



Public Board Meeting

May 13, 2020

6:30-9:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/98034164199>

Attendees:

Board and Administration: Chair Jeff Wilson, Vice-Chair Jenny Hill, Director Sumara Diaz, Director Faruq Suleman, Director Naren Makwana, Director Rizvan Bharmal, 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, Coordinator of School Services Lorne McDonald, Director of Technology Jeff Cullen, Executive Assistant Meredith Poole

Gallery: Cindy McGlashan-Beaucage, Erica Oseen, Doug Lamb, Tracey Wishlow, Zenita Lalani, Sheri Rolfe, Sanjay Wadhera, Seema Makwana, Shan, Allan

MINUTES

6:31 p.m. CALL TO ORDER

1. Review of Meeting Agenda – no changes.
2. **20/05/13-1CA** Approval of Consent Agenda
MOVED by Vice-Chair Hill and seconded by Director Scantlebury that the Consent Agenda for May 13, 2020 be approved as presented. CARRIED.
 - Minutes of April 15, 202 Public Board Meeting
 - Correspondence (1 letter: Minister LaGrange re new funding model)
3. Superintendent's Report
 - i) New Funding Framework: commitment letter received May 5, budget due May 31, 2020.
Many thanks to COO Leinweber and CFO Morgan for all their work on this.
 - ii) Alberta students will not be returning to school this year and there is no official timeline for school reopening. Three scenarios have been proposed by AE but the decision will not be made until August 1.
 - iii) There have been many conversations between charter schools and the AE Deputy Minister on budgetary impacts. Some are being affected worse than others. FFCA will receive partial Special Learning Supports Funding for the first time, and is hoping for the phased-in increases we requested.
 - iv) Kudos: To Brooke Herwig for her winning Shell Classroom Energy Diet Video and for winning Energy Educator of the Year! To Rebecca Carruthers for her Empathy Pawject that was profiled on CBC News! To Arlene Orchard for her video choir presentation of "At Last".
They do us all proud.
 - v) Staffing has been delayed but begins tomorrow with transfers.

4. Information Items

4.1. Standing Item: Administrative Procedures Update: No report.

4.2. Standing Item: Strategic/Education Plan Update

4.2.1. 3YEP Discussion: Administrators are engaged in the process of developing the 3YEP and are engaging with their staffs over the key priorities of Permanence, DITLF Review, Character and Leadership Education, and Assessment and Reporting.

5. Discussion Items

5.1. **20/05/13-1RA** 2020-2021 Budget

MOVED by Director Diaz and seconded by Director Makwana that the Board approve the 2020-2021 Budget as presented and request that Administration provide the necessary documentation to Alberta Education by the deadline of May 31, 2020. CARRIED.

5.2. **20/05/13-2RA** Locally Developed Courses

MOVED by Director Scantlebury and seconded by Director Suleman that the Board approve the use of Locally Developed Courses Musical Theatre 15-5, 25-5, 35-5 and Studio Art 35-3 for use at FFCA. CARRIED.

5.3. Calendar for 2020-2021: COVID-19 Potential Implications – In the absence of any certainty about the next school year, an alternate calendar has been drafted which would start after Labour Day, eliminate the November break and shorten the Spring Break depending on Provincial health recommendations. Parents will be updated as soon as any decisions are made.

6. Committees

6.1. Executive Committee: No report.

6.2. Communications & Community Relations Committee: No report.

6.3. Policy & Performance Review Committee

6.3.1. **20/05/13-3RA** PPR Terms of Reference

MOVED by Director Bharmal and seconded by Director Makwana that the Board approve the Policy and Performance Review Committee Terms of Reference as presented. CARRIED.

6.3.2. **20/05/13-4RA** Policy 1 Foundational Statements

MOVED by Director Bharmal and seconded by Vice-Chair Hill that the Board approve Policy 1 Foundational Statements as presented. The amended policy will be circulated to Administrators, School Councils and Society members for information purposes only, and replaced on the FFCA website. CARRIED.

6.3.3. **20/05/13-5RA** Policy 2 Role of the Charter Board

MOVED by Director Bharmal and seconded by Director Scantlebury that the Board approve Policy 2 Role of the Charter Board as presented. The amended policy will be circulated to Administrators, School Councils and Society members for information purposes only, and replaced on the FFCA website. CARRIED.

6.3.4. **20/05/13-6RA** Policy 3 Role of the Director

MOVED by Director Bharmal and seconded by Director Diaz that the Board approve Policy 3 Role of the Director as presented. The amended policy will be circulated to Administrators, School Councils and Society members for information purposes only, and replaced on the FFCA website. CARRIED.

6.3.5. **20/05/13-7RA** Policy 4 Director Code of Conduct

MOVED by Director Bharmal and seconded by Vice-Chair Hill that the Board approve Policy 4 Director Code of Conduct as presented. The amended policy will be circulated to Administrators, School Councils and Society members for information purposes only, and replaced on the FFCA website. CARRIED.

6.3.6. **20/05/13-8RA** Policy 5 Role of the Charter Board Chair

MOVED by Director Bharmal and seconded by Director Diaz that the Board approve Policy 5 Role of the Charter Board Chair as presented. The amended policy will be circulated to Administrators, School Councils and Society members for information purposes only, and replaced on the FFCA website. CARRIED.

6.3.7. **20/05/13-9RA** Policy 6 Role of the Vice-Chair

MOVED by Director Bharmal and seconded by Director Scantlebury that the Board approve Policy 6 Role of the Vice-Chair as presented. The amended policy will be circulated to Administrators, School Councils and Society members for information purposes only, and replaced on the FFCA website. CARRIED.

6.3 Audit Committee – No report. The committee meets on May 19 so will have a report at the June meeting.

6.4 TAAPCS Board Rep Report – SGM was held May 2 with very good attendance over Zoom.

Much of the discussion centered on funding given that the new framework impacts some school significantly. There was some realignment of committee work as well.

7. Director Highlights: Vice-Chair Hill: engagement and passion evident at the TAAPCS Spring General Meeting; Director Scantlebury: Instagram account of Cathy McLeer (check it out at padlgrl); Director Spahl: upgrades to personal technology that improve participation in meetings; Director Diaz: high school choir presentation organized by Arlene Orchard; Director Bharmal: good discussions on tough topics at most recent working session; Director Jin: tough decisions made at working session; Director Suleman: tireless work of the FFCA Technology Team; Director Makwana: the great work being done by the teachers to facilitate Online Learning; Chair Wilson: Rebecca Carruthers Empathy Pawject.
8. Open to Gallery: Comments/questions related to: the amount of online contact with teachers and work being sent home for students (we are following provincial guidelines); adequacy of the technology budget; timely communication of calendar changes; circulation of Zoom meeting information; appreciation for the tremendous staff support for Gr. 12 students.

9. Chairperson's Remarks: Thanks to the Directors for ensuring that meetings over the past two months have been productive.

"Don't forget that beautiful sunsets require cloudy skies."

ADJOURNMENT: 7:59 p.m.

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING: June 10, 2020 @ TBD

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: