



## Public Board Meeting

February 13, 2019  
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.,  
Southwest Elementary  
898 Sylvester Cres. SW  
Calgary, AB

**Attendees:** Jeff Wilson (Chair), Faruq Suleman (Vice-Chair), Rizvan Bharmal, Sumara Diaz, Jenny Hill, Naren Makwana, Jehn Scantlebury, Randall Spahl, Robert Zagorsky, Roger Nippard, Kurtis Leinweber, Joan Burke, Lorne McDonald, Jeff Cullen, Meredith Poole

**Presenters:** Lorie Skaper-Burtch, Salima Hudani, Valentina Lev, Rachel Knight; Students Hayley, Ava & Disha

**Gallery:** Tanya Borthwick, Louise Cooper, Lan Syniak, Ariane Urquiza, Sharon Tokarchuk, Sweta Shah, Cindy McGlashan-Beaucage, Darcy Beaucage, Maria McGlashan, Shelley Schroh, Crystal Okasha, Andrew Chu, Rafiq Elias, Cristian Rios, Jim Poirier, Linda Lambert, Dave Lambert, Hayden Suleman

## MINUTES

5:05 p.m. CALL TO ORDER

1. Review of Meeting Agenda – no changes.
2. Approval of Consent Agenda  
MOVED by Vice-Chair Suleman and seconded by Chair Wilson that the Consent Agenda for February 13, 2019 be approved as presented. CARRIED.  
(Minutes – Public Meeting Dec. 12, 2018; Organizational Meeting Jan. 12, 2019; Correspondence: none)
3. Campus/ASC Reports
  - 3.1 Working for Wellness: Unity in our Community – Each year, SWE chooses a theme designed to enhance the feeling of community among the diverse groups at the campus. For 2018-19, the theme is Wellness, in which four dimensions of wellness – intellectual, physical, emotional and social – were identified and a calendar of activities planned around them, with one associated challenge per month. These have included healthy eating, active service, spreading kindness, and “make a friend to be a friend”. Each month, the success of the past initiative is celebrated and communicated in the school newsletter, and the next challenge launched. Along with the SWE Admin, 2 parents and 3 students were on hand to describe the positive effects of this program.
  - 3.2 ASC – No report.
4. Policies
  - 4.1 19/02/13-1RA Policy 10 Policy Making  
MOVED by Director Hill and seconded by Director Diaz that Policy 10 Policy Making be approved for Second Reading as amended. CARRIED.
  - 4.2 *Ad hoc* Policy Committee –  
MOVED by Vice-Chair Suleman and seconded by Director Makwana that the Board strike an *Ad Hoc* Policy Committee, and develop a Terms of Reference to present to the Board for approval. CARRIED.

Vice-Chair Suleman will chair this committee, and former Co-Vice-Chair Weinheimer has volunteered as well.

5. Superintendent's Report

- Much planning is underway for the 2019-20 year, beginning with Administrative Staff Transfers.
- The annual AERR meeting with Alberta Education has taken place. This year the tone was a little different as the emphasis was on compliance rather than FFCA's outstanding results.
- Requested and received the most recent SES Gap Score for FFCA of +10.8%
- An Australian delegation will visit FFCA on Apr. 15/16, touring our campuses and speaking with staff. This will be the third visit by a group of Australians and interest runs high in staff and student exchanges.
- We are in year 2 of our research project on global competency, in partnership with Golden Hill SD and the International School of Macao. U. of C. and U. of A. are conducting the research and will be analyzing the data.
- Meetings with AE are taking place approximately every 2 weeks to find a solution to our high school facility problem.

6. Information Items

6.1 Standing Item: Administrative Procedure Update – No updates.

6.2 Standing Item: Strategic/Education Plan Update

- Strategic Plan: FFCA is engaged in two research studies, one being a climate analysis at the high school and the other to increase the pursuit of academic studies in physics.
- Ed Plan: 1. Our meeting with our AE Manager touched briefly on our results and resulted in the requirement for a few minor adjustments to our written reports. 2. We are beginning to see our staff examining their existing practice through the lenses of our recently developed Assessment and Inclusion Frameworks. 3. A framework for Ed Tech Integration is being drafted; should be available in April. 4. Preliminary conversations are happening in relation to our next 3-Year Plan, with a focus on alignment with our Strategic Plan.

7. Discussion Items

7.1 Capital Plan

MOVED by Director Zagorsky and seconded by Director Makwana that the 2020-2023 Capital Plan be approved as presented. CARRIED.

