



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
B. Driedger	Associate Superintendent
P. Elock	Secretary-Treasurer
B. Steunenber	Recording Secretary

Member Regrets:

J. Irvine	Associate Superintendent
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CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Packard called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The land acknowledgment was recited by Trustee Phillips.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

176. The agenda was adopted for this meeting by unanimous consent with the following additions:

Additions:

- 7.12 June 14th Events
- 9.7 MLA Email Request
- 9.8 Board Only

CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

177. The minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on May 1, 2024 were approved by unanimous consent.

CARRIED.

TRUSTEE/ADMIN INFORMATION ITEMS

Board Chair Packard congratulated the Art Smith Aviation Academy (ASAA) School Council on receiving the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) Award of Merit. She also thanked the Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA) Zone 2/3 for hosting a Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) Engagement session, which provided the Board with the opportunity to connect with all three local MLAs, cabinet ministers, and the Premier. She also congratulated the Bonnyville Friendship Centre on receiving a Friends of Education Award from ASBA. Trustee Ripkens congratulated the students and staff at Bonnyville Centralized High School (BCHS) on their recent production of The Addams Family. Trustee Young thanked ASBA Zone 2/3 for hosting a wonderful banquet recognizing outstanding first year teachers who were nominated for the 2024 Edwin Parr Teacher Award, including Northern Lights Public Schools (NLPS) nominee Danik Becotte from Cold Lake High School. Trustee Edwards thanked Ardmore School for the opportunity to flip burgers and meet students and parents at the school's recent open house, and congratulated grade six students from H.E. Bourgoin Middle school on publishing a book with the help of Sigmund Brouwer. She also congratulated BCHS on a successful barbecue fundraiser that resulted in a \$1,500 (one thousand and five hundred dollars) donation to the 2nd Chance Trail Ride. Trustee Norton commended the organizers of the recent Career Fair in Lac La Biche, which was a partnership between Northern Lights Public Schools (NLPS) and Portage College. Trustee Kissel complimented Glendon School's grade four students on the plays they wrote and performed about Alberta history and social studies. Board Chair Packard thanked the students in grades six to twelve who served on this year's Students Advisory Council to the Board. Communications and Public Relations Manager Garner presented highlights from schools throughout the division. Received as information only.

NOTE: Trustee Skogen joined the meeting at 10:13 A.M.

REPORTS

The following reports were included as part of the board package in advance of the meeting and have been filed:

Administration

1. Monthly Board Operations Summary (April) - Secretary-Treasurer
2. Enhanced Programming Year-End Accountability Report - Director of Learning (7-12)

Committees

1. ASBA Zone 2/3
2. Public School Boards' Committee (PSBC)
3. Finance Committee
4. Support Staff Liaison Committee

Conferences

1. CASS First Nations, Metis, and Inuit (FNMI) Gathering
2. ASCA Conference

NOTE: Director of Learning (7-12) Draycott joined the meeting at 10:24 A.M.

BOARD BUSINESS

LOCALLY DEVELOPED COURSES (LDC) APPROVAL

178. Moved by Trustee Norton to approve the following Locally Developed Courses with an effective end date that aligns with Alberta Education's effective end date as presented by Director of Learning (7-12) Draycott as information only:

- Aviation - Navigation 15-3
- Content Literacy 15-3
- Content Literacy 15-5
- Content Literacy 25-3
- Content Literacy 25-5
- Military Studies 15-3
- Military Studies 25-3
- Reading Development 15-3
- Reading Development 15-5
- Reading Foundations 15-3
- Reading Foundations 15-5
- Social Emotional Wellbeing 15-3
- Social Literacy 15-3
- Social Literacy 25-3

CARRIED.

NOTE: Director of Learning (7-12) Draycott departed the meeting at 10:42 A.M.

NOTE: The Board recessed at 11:10 A.M. and reconvened at 11:22 A.M.

APPROVAL OF EDUCATION PLAN

179. Moved by Trustee Kissel to approve the 2024-2027 Northern Lights Public Schools (NLPS) Education Plan with technical edits as presented by Superintendent Cusson as information only.

CARRIED.

NOTE: Associate Superintendent Driedger departed the meeting at 12:18 P.M.

NOTE: The Board recessed at 12:18 P.M. and reconvened at 1:07 P.M.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET

180. Moved by Trustee Ripkens to approve the 2024-2025 budget for Northern Lights Public Schools (NLPS) as presented by Secretary-Treasurer Elock as information only.

CARRIED.

BOARD POLICY NO. 22 - BOARD SUPPORTED INITIATIVES AMENDMENT

181. Moved by Trustee Edwards to approve the amendments to **Board Policy No. 22 - Board Supported Initiatives** as presented by Superintendent Cusson.

CARRIED.

BOARD POLICY NO. 22 - BOARD SUPPORTED INITIATIVES APPLICATIONS

182. Moved by Trustee Norton to approve the Board Policy No. 22 applications from North Star Elementary School in the amount of \$4,876 (four thousand eight hundred and seventy six dollars) for 3D printers and from Bonnyville Centralized High School in the amount of \$5,000 (five thousand dollars) for 3D printers.

CARRIED.

BOARD POLICY NO. 24 - THE LORD'S PRAYER

183. Moved by Trustee Edwards to rescind **Board Policy No. 24 - The Lord's Prayer** effective immediately.

CARRIED.

BOARD POLICY NO. 25 - RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

184. Moved by Trustee Edwards to rescind **Board Policy No. 25 - Religious Instruction** effective immediately.

CARRIED.

