; chairing this year are herself and Mona Bates, both from SMS. They have formed a new committee to work on a model for the Community Fund, and she will be meeting with NWE Chair Jamie Powell to come up with a plan for a review of the ASC By-laws, which they hope to have ready for approval at the Dec. 2 AGM. Their next meeting is Sept. 24; Salima Hudani has been asked to provide information about Office 365.

**4. Staff Reports**

4.1 Director of Strategic Partnerships – Deanna Werklund reported on her activities to date. She met with PE's at all campuses prior to the end of June and found a lot of consistency in their concerns. Initial projects include trying to engage our alumni (with the help of our HR administrator, Chloe Radetzky) and doing some research into early childhood development and brain science through the Palix (formerly Norlein) Foundation. She is also looking at reactivating our research partnership with U. of C., and examining options for our high school rebuild project.

**5. Correspondence**

Letter to Board from Pamela Wilson

6. **Policies** – A meeting is planned for Oct. 3 to review and group FFCA's policies.
7. **Superintendent's Report:** Highlights: 1. Successful New Teacher Orientation this summer, and an energizing opening day on Aug. 25, 2. Attended the Phys. Ed. Symposium put on by FFCA's teachers at MRU and was very impressed, 3. Met with admin at SEE re a Phys. Ed. project involving U. of C. (i.e., eastern vs. western philosophy), 4. Has met with ACAD re Dual Credit and a meeting is planned with U. of C, 5. Attended the SMS Welcome Back BBQ, 6. A schedule has been developed for Campus admin meetings.
8. **Discussion Items**
  - 8.1 Preferred Future – The Board did some work on this over the summer to bring new members up to speed, and will be proceeding in the near future.
  - 8.2 2015-16 Meeting Calendar – This has been updated to include all regularly scheduled meetings for the year.
  - 8.3 School Council Meeting Schedule – Complete except for next June's transitional meetings.
  - 8.4 Employee Resignation  
Moved by Cristian Rios and seconded by Cindy McGlashan-Beaucage that the Board accept the resignation of Employee # 10407. CARRIED.
  - 8.5/6 2016-17 & 2017/18 Draft School Calendars – See handouts. Presentation of the draft 2016/17 & 2017/18 calendars was preceded by a bare bones preview of the 2014/15 to 2019/20 calendars as currently envisioned, explaining the rationale for the start dates and highlighting the challenges inherent in maintaining our current break structure (November and March/April).
9. **Information Items**
  - 9.1 Website Update – The website went live at our Welcome Back Day on Aug. 25. Feedback has been positive and a photo shoot is planned for Sept. 22.
  - 9.2 Spirit Wear – Most of the stock has arrived and is being stored in Judy's office pending clearance of some closet space. A travelling collection of sample sizes will be assembled, but ordering will be done online.
  - 9.3 Uniforms – Another survey will be sent out toward the end of Sept. to gather feedback on the changes that were made in response to the last survey. Questions will be submitted by Wear it, ASC, students and administrators.
  - 9.4 Pre-audit Finance Report – See handout. Reta went through the figures which represent a "best estimate" at this point in time. Salaries, which are our largest expense, are at pretty much 100% of the final total.
  - 9.5 Facilities Information – AE has asked us to delay our work with the architect pending examination of other alternatives for our high school modernization; we have been invited another value-scoping exercise in October. In the meantime, FFCA will look at some options for gathering stakeholder feedback on this.
  - 9.6 Inclusive Education – See handout which highlights the discrepancy between what FFCA is required by legislation to provide ("....access to meaningful and relevant learning experiences that include appropriate instructional supports" for all students) and our (lack of) eligibility for the funding to ensure these supports are available ("School jurisdictions are eligible for (*supports and services allocation + differential modifiers allocation + program equity allocation + additional per student allocation*). **Charter schools are only eligible for the additional per student allocation.**") This represents a shortfall of approximately \$400 per student, which drastically impacts the supports we are able to offer.
  - 9.7 Reminder re Photo Dates: Sept. 22 @ NEE, Oct. 2 @ SMS
  - 9.8 Government Relations – Meredith distributed a package of FFCA MLA information which can be used

as a reference in any GR opportunities that may arise.

10. Committees

10.1 Charter Board Committee of the Whole – The Board as a whole was very busy over the summer, as they attended facilitated sessions on the Role of Governance, FFCA 101 and our Preferred Future Initiative, the Board/Admin BBQ, the Welcome Back Breakfast, and a number of T-8 sessions.

10.2 Community Relations Committee – See handout. The CR Committee met on Sept. 3 to formulate Terms of Reference and set some event dates, which have been incorporated into the Board's event calendar.

Cristian Rios MOVED that the Board accept the Terms of Reference of the Community Relations Committee as presented. Amish Patel seconded. CARRIED.

10.3 Executive Committee – This committee consisting of the Chair, Vice-Chair and Superintendent has met regularly over the summer, and has also met with a number of MLA's. They will soon be deciding on an agenda for the February retreat.

10.4 Human Resources Committee – See handout. The HR Committee has responsibility for the Superintendent Performance Review, The Board and Board Chair Performance Reviews, and some Board professional development. They will also assist with the development of the retreat agenda. They met on and settled on their Terms of Reference.

Wayne Weinheimer MOVED that the Board accept the Terms of Reference of the Human Resources Committee as presented. Andrew Chu seconded. CARRIED.

10.5 Director Highlights – All or most of the Board attended the meetings/events described in 10.1. Cindy McGlashan-Beaucage: Meetings with MLA's, SMS BBQ, NMS Playground build; Cristian Rios: SMS BBQ, SEE SC; Andrew Chu: Spoke with MLA's Deron Bilous, Mark Smith and Ron Orr at MLA-hosted Edmonton K-Days events; NWE, SWE, NEE, SEE SC; NWE BBQ; Wayne Weinheimer: NMS SC, GR Meeting with Duane Bratt; Amish Patel: K orientation at SWE.

11. Open to Gallery – We were introduced to Anand Gill. Anand does not have any children in FFCA but is seeking volunteer opportunities in the area of leadership and was referred to FFCA by a friend.

12. Talking Points – Will be circulated.

13. Chairman's Remarks – Shelley Schroh thanked the Board for their hard work over the summer and passed on Pamela's appreciation for the well wishes and consideration shown to her in the wake of recent events.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:48 p.m.