7.2 Resource Fees

MOVED by Vice-Chair Suleman and seconded by Director Diaz that the 2019-2020 FFCA Resource Fees remain the same as last year and be approved as presented. If funding is provided by Alberta Education to offset they will be eliminated or reduced accordingly and rebates will be issued.

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| Kindergarten   | \$115.00 |
| Grades 1- 6    | \$145.00 |
| Grades 7-12    | \$195.00 |
| Family Maximum | \$450.00 |

*Families who qualify for the Resource Fee Subsidy will be required to pay \$50 per student.*  
CARRIED.

7.3 Transportation Fees

MOVED by Director Makwana and seconded by Director Diaz that the 2019-2020 FFCA Transportation Fees remain the same as last year and be approved as presented.

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| Kindergarten     | \$425.00  |
| Gr. 1-12 (2-way) | \$855.00  |
| Gr. 1-12 (1-way) | \$770.00  |
| Shuttle (1-way)  | \$200.00  |
| Family Maximum   | \$2285.00 |

*Families who qualify for the Transportation Fee Subsidy will be expected to pay \$325/student.*  
CARRIED.

#### 7.4 2019-2020 Budget Guiding Principles

MOVED by Vice-Chair Suleman and seconded by Director Scantlebury that the 2019-2020 FFCA Budget Guiding Principles be approved as presented. CARRIED.

### 8. Committees

8.1 Charter Board Committee of the Whole – Has met twice since last meeting with fairly heavy agendas due to there being 6 new Board members, and requirements regarding budget, fees, the Capital Plan and the High School.

8.2 Executive Committee – Have occurred by phone on the topics mentioned above.

8.3 Communications & Community Relations Committee – The main concern at this time is next week's School Council Appreciation Event. Director Hill will host. Members include Committee Chair Scantlebury and Directors Zagorsky, Hill and Bharmal, with Chair Wilson being *ex-officio*.

8.4 Human Resources Committee – This committee has met to review the Terms of Reference and will be developing the Terms of Reference for the *Ad Hoc* Policy Committee. Members include Committee Chair Diaz, and Directors Makwana and Spahl, with Chair Wilson being *ex-officio*.

8.5 Audit Committee – Members include Committee Chair Makwana and Director Bharmal, with the assistance of FFCA community members Bruce Hibbard, Amanda Fisher and Taylor Duffy. The committee has not yet had its first meeting.

8.6 TAAPCS Board Rep Report – As FFCA's representative and Co-Vice-Chair of the TAAPCS Governance Committee, Vice-Chair Suleman reported that TAAPCS is focused on defining 3-5 directional items for the Association in its transition to a governance model.

8.7 Director Highlights – Director Bharmal: watching Twitter over the last few days; Vice-Chair Suleman: the energy of the new Board and the Chair's radio interview on QR770; Director Spahl: the last couple of months have been very "interesting"; Director Scantlebury: has enjoyed the immersion into Board business, as well as the recent Blog Post by a Gr. 12 student; Director Makwana: the passion and engagement of parents and staff; Director Hill: being able to meet high school staff at the recent forum; Director Zagorsky: staff and parent forums (good learning and camaraderie), as well as appreciation for the work of the past Board; Director Diaz: the passionate, open debate; the QR770 interview and the support of alumni via her daughter; Chair Wilson: Twitter activity in relation to the high school issue, and the student-led petition.

9. Open to Gallery –

- Maria McGlashan: After the Monday forums, Maria took it upon herself to make an announcement at the high school, which resulted in the creation of a student-led petition which garnered 400 signatures in a matter of hours, showing the “astounding power of the school community”.
- Shelley Schroh: Thanks and best wishes to the new Board as they move forward on the high school issue.
- Valentina Lev: Urging the engagement of all FFCA parents, as well as alumni and parents, to broaden our influence.
- Jim Poirier: Recent events have strengthened the one-school aspect of FFCA, and the momentum must be sustained.
- Andrew Chu: Should consultation have been held with parents regarding fees? A. deemed unnecessary in the case where there is no increase; Excited to see the traction being gained, especially the petition.
- Cristian Rios: Expressed appreciation to the Chair for his message on QR770.

10. Chairperson’s Remarks – None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 6:54 p.m.

**NEXT PUBLIC MEETING:** April 24, 2019, 6:30 p.m. @ FFCA High School

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**