ECOLE PLAMONDON SCHOOL TENDERING

185. Moved by Trustee Norton that Northern Lights Public Schools (NLPS) authorizes the immediate commencement of the restoration of Ecole Plamondon School through single-sourcing two aspects of the work caused by a flood that damaged the school, given that the traditional tender process may cause delays that could adversely affect the school operations and the safety of the students and staff for the September 3, 2024 start date for the 2024-25 school year. It is further understood that the project will be managed by NLPS staff and that this exemption applies to flooring and drywall/painting. NLPS further acknowledges

the exemption from the tender process is a special measure due to the unforeseen urgency of the situation and is not intended to set a precedent for future procurement practices.

CARRIED.

2ND ANNUAL CLAYTON BELLAMY FOUNDATION GALA & GOLF

186. Moved by Trustee Kissel that Trustees Edwards and Ripkens represent the Board at the Clayton Bellamy Foundation Celebrity Gala and Golf Fundraiser on August 30, 2024, in Bonnyville.

CARRIED.

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY SCHOOL EVENTS

187. Moved by Trustee Ripkens to approve trustee attendance at National Indigenous People's Day school events as per the attached **Appendix "A"**.

CARRIED.

REGIONAL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS 2024-2025

188. Moved by Trustee Kissel to commence planning a joint School Council meeting in November 2024.

CARRIED.

JUNE 14TH EVENTS

Received as information only.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Letter to Lyric Jesso, student at J.A. Williams High School, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, re: Shining Star, dated January 1, 2024
- Letter to Jackie Routhier, teacher at Learning Together Anywhere School, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, re: Shining Star, dated January 1, 2024
- Letter to Tracey Galang, student at Learning Together Anywhere School, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, re: Shining Star, dated February 1, 2024
- Letter to Allison Untereiner, Administrative Assistant at Cold Lake Outreach School, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, re: Shining Star, dated February 1, 2024
- Letter to Dylan Roy, student at Art Smith Aviation Academy, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, re: Shining Star, dated March 1, 2024

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- Letter to Jennifer Vermillion, teacher at Bonnyville Centralized High School, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, re: Shining Star, dated March 1, 2024
 - Letter to Tristan Whitford, student at Kikino School, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, re: Shining Star, dated April 1, 2024
 - Letter to Boris Rodriguez, IT Technician at Division Office, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, re: Shining Star, dated April 1, 2024
 - Letter to Lakeland Superintendents and Board Chairs, from Scott Cyr, MLA Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, re: Invitation to Pilot the New Draft Kindergarten to Grade 6 (K-6) Social Studies Curriculum, dated April 30, 2024
 - Letter to Karen Packard, Board Chair, from Maureen FERENCE, Principal of Glendon School, Krysten Kwiatkowski, and Natalie Heffner, Graduation Advisors at Glendon School, re: Commencement Ceremony, Class of 2024, dated May 2024
 - Letter to Lyrisa Shewchuk, Educational Assistant at Duclos School, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, re: Shining Star, dated May 1, 2024
 - Letter to Everette Nichol, student at Cold Lake Junior High School, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, re: Shining Star, dated May 1, 2024
 - Letter to Rick Cusson, Superintendent, from Shelly Wiebe, Field Services Manager Alberta Education, re: 2022-2023 Annual Education Results Report (AERR), dated May 7, 2024
 - Email to Karen Packard, Board Chair, from John Shea, ASAA School Council Chair, re: Thank You, dated May 8, 2024
 - Letter to Karen Packard, Board Chair, from Jan Sawyer, Chair of PSBAA Special Recognition Committee, re: Promoting & Advancing the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada in Relation to Education in Alberta Nomination, dated May 13, 2024
 - Letter to the Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides, Minister of Education, from Robin Guild, Board Chair of Northland School Division, re: Feedback on the Draft Kindergarten to Grade 6 Social Studies Curriculum, dated May 24, 2024
 - Letter to Nancy Broadbent, President & CEO of Portage College, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, re: Thank You, dated May 28, 2024
 - Letter to Reginald Roy, Board Chair of Conseil scolaire Centre-Est, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, re: Thank You, dated May 28, 2024
 - Letter to the Board of Plamondon Curling Club, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, re: Thank You, dated May 28, 2024
 - Letter to President Schaub and Board of Plamondon District and Community Development Society (PDCDS), from Karen Packard, Board Chair, re: Thank You, dated May 28, 2024
 - Letter to Matthew Gaudet, PDCDS Maintenance for Festival Centre and Curling Rink, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, re: Thank You, dated May 29, 2024
 - Letter to Sherice Marko, PDCDS Administrative Assistant and Plamondon Curling Club President, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, re: Thank You, dated May 29, 2024
 - ASBA Zone 2/3 Awards Celebration Program, May 2024

189. Moved by Trustee Skogen to accept the correspondence file as information only.

CARRIED.

NOTE: The Board recessed at 2:23 P.M. and reconvened the meeting at 2:40 P.M.

CLOSED MEETING

190. Moved by Trustee Phillips to convert to a closed meeting at 2:41 P.M.

CARRIED.

NOTE: Superintendent Cusson, Secretary-Treasurer Elock and Recording-Secretary Steunenbergh departed the meeting at 3:56 P.M.

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

191. Moved by Trustee Lozinski to revert to a regular public meeting at 4:15 P.M.

CARRIED.

MOTIONS COMING OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

192. Moved by Trustee Phillips that Trustee Norton represent the Board on the interview panel for the Assistant Principalship at Aurora Middle School on June 12, 2024 and that Trustee Kissel represent the board on the interview panel for the Principalship at Glendon School on June 13, 2024.

CARRIED.

193. Moved by Trustee Edwards that Trustee Packard attend the Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA) event on June 10, 2024 in Edmonton.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Packard adjourned the meeting at 4:16 P.M.

K. Packard, Board Chair

B. Steunenbergh, Recording Secretary