

BUFFALO TRAIL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Buffalo Trail Public Schools was held in the Administration Building Boardroom on Wednesday, February 16, 2022.

PRESENT:

Chair: Stephanie Spornitz

Trustees: Barry Livingston, Jim King, Kara Jackson, Tanya Ford, David Bensmiller, Stephanie Cooper, and Darla Yonkman (all attended via video)

Administration: Rhae-Ann Holoien, Superintendent, Michelle Webb, Deputy Superintendent James Trodden, Assistant Superintendent, Nadeem Altaf, Secretary Treasurer and Faye Dunne, Recording Secretary

Absent: Jessica Kaastrup

A. CALL TO ORDER:

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

The Board Chair shared a Treaty Acknowledgement

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Board Chair Spornitz asked for any additions to the agenda.

- Trustee Resignation Letter

Board Chair Spornitz read Trustee Kaastrup's resignation letter.

22-024 **LIVINGSTON: Moves that the agenda be approved as amended.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

22-025 **LIVINGSTON: Moves that the Board accept, with regret, the resignation of Trustee Kaastrup.**

CARRIED

C. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

22-026 **COOPER: That the Minutes of the Special Meeting held January 28, 2022, be accepted as presented.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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E. IN-CAMERA:

**22-027 YONKMAN: That the meeting move In-Camera at 9:45am.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Deputy Superintendent Webb, Assistant Superintendent Trodden, Secretary Treasurer Altaf and Recording Secretary Dunne were in attendance.

Deputy Superintendent Webb, Assistant Superintendent Trodden, Secretary Treasurer Altaf and Recording Secretary Dunne left the In-Camera at 10:16am.

Assistant Superintendent Trodden, Secretary Treasurer Altaf and Recording Secretary Dunne rejoined the In-Camera at 10:27am. Deputy Superintendent Webb rejoined the meeting at 10:39am.

**22-028 LIVINGSTON: That the meeting come out of In-Camera at 11:01am.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

F. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1. Finance:

- Cheque Lists Dated; January 31, 2022
- Accounts Payable Cheque Lists Dated; January 21, 25, 26, 31, 2022
- Manual Cheques Issued Dated: January 11, 2022
- January 31, 2022 Cash Flow Statement
- Budget Guidelines Committee Update Information

Secretary Treasurer Altaf reviewed the cheque lists with the Board.

22-029 KING: Moves that the accounts payable cheque lists for the period ending January 31, 2022, beginning, and ending with cheques #1326928 to #133009 and automated payments for the period ending January 31,2022 beginning and ending with #800021373 to #800021462 and manual cheques issued #700001260 to #700001271 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- January 31, 2022 Cash Flow Statement

22-030 FORD: Moves that the Board accept the January 31, 2022 Cash Flow Statement for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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1. Finance Cont.:

- Budget Guidelines Committee Update Information

Secretary Treasurer Altaf provided an update to the Board based on the work of the Budget Guidelines review Committee. There will be additional information brought back to the Board with recommendations for amendments to the Budget Guidelines 2022-2023. The potential budget challenges for 2022-2023 were reviewed.

Student Engagement - Literacy and Numeracy

Assistant Superintendent Trodden welcomed students from Provost, JRR and Amisk to the meeting. The Board and Central team introduced themselves. Assistant Superintendent Trodden explained a new format for this engagement. Principal West from Amisk, talked about numeracy with the program Mathology. The Board heard how Mathology teaches you different strategies and you can learn from your mistakes. Mathology is a program for all classes and is based on the progression of how children learn math. Assistant Principal Brouwer from Provost introduced the students from Provost School. The grade 7 and 8s talked about 'Readers and Writers' workshop. Students shared how they can build on what they are already working on, the techniques of authors and mini lessons on reading helps build focus on your book. Workshops help you to transfer what you already learned to another class or new grade. Assistant Principal Scully and students from JR Robson introduced themselves. The students were asked 'why do you think reading and literacy is important?' The Board heard that it helps you to make connections between what you are learning and the community, history is documented in writing and communicating effectively is important for all aspects of life. The Board thanked the students for sharing. Assistant Superintendent Trodden thanked the schools for participating this month.

22-031 KING: That the board meeting recess for lunch.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting reconvened at 12:35p.m. in the Boardroom with all Trustees in attendance virtually.

C. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING Cont.:

22-032 KING: That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 19, 2021, be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Facilities Department:

- Grant Support Letter re; Innisfree Tennis Court

22-033 **JACKSON: Moves that the Board write a letter of support for the renewal of the all-weather surface at the Delnorte-Innisfree School for up to \$40,000.00 with the balance of funds for the project to come from grants or local fundraising.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Transportation Department:

- 2022-2023 Transportation Fee Recommendation

22-034 **LIVINGSTON: Moves that the Board support the recommendation of the Director of Transportation that the 2022-2023 transportation fees remain the same.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Staff Liaison Committee:

- CUPE Update - Trustee Yonkman reported on the first CUPE Liaison meeting. Trustee Yonkman told the Board that this committee meets to discuss matters of mutual concern that are not part of the collective agreement. At this meeting members spoke about their experiences working through the pandemic. The group also reviewed the Student Code of Conduct and Student Suspension. The Deputy Superintendent will review the administrative procedures at the next admin meeting.
- ATA Update - Trustee Ford reported on the ATA Liaison meeting. There were no labor relations concerns. The group heard about teaching through the pandemic and that high school students may be feeling down because of the challenges of online learning. This can be challenging for teaching staff as well. Information on the draft curriculum was shared.

G. SUPERINTENDENT'S DEPARTMENT

1. Superintendent's Report:

- Enrolment Reports
- Superintendents Public Speaking
- Women in Leadership
- March Wellness Days

- Enrolment Reports

The information was shared with the Board.

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1. Superintendent's Report Cont.:

- Superintendents Public Speaking

The Superintendent's Public Speaking event will be held April 29th, 2022.

- Women in Leadership

Tuesday March 8th, 2022 is International Women's Day and BTPS is hosting its 2nd annual "Women in Leadership" event with special guest speaker Dr. Alice Wainwright-Stewart, President and CEO of Lakeland College.

- March Wellness Days

March 4th and 7th, 2022 will be Wellness Days for the division.

2. Deputy Superintendent's Report:

- Edwin Parr Selection Committee

Trustees Livingston and Jackson volunteered to be a part of the selection committee.

J. NEW BUSINESS:

- Extension of the Decision

22-035 FORD: Moves that the Board accept the extension request from the County of Vermilion River for their decision on Clandonald School by June 14, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Petitions and Delegations

Lorellie Ketchum joined the board meeting and the Board Chair welcomed her and reviewed some of the protocols for a delegation at the meeting. The Board and central staff introduced themselves. Ms. Ketchum told the Board that she was here today as a parent and teacher from another division. She told the Board that she was presenting on unity for our community for education of our constitution. She shared her information with the Board. Ms. Ketchum said that she appreciates what the Board does. Board Chair Spornitz thanked Ms. Ketchum for her perspective.

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3. Assistant Superintendent Report:

- Stakeholder Engagement
- Alternative Learning Centre

- Stakeholder Engagement

This year the Stakeholder Engagement online sessions are planned March 1, 8, 16 and 24, 2022.

22-036 COOPER: Moves that the Board receive the Stakeholder Engagement schedule for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Alternative Learning Centre

22-037 YONKMAN: Moves that the Board receive for information the report of the complete transition to the Alternative Learning Centre.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H. Business Arising from Minutes:

The information was shared with the Board.

K. TRUSTEE REPORTS:

- ASBA - Vice Chair Yonkman reported on the last Zone 2/3 meeting. The members had a lengthy discussion on curriculum. At the next meeting boards will vote on their advocacy topic either charter schools' impact or curriculum implementation.
- PSBAA/PSBC - Vice Chair Yonkman reported on the February PSBC meeting and PD sessions. Sessions included 'Finding our Place in Truth and Reconciliation', 'Inclusiveness as an Everyday Occurrence' and Policy and Administrative Procedure. She also reported that there was discussion regarding professional development of interest for the future.
- TEBA - Board Chair Spornitz shared that negotiations are ongoing at the central level. She shared the steps that TEBA uses in negotiation in this order, preparation, negotiation of central and local matters, central bargaining then local bargaining.
- Board Chair Spornitz attended a board chair orientation that was very interesting. The Minister attended and the topics reviewed were budgets, reserves, and curriculum.
- RCASB - Trustee King shared that the next meeting is March 31st where they will review the environmental scan items.

L. TRUSTEE READINGS:

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- Protests on School Property

22-038 FORD: Moves that the Board write a statement regarding protesting on school property.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M. INFORMATION ITEMS:

The information items were reviewed. The Board Chair of Chinook's Edge wrote a letter looking for other Boards interested in being added to Bill 70.

N. COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

- February Student Engagement
- Transition to the Alternative Learning Centre
- Letter of Support re Delnorte-Innisfree All-weather Surface
- 2022-2023 Transportation Fees to Remain the Same
- Stakeholder Engagement Dates
- ASBA Edwin Parr Nominations Now Open

AGENDA Items for Next Meeting

- Further discussion on Bill 70.

Board Work Plan Items for the Next Board Meeting

- Committee of the Whole Meeting
- Board Meeting
- Submit Edwin Parr Teacher Award Nomination
- Stakeholder Engagements re; 3rd Year of 4 Year Plan
- Capital Plan Submission

22-039 LIVINGSTON: Moves that the meeting adjourn.

Time: 2:06 pm hours (14:06PM)

Board Chair

Recording Secretary