

BUFFALO TRAIL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Buffalo Trail Public Schools was held in the Administration Building Boardroom on Wednesday, June 16, 2021.

PRESENT:

Chair: Lanie Parr

Trustees: Darcy Eddleston, Rose Gorniak, Bruce Marriott, Marie Isaman, Barry Livingston, Jim King, Stephanie Spornitz and Sheldon Archibald (all attended via video and phone)

Administration: Rhae-Ann Holoien, Superintendent, Nadeem Altaf, Secretary Treasurer Faye Dunne, Recording Secretary

Absent: Trustee Archibald

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Board Chair Parr called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

The Board Chair shared a video "Residential Schools in Canada: A Timeline" in recognition of National Indigenous History month. The Board Chair also recognized that June is also Pride month. She also acknowledged the tragic loss of members of a Muslim family in Toronto. There was a minute of silence.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The Chair asked for any additions to the agenda.

E. IN-CAMERA:

- 2 items

Appeals: Petersen - Transportation to Caregiver

21-134 KING: Moves that the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

21-135 GORNIAK: That the Minutes of the regular meeting held May 19, 2021, be accepted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. IN-CAMERA:

21-136 GORNIAK: That the meeting move In-Camera.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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E. IN-CAMERA Cont.:

Secretary Treasurer Altaf, Deputy Superintendent Webb, Assistant Superintendent Trodden and Recording Secretary Dunne were in attendance. Deputy Superintendent Webb, Assistant Superintendent Trodden and Recording Secretary Dunne left the meeting at 9:58am. Deputy Superintendent Webb, Assistant Superintendent Trodden and Recording Secretary Dunne re-joined the In-Camera at 10:09am. Trustee Eddleston left the meeting at 10:12am.

21-137 LIVINGSTON: That the meeting come out of In-Camera.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1. Finance:

- Cheque Lists Dated; May 14, 18, 28, 2021
- Accounts Payable Cheque Lists Dated; May 21, 25, 26, 28, 2021
- Manual Cheques Issued Dated: May 18 to June 11, 2021, 2021
- May 31, 2021 Cash Flow Statement

Trustee Eddleston rejoined the meeting at 10:17am

Assistant Treasurer Locher reviewed the cheque lists with the Board. There were a few questions on the cheque run. Information will be brought back to the Board.

21-138 KING: Moves that the accounts payable cheque lists for the period ending May 28, 2021, beginning and ending with cheques #131583 to #131654 and automated payments for the period ending May 28, 2021 beginning and ending with #800020167 to #800020265 and manual cheques issued #700001137 to #700001145 be received for information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- May 31, 2021 Cash Flow Statements

21-139 GORNIAC: Moves that the Board accept the May 31, 2021 Cash Flow Statement for information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G. SUPERINTENDENT'S DEPARTMENT

1. Superintendent's Report:

- Enrolment Reports
- Internal Review Process
- Orange Shirt Day Thank You Email
- Learning on the Trail Podcast Update

- Enrolment Reports

The information was shared with the Board.

- Internal Review Process

Direction was given to bring information back to the Board in August.

E. IN-CAMERA Cont.:

- 21-140 **MARRIOTT: That the meeting move In-Camera.**
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Secretary Treasurer Altaf, Deputy Superintendent Webb, Assistant Superintendent Trodden and Recording Secretary Dunne were in attendance. Trustee Eddleston left the meeting.

- 21-141 **MARRIOTT: That the meeting come out of In-Camera.**
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

- C. Paranych and K. Poitras

Cecil Paranych and Kayla Poitras joined the meeting virtually. The Board Chair welcomed them and there was a round of introductions. Mr. Paranych shared information with the Board regarding transportation and their family's land location. The Board had an opportunity to ask questions of Cecil and Kayla. The Board Chair thanked Cecil and Kayla for joining the meeting to help the Board understand the situation. Mr. Paranych thanked the Board for its time and consideration.

1. Superintendent's Report Cont.:

- Orange Shirt Day Thank You Email

The information was shared with the Board.

