



**Members Present:**

C. Edwards	Ward 1
G. Kissel	Ward 1
R. Ripkens	Ward 1
K. Packard	Ward 2
M. Skogen	Ward 2
R. Young	Ward 2
L. Phillips	Ward 3
B. Norton	Ward 4
D. Lozinski	Ward 5
R. Cusson	Superintendent
P. Elock	Secretary-Treasurer/Recording Secretary
B. Driedger	Associate Superintendent
J. Irvine	Associate Superintendent
T. Moghrabi	Associate Superintendent

**CALL TO ORDER**

Trustee Packard called the meeting to order at 1:01 P.M.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

181. Moved by Trustee Skogen to approve the agenda for this meeting with the following additions:

- 3.7 Recognition Committee Update
- 3.8 City of Cold Lake
- 3.9 Low Incidence Team
- 3.10 Personnel Update (Board Only)

CARRIED.

**APPOINTMENT**

**MATT RICHTER, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION - TRANSPORTATION UPDATE**

Director of Transportation Richter provided the Board with an update on some of the challenges the transportation department has been experiencing this year. Weather has had a bigger impact on operations this year than in previous years. The division has canceled buses on seven days for all schools in the division and an additional six days in only one community or region of the division as needed.

The division also continues to experience many of the same challenges as it did last year but at a more severe level. The driver shortage is now the most extreme the division has experienced with no solution in sight.

Recruitment and retention has also been difficult as it is more financially feasible for most people to work a full-time minimum wage job and training continues to impact recruitment due to the length of the course. Insurance continues to be an issue, with operators being hit again this year with another massive increase. Fuel prices have also added to the issue. Richter noted that fuel prices have more than doubled since they signed their contracts in June 2021.

While the provincial budget included a 4.6% increase to transportation funding, it will not be enough to offset any of the increases bus contractors are experiencing. Received as information only.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

182. Moved by Trustee Ripkens to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on March 9, 2022.

CARRIED.

### TRUSTEE/ADMIN INFORMATION ITEMS

Communications and Public Relations Director Garner presented highlights from around the division focusing on what schools are doing to encourage Student Voice. Received as information only.

### BOARD BUSINESS

### OPERATIONS SUMMARIES

183. Moved by Trustee Edwards to accept the Monthly Board Reports - Operations Summaries (January & February) as presented by Secretary-Treasurer as information only.

CARRIED.

### COVID UPDATE

Associate Superintendent Driedger provided the Board with an update on COVID. No grades have shifted to online learning since the last board meeting and attendance has improved. While we continue to have some substitute issues with both teachers and support staff, schools are working very hard to continue to meet the needs of students. School messages show that cases reported to schools are down significantly. The Board decided to continue with the prior direction of sending communications to parents regarding positive cases in their child(ren)'s schools. Received as information only.

### COLD LAKE SCHOOLS' CONFIGURATION UPDATE

Associate Superintendent Driedger reported on some of the work being done to support the changes to grade configurations being made at schools in Cold Lake next year. Human Resources has begun the process of determining where staff will be located next year. Once that is completed, the division will work on filling open positions. Transferring resources between schools is being discussed to ensure there is adequate furniture and supplies at schools whose enrollments are growing. Received as information only.

### APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT THREE-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN/TEN-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN

184. Moved by Trustee Edwards to approve the draft Three-Year Capital Plan/Ten-Year Facility Plan as presented by Secretary-Treasurer Elock as information only.

CARRIED.

**NOTE:** The Board recessed at 2:28 P.M. and reconvened the meeting at 2:38 P.M.

### FIRST NATIONS, METIS & INUIT REPORT

185. Moved by Trustee Phillips to accept the First Nations, Metis and Inuit (FNMI) report as presented by Associate Superintendent Irvine as information only.

CARRIED.

### ASCA CONFERENCE

186. Moved by Trustee Skogen that Trustees Phillips and Norton attend the virtual 2022 Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) Conference on April 22-24, 2022.

CARRIED.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

### POLITICAL ADVOCACY/ASBA/PSBAA

Received as information only.

### CORRESPONDENCE

The members of the Board received the following correspondence as information only:

- Letter to Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education, from Lorelie Bexte, Board Chair of Palliser School Division, dated March 14, 2022, re: COVID-19 Liability Protection

- Letter to Tyler Shandro, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, from Lorelie Bexte, Board Chair of Palliser School Division, dated March 14, 2022, re: COVID-19 Liability Protection
- Letter to Karen Packard, Board Chair, from Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education, dated March 21, 2022, re: Urgent Concerns in Student Transportation

187. Moved by Trustee Edwards to accept the correspondence file as information only.

CARRIED.

### IN-CAMERA MEETING

188. Moved by Trustee Norton to convert to an in-camera meeting at 3:07 P.M.

CARRIED.

**NOTE:** Director of Communications and Public Relations Garner was asked to remain in the in-camera meeting from 3:07 P.M. to 3:29 P.M.

### REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

189. Moved by Trustee Lozinski to revert to a regular public meeting at 5:17 P.M.

CARRIED.

### HUMAN RESOURCES MONTHLY REPORT

190. Moved by Trustee Kissel to approve the Monthly Board Report - Human Resources - February as presented by Associate Superintendent Driedger as information only.

CARRIED.

### ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Packard adjourned the meeting at 5:18 P.M.

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K. Packard, Board Chair

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P. Elock, Recording Secretary