



Public Board & Special Meeting Minutes

Wednesday April 19, 2017

6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

North Middle School

211 McKnight Blvd. NE

Calgary, AB

Attendees:

Board & Administration: Amish Patel (Chair), Cindy McGlashan-Beaucage (Vice-Chair), Shelley Schroh, Cristian Rios, Pamela Wilson, Wayne Weinheimer, Andrew Chu, Roger Nippard, Kurtis Leinweber, Reta Morgan, Joan Burke, Lorne McDonald, Meredith Poole

Presenters: John Deines, Shawna Drummond, Marla Johnson, John Kostas, Mark Nightingale, Merck Mendoza, Ilan Ahamed, Greg Albright, Tristan Sikora

Gallery: Faruq Suleman, Susan Hendry, Farzana Ahamed, Karim Ahamed, Cathy McCauley, Erica Oseen, Sally Williams, Randall Spall, Gloria McCracken, Colin Sheldon

6:00 p.m. CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

1. Review of Meeting Agenda – No changes.

2. **17/04/19 – 1CA CONSENT AGENDA**

MOVED by Director Chu and seconded by Director Weinheimer that the Consent Agenda for April 19, 2017 be approved as presented. CARRIED.

That the minutes of the March 15, 2017 Board Meeting be approved as presented.

3. Campus/ASC Reports

3.1 Collaboration & Comedy – The Gr. 7 Social Studies team, consisting of Marla Johnson, John Kostas and Mark Nightingale presented on their development of creative methods of making Social Studies much more interesting for their students. They have developed an “informal collaboration” resulting in imaginative activities such as the “Mystery Trunk”, a dice game for sentence starters and a “Fact or Fiction” game. They also supplement with some of the excellent CBC historical videos available. Attendees at the meeting were treated to a “teaser” performance, by 2 very talented students, from the upcoming production of “Willie Wonka” (3 performances on June 2 & 3).

3.2 ASC – No report.

4. Policies

- 4.1 **17/04/19 – 1RA: Policy 7 Board Operations**

MOVED by Director Schroh and seconded by Director Wilson that Policy 7 Board Operations be approved for Second Reading as amended. CARRIED.

- 4.2 **17/04/19 – 2RA: Policy 18 Parental Partnerships**

MOVED by Director Rios and seconded by Director Weinheimer that Policy 18 Parental Partnerships be approved for Second Reading as presented. CARRIED.

5. Superintendent's Report: 1. Yvonne DePeel has resigned as Almadina Superintendent; her replacement is Glenn McClure (see www.taapcs.ca/ Home Page), 2. Always a highlight to see students: tonight's presentation, NMS prior to break for “For the Love of Reading”, One Act coming up next week, Grad Walk on May 19, 3. Apart from being omitted in regard to Bill 1 fee relief for parents, fairly pleased with the provincial budget. 4. Attended and presented at the ULead Conference in Banff along with a delegation of visitors from Australia, some of whom visited a few FFCA campuses, 5. Another delegation, this one from BC, will be visiting in May, 6. With CFO Reta Morgan, met with AE South Director Avi Habinski over the

break re i) the high school project and ii) our intention to purchase a Central Office building, 7. Will be meeting with the Board in early May re Performance Evaluation.

6. Information Items

6.1 Standing Item: Administrative Procedure Update – The following new Administrative Procedures will be adopted by FFCA administration:

6.1.1 AP-G-301.3 Transition to Retirement

6.1.2 AP-G-401.6 Learning Support

6.1.3 AP-J-201.1 Public Events Protocol

6.2 Standing Item: Research and Innovation Update – Our research proposal to AE re the teaching of Math was not accepted, however the CEO and COO will be meeting with the U. of C. professor involved to see how we might move forward nevertheless. Our presentation proposal to the Learning Forward conference was accepted. As well, we are in a wait list queue to join “Research Schools International” out of Harvard University, which bridges the gap between research and practice by partnering researchers with a diverse network of schools around the globe to carry out research, professional development, and dissemination of findings.