The Superintendent told the Board that there would be a video of the thank you letter, and new podcast released on National Indigenous Peoples Day.

- Learning on the Trail Podcast Update

The information was shared with the Board.

J. NEW BUSINESS:

- Thank you and Recognition of Staff for the 2020-2021 School Year

There was a video shared with the Board with a thank you message from the Board Chair and Superintendent. The thank you message will be shared with all BTPS staff for recognition of their hard work over the past year of the pandemic. The Board Chair thanked the Superintendent for all the work of putting the video together.

2. Deputy Superintendent's Report:

- Staffing Reports

21-142 KING: Moves that the Board accept the Teacher and Support Staff Reports as presented for information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Assistant Superintendent's Report:

- Locally Developed Courses
- International Student Program Postponement
- Locally Developed Courses

21-143 GORNIAK: Moves that the Board of Buffalo Trail Public Schools approves the following Locally Developed Courses that will be taught by BTPS teachers for the next three-year cycle 2021/2022 to 2023/2024 school years:

- LDC 1051 Military Studies 15-3
- LDC 1051 Military Studies 15-3
- LDC 2051 Military Studies 25-3
- LDC 2051 Military Studies 25-5
- LDC 3051 Military Studies 35-3
- LDC 3051 Military Studies 35-5
- LDC 1148 Reading 15-3
- LDC 1148 Reading 15-5
- LDC 2148 Reading 25-3
- LDC 2148 Reading 25-5
- LDC 2754 Forensic Science Studies 25-3
- LDC 3754 Forensic Science Studies 35-3
- LDC 1092 Film and Media Art 15-3
- LDC 1092 Film and Media Art 15-5
- LDC 2092 Film and Media Art 25-3
- LDC 2092 Film and Media Art 25-5
- LDC 3092 Film and Media Art 35-3
- LDC 3092 Film and Media Art 35-5
- LDC 1131 Design Thinking for Innovation 15-3
- LDC 1131 Design Thinking for Innovation 15-5
- LDC2131 Design Thinking for Innovation 25-3
- LDC2131 Design Thinking for Innovation 25-5
- LDC3131 Design Thinking for Innovation 35-3
- LDC3131 Design Thinking for Innovation 35-5
- LDC 2343 Workplace Essential Skills 25-5
- LDC 3343 Workplace Essential Skills 35-5

And for the coming school year 2021/2022:

- LDC 1384 Film Appreciation 15-3
- LDC 1384 Film Appreciation 15-5
- LDC 2384 Film Appreciation 25-3
- LDC2384 Film Appreciation 25-5

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Assistant Superintendent's Report Cont.:

- International Student Program Postponement

21-144 MARRIOTT: Moves that the Board postpone the BTPS International Student Program for the 2021-2022 school year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H. Business Arising from Minutes:

The letters were reviewed.

Student Engagement - Year in Review

The Board was joined by students from Mannville, Provost and Vermilion Elementary schools for the last student engagement of the year. The Board Chair welcomed all the students and there was a round of introductions.

Assistant Superintendent Trodden lead the student engagement.

The students representing elementary, junior high and high school grades took turns answering the questions for this final engagement. 1)What was your greatest surprise and learning experience this year? 2)What are you most grateful for this year? 3)Learning has been different in the pandemic. What have you learned from working through the pandemic that will make you a better learner in the future? 4)What are you looking forward to most next year at school?

Some of the learning experiences shared included how different junior high is compared to elementary, how to be more creative in art, the difference between learning in junior high and high school, switching back and forth from at home learning to in person learning was challenging but doable. The students all expressed that they were grateful that no one from their schools got sick from covid-19. The students are all looking forward to in-person learning next year, no masks, more field trips, science fairs, sports events and university.

The Board Chair thanked all 3 schools for taking the time to join the student engagement and participate today.

21-145 MARRIOTT: That the board meeting recess for lunch.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting reconvened at 12:36 p.m. in the Boardroom with all Trustees in attendance except Trustee Eddleston. Deputy Superintendent Webb and Assistant Superintendent Trodden did not rejoin the meeting.

