



Public Board Meeting Minutes

Feb. 12, 2020

7:00-9:00 p.m.

FFCA North Middle School

211 McKnight Blvd. NE

Calgary, AB

Attendees:

Board & Administration: Chair Jeff Wilson, Vice-Chair Jenny Hill, Director Sumara Diaz, Director Faruq Suleman, Director Naren Makwana, Director Jehn Scantlebury, Director Randall Spahl, Director Sam Jin, Superintendent Roger Nippard, Deputy Superintendent Kurtis Leinweber, Secretary Treasurer Reta Morgan, Coordinator of Instruction Joan Burke, Director of Technology Jeff Cullen, Executive Assistant Meredith Poole

Presenter: Jodie DeVries

Gallery: John Deines, Josh Symonds, Lee Ann Triska, Andrew Chu, Cindy McGlashan-Beaucage, Rob Zagorsky, Danny Williamson, Cliff Sanderson, Janet Sanderson, Meng Wei, Dan Dan Seth, Rachel Li, Ying Bo Liu

CALL TO ORDER – 6:50 p.m.

1. Review of Meeting Agenda – Add Item 3.2 School Council Update
2. **20/02/12-1CA** Consent Agenda
MOVED by Vice-Chair Hill and seconded by Director Scantlebury that the Consent Agenda for Feb. 12, 2020 be approved as presented. CARRIED.
3. Campus Reports
 - 3.1 Reading Resource at NMS - Teacher Jodie DeVries recounted the learning journey which led her to a deeper understanding of the neural networks involved in the acquisition of reading skills, and her ability to help students develop the phonological awareness and decoding skills necessary to be successful.
 - 3.2 School Council Report – NMS SC has been able to update the team uniforms and replace a full cart of iPads; their next casino is scheduled for early 2021. Their goals for the year are:
 1. To improve communication with parents, 2. Increase parental involvement, and 3. Improve community outreach through one event per school term (e.g. Bullying Ends Here). A number of fundraisers have been held, and more planned, but SC is sensitive to the current economic environment. Discretionary funds have been used for a hydration station, the Winter Festival and an Anti-Bullying Poster Contest. Council is down 3 members from 11 to 8.
4. Superintendent's Report –
 1. Planning is underway for the 2020-21 year,
 2. Provincial decisions over the next 3-6 weeks will have a significant impact on FFCA and on education in Alberta generally (i.e. new Funding Framework/*Choice in Education Act*); AE will meet with all jurisdictions individually to walk through implications,
 3. We have just completed a GST audit and are awaiting the report,
 4. We have been reimbursed the overage amount (approx. \$150,000) for the new

portables, 5. The COO and CFO will be visiting each staff on Friday to walk through the budget process, 6. Our revised bylaws have been approved and are on the website, 7. Had a very positive meeting with AE regarding our AERR; they seemed curious as to how we get the results we get, 8. Have a meeting with the new AE Deputy Minister this Friday, 9. The high school MoU is still in the hands of CBE with no indication of progress, 9. Staffing (admin phase) will begin before March break and resume for the remaining positions after the break.

5. Information Items

5.1 Technology Report – Technology Director Jeff Cullen broke down FFCA’s tech “story” into 3 eras: 1. 2009-10 “Adventures in Interactivity, 2. 2011-15 “Device Explosion”, and 3. 2015-18 “Go to the Cloud”, and detailed our current projects and challenges.

5.2 Standing Item: Administrative Procedures Update – The AP’s below have been finalized and are available on the FFCA website.

AP-I-801.1 Responding to Medical Needs

AP-I-804.2 Psychoeducational Assessments

5.3 Standing Item: Strategic/Education Plan Update - No report.

6 Discussion Items

6.1 **20/02/12-1RA** Resource Fees

MOVED by Director Makwana and seconded by Vice-Chair Hill that the 2020-2021 FFCA Resource Fees be approved as presented. CARRIED.

Kindergarten	\$115.00
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Grades 1 to 6	\$145.00
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Grades 7 to 12	\$195.00
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Family Maximum	\$450.00
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Families who qualify for the Resource Fee Subsidy will be expected to pay \$50/student.

6.2 **20/02/12-2RA** Transportation Fees

MOVED by Vice-Chair Hill and seconded by Director Scantlebury that the 2020-2021 FFCA Transportation Fees be approved at 2019-20 levels as presented. CARRIED.

Kindergarten	\$425.00
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Grades 1 to 12 (2-way)	\$855.00
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Grades 1 to 12 (1-way)	\$770.00
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Shuttle (1-way)	\$200.00
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Family Maximum	\$2285.00
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Families who qualify for the Transportation Fee Subsidy will be expected to pay \$325/student.

6.3 **20/02/12-3RA** Capital Plan

MOVED by Director Diaz and seconded by Director Suleman that the 2021-2024 Capital Plan be approved as presented. CARRIED.

6.4 **20/02/12-4RA** ADO Elimination Plan

MOVED by Director Suleman and seconded by Director Makwana that the 2019-2020

Accumulated Deficit from Operations Elimination Plan be approved as presented and forwarded to Alberta Education. CARRIED.

7. Committees

7.1 Charter Board Committee of the Whole - No report.

7.2 Executive Committee - No report.

7.3 Communications & Community Relations Committee (CCR) – Committee Chair Jehn Scantlebury hosted tours by Ministers Shandro (Health) at SMS & SWE and LaGrange (Education) at HS.

7.3.1 **20/02/12-5RA** CCR Terms of Reference

MOVED by Director Scantlebury and seconded by Director Suleman that the Communications and Community Relations Committee revised Terms of Reference be approved as presented. CARRIED.

7.4 Policy & Performance Review Committee (PPR) – The committee is currently about half way through a review of FFCA policies.

7.5 Audit Committee – No report.

7.6 TAAPCS Board Rep Report – The provincial association is engaging with the current government, and will meet with Minister LaGrange in March to discuss education funding, the Choice in Education Act, and other topics of significance to charter schools.

7.7 Director Highlights – Director Diaz: this evening’s presentation by Ms. DeVries; Director Makwana: this evening’s technology presentation & the number of people in the gallery; Director Spahl: both presentations; Vice-Chair Hill: SWE parent orientation evening, observed evidence of exemplary student character; Director Suleman: FFCA support for Schroh family, fellow Directors; Director Scantlebury: engaging with Ministers, past year as Director, quality of FFCA programs; Director Jin: tonight’s presentation by Ms. DeVries, and the opportunity to learn more about FFCA and serve in the capacity of Director; Chair Wilson: generous contributions to the Shelley Schroh Unsung Hero scholarship, to the point where it is self-sustaining; the past year of service to FFCA in the role of Board Chair.

8. Open to Gallery – Support for AP-I-802.4 Psychoeducational Assessments; concerns on the part of several parents re Kindergarten funding in relation to AE eligibility restrictions.

9. Chairperson’s Remarks

ADJOURNMENT: 9:00 p.m.

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING: April 15, 2020 @ NWE

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: 2021-22 Calendars