



Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 22, 2023,
6:30-9:00 p.m.
SEE – 9711 Academy Dr. SE

Board of Directors: Jeff Wilson (Chair), Ketan Lakhani, Gopal Saini, Amanda Fisher, Jenny Hill, Shahid Qureshi, Charles Ifechi, Jenn Widney, Sam Jin

Central Office Executive: Roger Nippard, Jhamily Estrada, Phoebe Greentree

Attendees: Krista Lee (SEE Principal Educator), Rachel Bradley (SEE Associate Principal) Zee SWE, Katie Dawe, Navjot & Gundeep Gaur SEE, Michelle NEW, Tanya SMS, Candice SMS Chair, Ashlyn SEE Council, Michelle SEE Chair, Sunny NMS,

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: 6:33 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1. Review of Regular Meeting Agenda

2. Approval of Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda MOTION

2023-03-22-1CA That the Consent Agenda for March 22, 2023, be approved by the Board as presented above.

MOVED by Director Widney and seconded by Director Ifechi. CARRIED.

3. SEE Campus presentation/report

- Three of the things that make FFCA distinct
 - K-3 curriculum: SEE piloted the literacy curriculum in 21-22. Showed video of WRTR teaching, including new curriculum pieces. Emphasis on phonetic sounds. Numeracy had many changes. Math units have been moved to earlier grade levels, increase in number of basic facts; financial literacy added to Wellness. New curriculum was well aligned with our program so this was advantageous for our teachers and kids.
 - Teachers: PE, music, art, K-4; specialists breakdown the instruction into incremental pieces for highest student success; Coordinate across campuses and attend PD in their specialty.
 - Building community (council presentation): family events (BBQ, movie night, skating, bowling, etc). Support school initiatives(resources for curriculum implementation, hydration stations, field trip bussing, PE equipment, gymnasium projector). Society (Casino, Westjet raffle)

4. Superintendent's Report

- Campus visits: Professional Growth Planning sessions and admin meetings; Winterfest at NMS was amazing; SEE spring concert – 97% of students and parents in attendance; NEE grade 4 simple machines unit, was a judge and had a great time; SHS Little Mermaid musical, professional-calibre program;
- Budget: provincial budget and funding manual were released, historic budget with increases in most grants as well as newly introduced grants for inclusion, biggest change is transportation funding framework, per student amount plus amount for the distance, walk distance is changing

to shorter distance depending on grade level; earmarked funds for capital projects for charter schools, huge win for charter schools;

- Re-reg closed on Monday, most students are re-enrolled, KG intake process is still ongoing;
- Bylaws should be approved by AB Government in the next month, approximately;
- CIRT team interviews for 7 open positions (Critical Response Team that responds to all Calgary Charter schools when in need during a critical (crisis) event)
- Q From Gallery: Parents have had many struggles with the timing of busses and being able to make the bus vs having to drive kids to school. Concern on cost recuperation for parents having to drive when bus doesn't come.
 - A: We had a shortage of drivers earlier this year – We have stipulations in contract to allocate for routes where drivers are late and FFCA is not charged. Working on fix for next year. Expressed that these frustrations will be shared with the Province on helping to ease the issues with routes next year.
- Q From Gallery: DNB facilities for high school as permanent?
 - A: Not a permanent measure, will continue to relay to government the need for additional high school facilities for FFCA and inclusion in capital planning.

5. Information Items

5.1. Standing Item: Administrative Procedures Update

5.1.1. AP-D-101.1.1 Signing Authorities and Spending Limits Administrative Procedures – UPDATED to align with NWPTA

5.1.2. AP-G-201.1 Teacher Growth, Supervision, and Evaluation AP - UPDATED

5.1.3. AP-I-803.1 Wellness Education AP & Appendix (AP-I-803.1.1) - RESCINDED

5.2. Standing Item: Strategic/Education Plan Update

- Have engaged a professional to work with us on a process to redesign our strategic plan in alignment with our charter. A plan for redesign will be provided for board approval at June meeting.

5.3. Standing Item: High School Update

- NHS project: on schedule for Dec 2023, abatement of old north bldg beginning in next couple weeks and will be taken down starting in May.
- SHS: will be returning to DNB for 23/24, working with CBE and AB Education to begin repairs, will have over 100 workers on site 24 hrs/day in order to occupy bldg for next academic yr. Not considering a calendar change at this time. Still investigating a future build as DNB is not a long-term solution as a high school, part of capital plan to be approved tonight;

6. Discussion Items

6.1. Q2 Financial Report

- Tracking ahead of budget due to money received for MRU lease, other charters who we are receiving revenue for our services that were not budgeted for
- Expenses tracking well, generally facilities and tech ramp up spending over summer, those show low at this point

Q2 Financial Report MOTION

2023-03-22-1RA That the Board receive for information the FFCA 2022-23 Second Quarter Financial Report as presented.

MOVED by Vice-Chair Hill and seconded by Director Lakhani. CARRIED.

6.2. Capital Plan 2024-27

- Hired a consultant for insight into ways to ensure our priorities are heard by AB Education.
- One priority is a K-8 school in N Calgary, 800 students.

2024-2027 Capital Plan MOTION

2023-03-22-2RA MOVED by Vice-chair Hill and seconded by Director Lakhani that the Board approve the 2024-2027 Capital Plan as presented. CARRIED.

7. Committee/Rep Reports

- 7.1. Executive Committee- no meetings held
- 7.2. Governance Committee: report attached to meeting package
- 7.3. Audit Committee: comprised of board members and FFCA parents with professional designations. Look at risks across FFCA, revisited TOR, looked at work plan and changes that can be made according to other organizations
- 7.4. TAAPCS Rep Report: met with Deloitte, who is engaged with the ministry regarding capital for charter schools.

8. Remarks from Gallery

- A parent raised some concerns regarding an incident at school level (middle school) and felt that they had not had the issue resolved or had appropriate response from the school administration. Board referred to Policy #9 'Being Heard' which references process through administration as a first step and eventual escalation through superintendent and through board through formal channels.
- Fundraising ambitions for FFCA in the way that Calgary Arts Academy has raised funds?
 - Ministry has been reluctant to approach this on a wholesale basis. Could look at funds/sponsorship on a piecemeal basis.

9. Directors remarks

- Directors provided their reflections on the last month of school and board activities

10. In-Camera Session

2023-03-22-3RA That the Board enter into an in-camera session.

MOVED by Vice-chair Hill and seconded by Director Lakhani. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT: by 9:13 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: May 24, 2023 at NW Campus