6.3 Diploma Exam Results – Coordinator of Instruction Joan Burke used a Power Point presentation to illustrate the Diploma Exam results from the 1st semester. They are outstanding, with “better than provincial results” in almost every aspect, and very high levels in the Standard of Excellence categories.

7. Discussion Items

7.1 **17/04/19 – 3RA: CBE Leases**

MOVED by Director Schroh and seconded by Director McGlashan-Beaucage that the Board direct the Board Chair and Superintendent to sign off on all Calgary Board of Education renewable (Aug 1, 2017 to July 31, 2022) facility leases. CARRIED.

7.2 Uniform Survey – Currently under review by the Board.

7.3 Wait List Weighting – No decision has been made yet, pending a review of the charter to determine fit. (Administration has received quotes for wait list management services from 5 companies.)

8. Committees

8.1 Charter Board Committee of the Whole (T-9) – Meets once per month in preparation for the public meetings.

8.2 Executive Committee – Board meets 1-2 times per month with CEO, COO and sometimes CFO.

8.3 Community Relations Committee – 1. The April newsletter has been distributed, albeit a little late, and 2. Work is underway in preparation for the May 18 Staff Appreciation event at the Coast Plaza hotel.

8.4 Human Resources Committee – 1. The Board and Superintendent evaluations will be facilitated by education consultant Terry Gunderson on May 6, 2. Committee Terms of Reference are being updated, 3. A link for FOIP training will be sent out shortly, 4. Future action item: review/update of Director Handbook, 5. An *ad hoc* Board Election and By-law Review Committee is being proposed.

17/04/19 – 4RA: *Ad hoc* Board Election and Bylaw review Committee

MOVED by Director Weinheimer and seconded by Director Rios that an *ad hoc* Board Election and Bylaw Review Committee, be formed, and chaired by Director Chu, for the purpose of proposing bylaw revisions at the September 17, 2017 public Board meeting. CARRIED.

Director Weinheimer will distribute the draft Terms of Reference for this committee.

8.5 Audit Committee – Director Wilson met with CFO Reta Morgan and our auditor Terry Booth to set committee meeting dates between now and June 2018.

8.6 TAAPCS Board Rep Report – The *ad hoc* Fees Committee met 3 weeks ago and will meet again prior to the May 12/13 general meeting. The *ad hoc* Communications Committee met today and will put together an action plan, with proposed budget, for the May meeting.

8.7 Director Highlights - Director Weinheimer: science applications evident during Campus Crawl; Director Chu: Campus Crawl and "Making Spaces" at SWE; Director Wilson: Audit Committee; Director Rios: "For the Love of Reading" at SMS (leadership shown by Gr. 12's); Director Schroh: Campus Crawl; Vice-Chair McGlashan-Beaucage: Campus Crawl & HR Committee; Chair Patel: Campus Crawl and integration of technology.

9. Open to Gallery – Faruq Suleman: Appreciate the effort of the Board in coming out to campuses. The meeting has given him a higher level view of FFCA. Erica Oseen – What is the potential to mobilize parents around the issues such as high school facility funding and Bill 1? (A: any mobilization of parents must be done very strategically – 2 pronged: bureaucratic & political - as it is a card you can't play too often). Colin Sheldon – Suggestion that prior to next election, the various political parties be asked to state their position on charter schools.

10. Chairperson's Remarks – None.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:10 p.m.

8:10 p.m. CALL TO ORDER – SPECIAL MEETING

1. 17/04/19 – 1SM: Mortgage

MOVED by Director Schroh and seconded by Director Wilson that the Society authorize FFCA to mortgage up to \$1,500,000 for the purchase of a building to house its Central Office and maintenance operations, subject to Ministerial approval. CARRIED by a vote of 291-3.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:03 p.m.

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING: May 17, 2017

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Policy 11 Delegation of Authority, Policy 14 Uniforms, Policy 15 Managed Growth, Policy 17 Transportation of Students to Campus