

WILD ROSE SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 66
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019

To improve the life chances of ALL students

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Wild Rose School Division No. 66 was held in the Boardroom of the Wild Rose School Division Office in Rocky Mountain House, Alberta on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, commencing at 9:30 am.

Present:
Chair, Russ Hickman
Trustees, Julie Andrew, Mae Tryon, Gary Thompson, Daryl Scott,
Heidi Hetherington
Deputy Superintendent, Greg Wedman
Secretary-Treasurer, Ama Urbinsky
Recording Secretary, Dawn Beeman

CAAMSE representative Corry Woods and ATA representative Brenton Baum joined the meeting at 9:30 am.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

007/19 Moved by Julie Andrew:
 “that the February 19, 2019, Regular Board Meeting agenda be adopted as amended:
 6.14 Meeting with Drayton Valley Town Council
 6.15 Parkland Busing Issue
 6.16 HCC Injury Prevention Committee
 8.5 Transportation

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

008/19 Moved by Mae Tryon:
 “that the following minutes be adopted as presented;

 - Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on January 15, 2019.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS

TRUSTEE EXPENSE CLAIMS/TRUSTEE REMUNERATION REPORT

009/19 Moved by Daryl Scott:
 “that the Trustee Expense Claims be approved as presented”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OUT OF COUNTRY FIELD TRIPS - WEST CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL - ITALY & GREECE

010/19 Moved by Heidi Hetherington:
 “that the Board of Trustees grant final approval to the West Central High School out of country field trip to Italy and Greece - March 22 - April 1, 2019.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OUT OF COUNTRY FIELD TRIPS - CAROLINE - COSTA RICA

011/19 Moved by Gary Thompson:
 “that the Board of Trustees grant final approval to the Caroline School out of country field trip to Costa Rica - March 23 - 30, 2019.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OUT OF COUNTRY FIELD TRIPS - FMHS - NATIONAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

012/19

Moved by Heidi Hetherington:

“that the Board of Trustees grant approval in principle to the Frank Maddock High School out of country field trip to the National Student Leadership Summit in Indianapolis, Indiana in July 2019.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OUT OF COUNTRY FIELD TRIPS - FMHS - SPAIN AND PORTUGAL - APRIL, 2020

013/19

Moved by Julie Andrew:

“that the Board of Trustees grant approval in principle to the Frank Maddock High School out of country field trip to Spain and Portugal during spring break 2020.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2019 - 2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR

014/19

Moved by Heidi Hetherington:

“that the Board of Trustees approve version five of the 2019-2020 School Calendar as presented.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INFORMATION ITEMS

- Superintendent’s Report: Evergreen Replacement School Update, Corridor School’s Capital Plan update, Health and Safety Committee update, Holland Bloorview Research Study, Vaping Concerns, Assistant Deputy Minister visit, Utilization Rates & Grade Configurations in WRSD, Resilient Schools Put Educators First, Pioneer Middle School Teacher Wins National Music Award, New Curriculum Planning, Indigenous Languages in Education, Early Learning
- Monthly Fiscal Report
- Trustee Remuneration
 - The Board of Trustees and Secretary Treasurer discussed the discrepancies between the board’s budget and actual spending. Some adjustments will be made to next year’s budget to reflect actual costs, so trustees are not over budget.
- Progress Report on 2018-2019 Education Plan
 - We are seeing progress in our goals for this year and we are tracking the improvements / strategies against the goals.
- Letter to Editor - Western Review
 - We reviewed the letter published in the Western Review and the response the following week.
- Accountability Reports
 - Wellness Accountability Report - The Director of Wellness presented her 2017/2018 accountability report, including the highlights from the Aim for Success, Family Wellness and School Resource Officer programs.
- Wellness Survey Results
 - The committee was generally happy with the results of the survey - communication is a key factor and the committee is taking steps to make sure WRSD employees know what benefits are available to them.

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The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:00 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 12:30 pm.

MLA - Jason Nixon joined the meeting.

The Board of Trustees and Senior Leadership Team had a candid conversation with MLA, Jason Nixon about his party's policies as it pertains to rural education in Alberta. The discussion included many topics related to urban vs rural funding, new transportation regulations affecting school busing, government spending and possible efficiencies, budgets and the new curriculum including First Nations and Indigenous content.

INFORMATION ITEMS CONTINUED

- Discuss Priorities for Three Year Capital Plan
 - Corridor schools is our first priority, modernization of Condor for grades K-6, Replacement of Leslieville for grades 7-12, David Thompson High School lagoon remediation
 - HW Pickup - slab movement has been detected and we are continuing to see movement; two different structural teams are monitoring this.
 - Consolidating Breton schools, potentially closing Breton Elementary School and reconfigure Breton High School to a K-12 school, this will also improve our utilization rates
- PSBAA Award Nominations
 - No nominations will be brought forward this year
- Joint Meeting Updates
 - All of our partners are committed to meeting, dates have been set in March
- ASBA Bylaw Amendments - Submission deadline March 4
 - No Bylaw Amendments will be recommended
- "Together for Students" public meetings
 - The separate meetings will be cancelled, and the presentation will occur at the next School Council Umbrella meeting
- WRSD Advocacy Plan / Key Messages for Rural Caucus
- Meeting with Drayton Valley Town Council
 - Drayton Valley Trustees met with the mayor of Drayton Valley at their economic development committee meeting of the whole. The joint use planning agreement, Eldorado school, Eldorado playground, the zero tuition plan, and possible use of Frank Maddock labs, was all discussed
- Parkland Busing Issue
 - The cancellation of the transportation agreement by Parkland School Division is still a concern for everyone affected. Letters were already sent to Parkland from the Superintendent and the Board, and we will continue to look for solutions.
- HCC Injury Prevention Committee
 - They are planning to do a mock disaster to test emergency services for all community partners, and on Tuesday, March 19 there will be a meeting - our Health and Safety Operations Coordinator will attend.

BOARD ITEMS

Trustee Reports

- PSBAA meeting - Julie Andrew attended the governance seminar, which had great presenters. The president of PSBAA has a budget line for the international conference, and Wild Rose School Division needs to decide whether to support this. The difficulty is in taking new international information and bringing it to fruition in our organization, is there value?

PSBAA INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL BUDGET

015/19

Moved by Gary Thompson:
"that the Board of Trustees support the PSBAA allocating \$10,000 to budget for international conventions."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee Reports

- Zone 4 ASBA report - The last meeting was in Stettler, and Mae Tryon shared the highlights from the meeting.

Correspondence

- Letter from Minister Eggen was read.

CLOSED SESSION

016/19

Moved by Heidi Hetherington:

“that the Board of Trustees now (3:25 pm) meet in closed session to deal with the following items:

- HR Update
- Auditors
- CAAMSE and IUOE Update
- Transportation
- Trustee Quick Check Feedback”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

017/19

Moved by Daryl Scott:

“that the Board of Trustees now (4:35 pm) meet in open session.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

018/19

Moved by Gary Thompson:

“that the Regular Board Meeting of February 19, 2019, be adjourned at (4:35 pm)”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Russ Hickman
Chair

Ama Urbinsky
Secretary Treasurer