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Transportation Director Mannix joined the meeting.

2. Transportation:

- Transportation Task Force Letter
- Transportation Fee Credit Due to Covid-19 School Shutdowns
- Amalgamation Criteria for Contractor Reduction
- CFB/MFRC Request for Additional Bus Stop at New MFRC Building
- Cross Jurisdictional and Boundary Exception Requests 2021-2022 Continued
 - o **Off Route: For Board Approval**
 - Nelson - Dewberry (SOC) St. Jerome (D)
 - Brausen - Irma (SOC) BRSD (D)
 - Stuart - Irma (SOC) BRSD (D)
 - Fisher - Hughenden (SOC) BRSD (D)
 - MacDonald - St. Jerome (SOC) SPERD (D)
 - A Broadbin - St. Jerome/ECCS (SOC) Dewberry (D)
 - F Broadbin - St. Jerome/ECCS (SOC) Dewberry (D)
 - Harrower - St. Jerome/ECCS (SOC) Dewberry (D)
 - Hopaluk - St. Jerome/ECCS (SOC) Dewberry (D)
 - Matthews - St. Jerome/ECCS (SOC) Dewberry (D)
 - McCormack - St. Jerome/ECCS (SOC) Dewberry (D)
 - Hadley - Innisfree (SOC) EIPS (D)
- Transportation Task Force Letter

21-146 ISAMAN: Moves that the Board write a letter to the Minister of Education regarding the over representation of large contractors on the Transportation Task Force audit team.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Transportation Fee Credit Due to Covid-19 School Shutdowns

21-147 MARRIOTT: Moves that the Board issue a one month transportation fee credit (or refund for graduating students) toward next year's transportation fees for families who lost service during the pandemic.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Amalgamation Criteria for Contractor Reduction

21-148 LIVINGSTON: Moves that, based on the evaluation criteria for contractor reduction, the Board award Faylene Walters the combined route of PR-08 and PR-18 starting for the 2021-2022 school year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- CFB/MFRC Request for Additional Bus Stop at New MFRC Building

The Board had a thorough discussion of an additional stop at the new MFRC building at CFB Wainwright.

- 21-149 **ISAMAN: Moves that the Board add a bus stop at the new Military Families Resource Centre (MFRC) building at CFB Wainwright.**

CARRIED

J. NEW BUSINESS:

- Lloydminster Catholic School Division Request for Extra Busing Day

- 21-150 **KING: Moves that the Board approve the extra day of bussing on June 25th, 2021 for Lloydminster Catholic School Division. This is contingent upon Lloydminster Catholic School Division agreeing to cover the additional cost associated with the request.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Transportation Cont.:

- Cross Jurisdictional and Boundary Exception Requests 2021-2022 Continued
 - Nelson - Dewberry (SOC) St. Jerome (D)

Trustee Eddleston rejoined the meeting at 1:06pm

- 21-151 **LIVINGSTON: Moves that the boundary exemption request from the Nelson family residing at 52007 TWP 524 in the Vermilion Transportation Service Area requesting bussing to school of choice, Dewberry School be approved for the 2021-2022 school year.**

Trustee Eddleston Abstained from the vote.

CARRIED

- Brausen - Irma (SOC) BRSD (D)

The Director share that there is no permission granted for BTPS to enter into BRSD area to pick up students.

Direction was given to send a letter explaining the situation to the family.

- Stuart - Irma (SOC) BRSD (D)

Direction was given to send a letter explaining the situation to the family.

- Fisher - Hughenden (SOC) BRSD (D)

Direction was given to send a letter explaining the situation to the family.

2. Transportation Cont.:

- MacDonald - St. Jerome (SOC) SPERD (D)

21-152 SPORNITZ: Moves that the cross-jurisdiction (non-resident) boundary exemption request from the MacDonald family residing at NE 33 52 07 W4 for bussing to their school of choice, St. Jerome School, based on the approval letter from St Paul Education and East Central Catholic Schools agreeing to pay any transportation shortfall should there be any be approved for the 2021-2022 school year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- A Broadbin - St. Jerome/ECCS (SOC) Dewberry (D)

21-153 ISAMAN: That the meeting move In-Camera.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Secretary Treasurer Altaf and Recording Secretary Dunne were in attendance.

