



Public Board Meeting

Wednesday December 9, 2020

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom

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 Justin Kool, Coordinator of School Services Preston Lowther, Director of Technology Jeff Cullen, Executive Assistant Meredith Poole

Presenters: Bharati Singh, Susan Boyd, Doug Lamb

Gallery: Cathy McCauley, Amanda Fisher, Amanda Lomboy, Andre Shoucri, Arlene Orchard, Chad Widmer, Cindy McGlashan-Beaucage, Pamela Hunnisett, Mariko Glenney, Amy Robinson, Chu Family, Kim K., Haejin, Corey, maybenicwong, Crystal, Sally, Vicky, SWE SC

MINUTES

6:34 p.m. CALL TO ORDER

1. Review of Meeting Agenda – No changes.
2. **20/12/09-1CA**
Approval of Consent Agenda
MOVED by Vice-Chair Hill and seconded by Director Makwana that the Consent Agenda for Dec. 9, 2020 be approved as presented, including Public Board Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2020, and any correspondence received since. CARRIED.
3. Staff/Campus Reports
 - 3.1. High School Split Update
Principal Bharati Singh and Associate Principals Susan Boyd and Doug Lamb updated the Board and gallery on the challenges faced by the high school since the onset of the pandemic, and most particularly since structural failures at the Montgomery facility necessitated a split of the high school and a move of almost half the students to the CBE Dr. Norman Bethune school. The work that has been put into programming, scheduling, staffing, on-line/in-class planning, moving, and renovations would seem to have been almost insurmountable and yet the FFCA team came together to make it all happen. As Principal Singh said, the “Heart of the Matter” is our students and staff, and our success in making these difficult adjustments is based on our incredible school culture.
4. Superintendent's Report
 - Thanks to the high school administration and staff for their hard work and accomplishments over the past difficult months, and appreciation for willingness of other staff to assist whenever and wherever help was needed
 - Thanks to Coordinator of Instruction Justin Kool and Jeff Cullen for facilitating the smooth transition to the Gr. 7-12 online in response to the AE directive
 - Transportation contracts have not been renegotiated at this point but that may yet be required

- Diploma exams have been cancelled for the entire year
- New curriculum framework was released last week; we have 1 teacher on the provincial working group
- Meetings with 2 ADM's forthcoming to discuss i) the new evaluation cycle for charters, and ii) Specialized Learning Supports (SLS) funding
- One new charter has been approved for September 2021 start-up and another application is in the works
- Attention of Board and Admin now turning to budget talks, enrolment projections, and an FFCA policy on managed growth

5. Information Items

5.1. Standing Item: Administrative Procedures Update

- AP-H-105.1 English as a Second Language – further revisions may yet be required but this will be posted to the website in its current form.

5.2. Standing Item: Strategic/Education Plan Update – No report.

5.3. Standing Item: High School Update

- In constant conversation with Alberta Education over new build
- Collecting information in regard to program/classroom requirements and design
- Tender period is last week in June through first two weeks of July

5.4. Standing Item: COVID Response

- 54 confirmed cases over the 8 campuses
- Majority of COVID cases have been at the north campuses
- Re program transition options offered: 51 requests for in-school to online have been approved (additional 18 could not be accommodated); 24 requests for online to in-school accommodated with 2 still outstanding
- More spaces may become available

6. Discussion Items

6.1. **20/12/09-1RA** – Q1 Report

MOVED by Director Makwana and seconded by Director Diaz that the Board receive for information the FFCA 2020-2021 First Quarter Financial Report as presented. CARRIED.

6.2. **20/12/09-2RA** – Resignation

MOVED by Vice-Chair Hill and seconded by Director Suleman that the Board accept the resignation (retirement) of Employee 10006 effective December 31, 2020. CARRIED.

7. Committees

7.1. Executive Committee – No report.

7.2. Communications and Community Relations (CCR)

- Distributed “Call to Action” to seek assistance for the Advocacy Committee and sub-committees in supporting charters and combatting misinformation
- Updates in campus newsletters

7.3. Policy and Performance Review (PPR)

7.3.1. **20/12/09-3RA** Policy 14 Uniforms

MOVED by Director Bharmal and seconded by Vice-Chair Hill that the Board approve Policy 14 Uniforms for Third Reading as presented. CARRIED.

7.4. Audit Committee – No report.

7.5. TAAPCS Board Rep Report

- Recent conversations at Executive Committee focused on ways to support new charters, as well as assist the Advocacy Committee

8. Director Highlights: Vice-Chair Hill: i) daughter's successful experience with the online program, and ii) tonight's high school report; Director Spahl: adaptation to successful on-line program; Director Jin: response of administration and staff to the significant challenges faced; Director Diaz: the work of our two departing Board members and the opportunity to work with them over the past two years; Director Scantlebury: ditto Director Diaz, as well as successful transition to online for older daughter; Director Makwana: FFCA culture and the willingness/ability to rise to any challenge and/or opportunity; Chair Wilson: the thoughtful and passionate leadership contributed by Directors Suleman and Bharmal over the past three years.

Director Bharmal: *It has been an extreme honour to serve FFCA over the past three years and to support the hard work and passion that is evidenced daily in our campuses, to the benefit of all our children. Thank you to my colleagues who have taken the time to be involved and act as staunch advocates for FFCA.*

Director Suleman: *My thanks go out to everyone. I have appreciated the opportunity to serve on the Board, and have enjoyed the discourse over the last three years. Thank you for the friendship and support; we have had a great crew that made some good progress.*

9. Open to Gallery - No questions/comments.

10. Chairperson's Remarks – Nothing further.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:53 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Feb. 10, 2021

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: