



## Public Board Meeting

Wednesday February 10, 2021

6:30-9:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom

### Attendees

**Board and Administration:** Chair Jeff Wilson, Vice-Chair Jenny Hill, Director Sumara Diaz, Director Naren Makwana, Director Jehn Scantlebury, Director Randall Spahl, Director Sam Jin, Director Cathy McCauley, Director Amanda Fisher, 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

**Gallery:** Amy Truong-Vuattoux, Anil Nayak, Arlene Orchard, Bharati Singh, Cindy McGlashan-Beaucage, Josh Symonds, Judy Zhu, Pamela Hunnisett, Pelin Unal, Rae King, Shahid Qureshi, Sheri Rolfe, Taira Anten, Tanya Borthwick, Tanya Lewis, Wade Stovel, Andrew Chu, Doug Lamb, Cristian Rios, Liming Gao, Haejin, Coughlin, Marlu, PG, Ted, Mickie

## MINUTES

### 6:30 p.m. CALL TO ORDER

1. Review of Meeting Agenda – No changes.
2. **21/02/10-1CA** Approval of Consent Agenda  
MOVED by Vice-Chair Hill and seconded by Director Diaz that the Consent Agenda for Feb. 10, 2021 be approved as presented, including the public minutes of December 9, 2020 and January 16, 2021, and correspondence received. CARRIED.
3. Staff/Campus Reports – No reports.
4. Superintendent's Report
  - A survey to gauge interest in online/classroom learning for Term 3 has been distributed to parents; deadline for response is Feb. 16; FFCA tries to accommodate all requests subject to availability/staffing.
  - Due to uncertainty with COVID/variants and vaccinations, FFCA plans to offer an online option for the next school year as well, and is exploring the possibility of continuation post-COVID.
  - Two new hires at Central Office: Phoebe Greentree in the recently-vacated Executive Assistant position; Trevor Smith hired as new member of the Tech Team pending resolution of the current medical leave
  - New Deputy Minister at Alberta Education is Andre Tremblay; FFCA has already connected on the issue of SLS funding
5. Information Items
  - 5.1. Standing Item: Administrative Procedures Update -
    - AP-H-201.1 Use of ICT, AP-H-103.1 Human Sexuality and AP-I-101.2 Kindergarten Admission and Orientation have been updated and replaced on our website.
  - 5.2. Standing Item: Strategic/Education Plan Update
    - Update on recent meeting on FFCA Global Competencies Research Project: current stage focused on putting together the research findings and disseminating the results.

5.3. Standing Item: High School Update

- Moving into design development focused on individual spaces, and a phasing plan for demolition and construction, hoping to do as much as possible during the summer months
- Still on schedule for a May/June tender to be awarded in the fall

5.4. Standing Item: COVID Response

- Winter break appears to have slowed the spread but 5 cases have been confirmed since, one of which impacted 6-7 classes at the high school resulting in 5 teachers moving to online for 14 days
- There have so far 53 requests for a Term 3 change, 18 to online and 35 to the classroom

6. Discussion Items

6.1. **21/02/10-1RA** Budget Guiding Principles

MOVED by Director Diaz and seconded by Director Scantlebury that the 2021-22 Budget Guiding Principles be approved as presented. CARRIED.

6.2. **21/02/10-2RA** Resource Fees

MOVED by Director Scantlebury and seconded by Director McCauley that the 2021-2022 FFCA Resource Fees be held at 2020-2021 levels and approved as presented below.

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 expected to pay \$50/student.*  
CARRIED.

6.3 **21/02/10-3RA** Transportation Fees

MOVED by Vice-Chair Hill and seconded by Director Scantlebury that the 2021-2022 FFCA Transportation Fees be held at 2020-2021 levels and approved as presented below.

Kindergarten	\$425.00
Grades 1 to 12 (2-way)	\$855.00
Grades 1 to 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.

6.4 **21/02/10-4RA** 2022-2025 Capital Plan

MOVED by Director McCauley and seconded by Director Diaz that the 2022-2025 Capital Plan be approved as presented. CARRIED.

6.5 **21/02/10-5RA** 2021-22 Calendars

MOVED by Director Makwana and seconded by Vice-Chair Hill that the 2021-22 Calendars be approved as presented. CARRIED.

6.6 **21/02/10-6RA** 2022-23 Calendars

MOVED by Director Makwana and seconded by Director Scantlebury that the 2022-23 Calendars be approved in principle as presented. CARRIED.

7. Committees/Liaison Reports

7.1. Executive Committee – No meeting since last public meeting.

7.1.1 Terms of Reference – No changes necessary.

## 7.2. Communications and Community Relations (CCR)

- Met 3 weeks ago and will be scheduling another shortly
- Advocacy *ad hoc* committee will send representation to Albertans for Educational Diversity (ABED) to help educate the general public on all education choices available in Alberta
- Propose an *ad hoc* fundraising committee in aid of our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations:  
**21/02/10-7RA CCR Fundraising *ad hoc* Committee**  
MOVED by Director Scantlebury and seconded by Director McCauley that an *ad hoc* Fundraising Committee be struck for a period of one year as per the Terms of Reference.  
CARRIED.

### 7.2.1 Terms of Reference – No changes necessary.

## 7.3. Policy and Performance Review (PPR)

### 7.3.1 Terms of Reference – No changes necessary.

### 7.3.2 **21/02/10-8RA** Policy 7 Board Operations

MOVED by Director McCauley and seconded by Vice-Chair Hill that the Board approve Policy 7 Board Operations for First Reading as presented. CARRIED.

### 7.3.3 **21/02/10-9RA** Policy 15 Managed Growth

MOVED by Director McCauley and seconded by Director Makwana that the Board approve Policy 15 Managed Growth for First Reading as presented. CARRIED.

### 7.3.4 **21/02/10-10RA** Policy 19 Welcoming, Caring, Respectful, Safe and Inclusive Learning and Working Environments

MOVED by Director McCauley and seconded by Director Scantlebury that the Board approve Policy 19 Welcoming, Caring, Respectful, Safe and Inclusive Learning and Working Environments for First Reading as presented. CARRIED.

### 7.3.5 Bylaw Status Update

- The Revised FFCA Bylaws were filed by Corporate Registry on January 26 and have been submitted for microfilming, after which proof of filing will be provided.

## 7.4. Audit Committee

### 7.4.1 Terms of Reference – No changes necessary.

- Next meeting planned for early March
- Former Board candidate Shahid Qureshi has volunteered to fill the empty seat on the committee.

## 7.5. TAAPCS Board Rep Report

- Two recent meetings with Minister (SLS Funding, Superintendent Compensation, Charter School Handbook) and Deputy Minister (SLS Funding)
- TAAPCS supports the ABED (Education Diversity) Committee

### 7.5.1 TAAPCS Fee

- Fees remain unchanged from last year
- Fees have been waived for newly-approved charter New Humble as they are based on previous year's enrolment, and in recognition of start-up expenses

## 7.6. ASC Rep Report

- New rep Director Scantlebury received a warm welcome at her first ASC meeting

- Major topic was 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary fundraising

7.6.1. ASC Advocacy Committee Rep

- New rep Director Spahl is pleased to report that this committee is well-organized with numerous sub-committees and good people
- Essential to convey to the public that Alberta's charter schools cannot be compared to those in U.S.

8. Director Highlights: Director Diaz: seeing a fresh view of FFCA from the perspective of the CCR and Audit committees; Director Makwana: the addition of our two new Directors who are already proving how valuable they will be; Vice-Chair Hill: display of leadership and character of high school students in a meeting prior to Christmas break; Director Scantlebury: new FFCA hoodie; Director Spahl: possibilities of ABED (Education Diversity) committee; Director Jin: the work of administration over the course of the COVID pandemic; Director Fisher: election to the Board and the assistance of Directors Scantlebury and Makwana; Director McCauley: the help from new Board colleagues in the role of Director, long association in different capacities with retiring FFCA Executive Assistant; Chair Wilson: consideration of SLS funding by the Deputy Minister and Minister of Education.
9. Open to Gallery – No comments.
10. Chairperson's Remarks: Chair Wilson expressed his appreciation for being given the opportunity to serve as Board Chair for a third term.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:41 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: April 14, 2021

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: April – Middle School Presentation; May – Elementary School Presentation