21-154 LIVINGSTON: That the meeting come out of In-Camera.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

21-155 GORNIAC: Moves that the cross-jurisdiction (non-resident) boundary exemption request from the B. Brodbin family residing at NE 32-54-05-W4 for bussing to their school of choice, St. Jerome School, based on the letter from East Central Catholic Schools agreeing to pay any transportation shortfall should there be any be approved for the 2021-2022 school year.

DEFEATED

- F Broadbin- St. Jerome/ECCS (SOC) Dewberry (D)

21-156 GORNIAC: Moves that the cross-jurisdiction (non-resident) boundary exemption request from the C and H. Brodbin family residing at NW-6-55-5-W4 for bussing to their school of choice, St. Jerome School, based on the letter from East Central Catholic Schools agreeing to pay any transportation shortfall should there be any be approved for the 2021-2022 school year.

DEFEATED

- Harrower - St. Jerome/ECCS (SOC) Dewberry (D)

21-157 GORNIAC: Moves that the cross-jurisdiction (non-resident) boundary exemption request from the Harrower family residing at SW 22-53-5-W4M for bussing to their school of choice, St. Jerome School, based on the letter from East Central Catholic Schools agreeing to pay any transportation shortfall should there be any be approved for the 2021-2022 school year.

DEFEATED

2. Transportation Cont.:

- Hopaluk - St. Jerome/ECCS (SOC) Dewberry (D)

21-158 EDDLESTON: Moves that the cross-jurisdiction (non-resident) boundary exemption request from the Hopaluk family residing at SE 33-53-05-W4 for bussing to their school of choice, St. Jerome School, based on the letter from East Central Catholic Schools agreeing to pay any transportation shortfall should there be any be approved for the 2021-2022 school year.

DEFEATED

- Matthews - St. Jerome/ECCS (SOC) Dewberry (D)

21-159 GORNIAK: Moves that the cross-jurisdiction (non-resident) boundary exemption request from the Matthews family residing at NW 11-54-6 W4 for bussing to their school of choice, St. Jerome School, based on the letter from East Central Catholic Schools agreeing to pay any transportation shortfall should there be any be approved for the 2021-2022 school year.

DEFEATED

- McCormack - St. Jerome/ECCS (SOC) Dewberry (D)

21-160 KING: Moves that the cross-jurisdiction (non-resident) boundary exemption request from the McCormack family residing at SW 28-53-5-W4 for bussing to their school of choice, St. Jerome School, based on the letter from East Central Catholic Schools agreeing to pay any transportation shortfall should there be any be approved for the 2021-2022 school year.

DEFEATED

- Hadley - Innisfree (SOC) EIPS (D)

21-161 GORNIAK: Moves that the cross-jurisdiction (non-resident) boundary exemption request from the Hadley family residing at 51215B RR122A Ranfurly for bussing to their school of choice, Innisfree be approved for the 2021-2022 school year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Appeals;

- Petersen - Irma (SOC) Mannville (D)

The information regarding Transportation to Caregiver's House administrative procedure was reviewed.

21-162 SPORNITZ: Moves that the off-route transportation to caregiver's residence for the Peterson family as per 701.21 AP be approved for the 2021-2022 school year.

CARRIED

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Appeals Cont.;

Direction was given to send 701.21AP Transportation to
Caregiver to Policy for review.

- Blackburn - Innisfree (SOC) Mannville (D)

The Board discussed the new information provided.

21-163 SPORNITZ: Moves that the boundary exemption request from the Poitras/Paranych family residing at 10031 Township Rd 520 in the Mannville Transportation Service Area requesting bussing to school of choice, Delnorte-Innisfree School, be approved for the 2021-2022 school year.

