

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
B. Driedger	Associate Superintendent
J. Irvine	Associate Superintendent
T. Moghrabi	Associate Superintendent
B. Steunenber	Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Packard called the meeting to order at 12:47 P.M.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

- 3.6 Grievance
- 3.7 Lac La Biche Solution
- 7.10 Interviews
- 7.11 Provincial Curriculum Announcement

CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

196. Moved by Trustee Ripkens to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on March 23, 2022.

CARRIED.

IN-CAMERA MEETING

197. Moved by Trustee Edwards to convert to an in-camera meeting at 12:52 P.M.

CARRIED.

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

198. Moved by Trustee Edwards to revert to a regular public meeting at 1:00 P.M.

CARRIED.

TRUSTEE/ADMIN INFORMATION ITEMS

Trustee Edwards highlighted several events she attended recently including a webinar on understanding your legal landscape, an Alberta Health Services North Zone engagement session, and school council meetings at Bonnyville Centralized High School (BCHS), Duclos School, and Glendon School. Trustee Kissel congratulated the Glendon School Junior/Senior Leadership Team on hosting a very successful Cake and Dish Auction prior to Spring Break. The event raised over \$5,200 (five thousand, two hundred dollars). The funds will be shared between support for the Ukraine, the Bonnyville and District Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), and the Leadership Team. Associate Superintendent Irvine congratulated the Cold Lake Middle School Inclusive Education Team for being recognized as a Shining Star for the month of March by the Lakeland Centre for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) for making a difference in the lives of individuals with FASD. Trustee Phillips thanked the Aurora Middle School Council for their warm welcome at a recent school council meeting. Superintendent Cusson congratulated Glendon School Principal Maureen FERENCE and Art Smith Aviation Academy Principal Andrea Farrell for being recognized as exemplary leaders by the Alberta Teachers Association (ATA)'s Council for School Leadership. Communications and Public Relations Director Garner presented highlights from around the division focusing on their school plans. Received as information only.

BOARD BUSINESS

OPERATIONS SUMMARY

199. Moved by Trustee Kissel to accept the Monthly Board Report - Operations Summary (March) as presented by Secretary-Treasurer Elock as information only.

CARRIED.

QUARTERLY BUDGET REPORT (Q2)

200. Moved by Trustee Norton to acknowledge receipt of the Quarterly Budget report for the period ending February 28, 2022 (Q2) as presented by Secretary-Treasurer Elock as information only.

CARRIED.

APPOINTMENT

CENOVUS - LISE WARAWA AND ALEX OKINCZYC

Lise Warawa and Alex Okinczyc from Cenovus joined the meeting to discuss recent changes with the company and initiatives to support schools and the community. Board Chair Packard thanked them for the ongoing support that Northern Lights Public Schools (NLPS) receives from Cenovus, including a \$10,000 (ten thousand dollar) contribution to help provide food security for students. Cenovus employees have also been contributing through payroll deductions, resulting in an additional \$6,600 (six thousand, six hundred dollars) for NLPS students. Cenovus acquired Husky just over a year ago, which resulted in many changes to the company's operation. Warawa and Okinczyc confirmed that Cenovus remains committed to supporting the communities through social investments. Received as information only.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET

Secretary-Treasurer Elock presented the Board with information on changes to funding made in the provincial budget and the 2022-2023 funding profile for the school division. Overall, the division will receive just over \$68,000,000 (sixty-eight million dollars) in funding from the provincial government for the 2022-2023 school year. This includes \$4,800,000 (four million, eight hundred thousand dollars) in bridge funding that ensures that divisions are held harmless due to the impact of the pandemic on enrollment. That funding is not guaranteed after 2022-2023. It also includes \$1,180,000 (one million, one hundred and eighty thousand dollars) to support the division's enrollment projections being higher than current enrollments.

Secretary-Treasurer Elock and Superintendent Cusson noted that expenses have been increasing and the challenges for next year's budget will be maintaining the level of service the division is currently providing without having received enough funding to offset those increased costs. Received as information only.

COVID UPDATE

Associate Superintendent Driedger reported that there have been no recent changes to the public health restrictions related to COVID or the guidance documents that school divisions are required to follow. Prior to spring break, the division was seeing trends moving toward increased absenteeism for both students and staff. Some schools were struggling to find substitutes for teachers and support staff who were ill. The division will continue to monitor absences due to illness and will be working on a plan to increase the number of classroom supervisors who are available to assist schools who are unable to find substitute teachers to replace staff who are ill. Received as information only.

COLD LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL RENAMING CONSULTATION RESULTS

201. Moved by Trustee Lozinski that the Board accept the work of the consultation process and that Cold Lake Middle School be renamed Cold Lake Junior High School effective the 2022-2023 school year.

CARRIED.

2023-2024 DRAFT CALENDAR

Received as information only.

ADMIN COUNCIL LUNCH

Received as information only.

BONNYVILLE CENTRALIZED HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL/TENNIS COURTS

202. Moved by Trustee Ripkens to allow the Town of Bonnyville to convert the beach volleyball courts into pickleball courts and refurbish the tennis courts at Bonnyville Centralized High School (BCHS).