Trustee Eddleston abstained from the vote.

Trustee King requested a recorded vote.

**In Favor - King, Marriott, Gorniak, Spornitz,
Livingston, Parr
Opposed - Isaman**

J. NEW BUSINESS Cont.:

- Alberta School Council Association Memberships
- Letter from Jade McCormack re; Form 2 - Separate School Establishment Area
- Thank you and Recognition of Staff for the 2020-2021 School Year

- Alberta School Council Association Memberships

21-164 MARRIOTT: Moves that the Board support the continued ASCA (Alberta School Council Association) memberships of BTPS School Councils by continuing to reimburse those school councils that join the ASCA for their membership fees for the 2021-2022 school year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Letter from Jade McCormack re; Form 2 - Separate School Establishment Area

The Establishment of a Separate School Area is a new process for the school division. The Board recommended that the Superintendent take time to gather information needed.

21-165 EDDLESTON: Moves that the Board direct the Superintendent to take the necessary time to research the Establishment of Separate School Areas and report back to the Board with the details in the fall 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Direction was given to respond to Jade McCormack with the information.

J. NEW BUSINESS Cont.:

- Thank you and Recognition of Staff for the 2020-2021 School Year

Thank you again to staff for an amazing year. It has been a challenging year for the whole team especially new members of the team.

21-166 LIVINGSTON: That the meeting move In-Camera.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recording Secretary Dunne left the in-camera at 2:58pm and rejoined at 3:23pm.

21-167 KING: That the meeting come out of In-Camera.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

K. TRUSTEE REPORTS:

- ASBA - Trustees Marriott, Gorniak, and Parr attended the ASBA SGM along with Superintendent Holoien. PD from the sessions was very good. Minister LaGrange spoke on several topics including draft curriculum, PUF funding, graduations, and the Kamloops Residential School tragedy. The business meeting in virtual format was a bit challenging. The Board of Directors will share the budget prior to the Fall general Meeting. Was difficult to get everyone online to vote on the motions. Board of directors will share the budget out prior to the Fall General Meeting.
- PSBC - Trustee Spornitz reported on the PSBAA SGM. She shared that the information on accumulated surplus for operation was interesting in that Charter Schools are accumulating more reserves than Public Schools. The PSBA Chair is not seeking re-election in the fall. Membership fees for PSBAA will be status quo for the next year. Doug Griffiths presentation 'The Arrival of the Inevitable' was very good. Trustees Isaman and King were recognized for their long service.
- Human Rights for School Authorities Webinar Update - Trustee Spornitz shared information from attending the webinar. Ultimately the message was inclusive and respectful learning environments. As employers you make attempts to accommodate needs not preferences, review policy with staff each year and policy writing should be checked against collective agreements.

Chair Parr thanked everyone for all the work they have done this past year and left the meeting 3:53PM. Vice Chair Spornitz took over chairing the meeting.

- RCASB - Trustee Eddleston provided a review of the RCASB budget. He shared that he is looking for a motion to approve the RCASB budget from BTPS.

21-168 KING: That the Board approve the Rural Caucus of Alberta School Board's budget for the upcoming school year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

K. TRUSTEE REPORTS Cont.:

- RCASB Cont.

Trustee Eddleston told the Board that several of the RCASB executive are not running again in the upcoming election and asked that BTPS Trustees consider running over the summer.

- TEBA - The next meetings are coming up. He shared that the PECBA has sent letters concerning bargaining with support staff.

L. TRUSTEE READINGS:

- Direction was given to discontinue purchasing the Board and System Administrator publication.

M. INFORMATION ITEMS:

The information was reviewed.

N. COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

- Video of the Reading of the Parent Thank you Letter
- Student Engagement - Year in Review
- Multiple Transportation Exceptions
- Locally Developed Courses to be Taught
- International Student Program Postponement

Vice Chair Spornitz wished everyone a great summer break.

21-169 GORNIAK: That the board meeting adjourn.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Time: 4:12 pm hours (16:12PM)

Board Chair

Recording Secretary