CARRIED.

YOUTH ASSESSMENT CENTRE

Associate Superintendent Moghrabi reported that the division has received notice that the Youth Assessment Centre in Lac La Biche will be undergoing a major renovation and will be closed at the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year. The division currently provides educational services at the centre. The renovations are expected to take up to three years and services will not be required during that time. Received as information only.

INTERVIEW DATES

203. Moved by Trustee Skogen that Trustee Edwards represent the Board on the Interview Committee for the position of Principal of Iron River School on April 22, 2022, and that Trustee Ripkens represent the Board on the Interview Committee for the position of Principal of Ardmore School on May 9, 2022.

CARRIED.

PROVINCIAL CURRICULUM ANNOUNCEMENT

Associate Superintendent Moghrabi reported on meetings held with Alberta Education regarding the implementation of new curriculum for Kindergarten to Grade 6. Implementation will take place over three years, starting in September 2022. Moghrabi shared that Alberta Education has launched a new site that

includes authorized and recommended resources for teachers for most of the curriculum outcomes. The government also announced that funding would be provided to school divisions so that they could develop and purchase their own resources. They will also be providing professional development for teachers in May and June. Received as information only.

COMMITTEE/CONFERENCE REPORTS

POLITICAL ADVOCACY/ASBA/PSBAA

204. Moved by Trustee Kissel to acknowledge the receipt of the Political Advocacy Committee reports as presented by Trustees Edwards and Lozinski as information only.

CARRIED.

POLICY COMMITTEE

205. Moved by Trustee Ripkens to acknowledge the receipt of the Policy Committee report as presented by Trustee Edwards as information only.

CARRIED.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

206. Moved by Trustee Norton to acknowledge the receipt of the Finance Committee report as presented by Trustee Lozinski as information only.

CARRIED.

SUPPORT STAFF LIAISON COMMITTEE

207. Moved by Trustee Skogen to acknowledge the receipt of the Support Staff Liaison Committee report as presented by Trustee Edwards as information only.

CARRIED.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RURAL EDUCATION IN CANADA

208. Moved by Trustee Kissel to acknowledge the receipt of the National Conference on Rural Education in Canada report as presented by Trustee Edwards as information only.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Letter to Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education, from Cathy Hogg, Board Chair of Prairie Rose Public Schools, dated March 18, 2022, re: Delay in Implementation of Draft Curriculum
- Letter to Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education, from Darla Yonkman, Vice Chair of Buffalo Trail Public Schools, dated March 22, 2022, re: Draft K-6 Curriculum Implementation
- Letter to Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education, from Linda Mywaart, Board Chair of Fort McMurray Public Schools, dated March 24, 2022, re: Delay in Implementation of Draft Curriculum
- Letter to Karen Packard, Board Chair, from Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education, dated March 28, 2022, re: Delay in Implementation of Draft Curriculum
- Letter to Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education, from Daryl Scott, Board Chair of Wild Rose School Division, dated March 29, 2022, re: Delay in Implementation of Draft Curriculum
- Letter to Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education, from Daryl Scott, Board Chair of Wild Rose School Division, dated March 29, 2022, re: Holding Harmless
- Letter to Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education, from Daryl Scott, Board Chair of Wild Rose School Division, dated March 29, 2022, re: Financial Assistance Request
- Letter to Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education, from Allison Purcell, Board Chair of Lethbridge School Division, dated March 30, 2022 re: Requirements for Assessment and Reporting for Learning Loss Funding *Alberta K-6 Curriculum Implementation*
- Letter to Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education, from Patrick Connor, Board Chair of Grasslands School Division, dated April 1, 2022, re: K-6 Curriculum Implementation
- Letter to Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education, from Reginald Roy, Board Chair of Conseil scolaire Centre-Est (CSCE), dated April 1, 2022, re: The CSCE cannot continue with the joint infrastructure proposal process in Lac La Biche and requests funding for a homogeneous community school facility from which it can offer substantively equivalent French-first language education
- Letter to Marilyn Dennis, President of Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA), from Dana McIntosh, Board Chair of Peace Wapiti Public School Division, dated April 4, 2022, re: Hybrid Meetings and Professional Learning Sessions
- Letter to Dana McIntosh, Board Chair of Peace Wapiti Public School Division, from Marilyn Dennis, President of ASBA, dated April 8, 2022, re: Hybrid Meetings and Professional Learning Sessions
- Letter to Board of Directors, Alberta Schools' Athletic Association (ASAA), from Kathy Glasgo, Board Chair of Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education, dated April 12, 2022, re: Bylaw Amendment



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

CARRIED.

IN-CAMERA MEETING

210. Moved by Trustee Lozinski to convert to an in-camera meeting at 4:20 P.M.

CARRIED.

NOTE: Trustee Kissel departed the meeting at 5:00 P.M.

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

211. Moved by Trustee Edwards to revert to a regular public meeting at 5:42 P.M.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Packard adjourned the meeting at 5:43 P.M.

K. Packard, Board Chair

B. Steunenberg, Recording Secretary