



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 12:49 P.M.

IN-CAMERA MEETING

137. Moved by Trustee Edwards to convert to an in-camera meeting at 12:49 P.M.

CARRIED.

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

138. Moved by Trustee Lozinski to revert to a regular public meeting at 1:32 P.M.

CARRIED.

NOTE: The Board recessed at 1:32 P.M. and reconvened the meeting at 1:41 P.M.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

139. Moved by Trustee Edwards to approve the agenda for this meeting with the following additions:

- 3.11 2021/2022 Calendar Augmentation
- 7.9 Final Approval of 2022-2023 Calendar

CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

140. Moved by Trustee Lozinski to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on January 12, 2021 with the following amendment:

- Remove "NOTE: Superintendent Cusson rejoined the meeting at 1:58 P.M."

CARRIED.

TRUSTEE/ADMIN INFORMATION ITEMS

Trustee Ripkens provided condolences to the family and friends of Larry Poulter, former principal of the Youth Assessment Centre in Lac La Biche. Coulter worked for Northern Lights Public Schools for nearly 30 (thirty) years and was dedicated to students who were experiencing challenging circumstances.

Communications and Public Relations Director Garner presented highlights from around the division's schools over the past couple of weeks. Received as information only.

Trustee Packard congratulated the Iron River School Parent Advisory Council for meeting their playground fundraising goals. Received as information only.

141. Moved by Trustee Lozinski for the Board Chair to send a letter on behalf of the Board to the Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87, thanking them for their substantial financial contribution for the new playground project at Iron River School.

CARRIED.

APPOINTMENT

COLD LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Cold Lake Middle School Principal Chan Cusson and Grade 7 teacher Lyndsey Geddes introduced two student leaders, Neveigh Forester from Nelson Heights Middle School and Tiana Janzen from Cold Lake Middle School, who have been helping to engage students at both schools about the changes being made to the schools' configuration. The students are participating in an engagement site set up by Northern Lights to brainstorm a new name for Cold Lake Middle School, which will become a grade 7-9 school in September 2023. The top two names chosen on the engagement site are Cold Lake Junior High and Kinosoo Junior High. The student leaders requested that the Board consider changing the name of the school. The Board was impressed with the students' presentation and committed to considering the request at a future board meeting. Received as information only.

BOARD BUSINESS

QUARTERLY BUDGET REPORT (Q1)

142. Moved by Trustee Kissel to acknowledge receipt of the Quarterly Budget report for the period ending November 30, 2021 (Q1) as presented by Secretary-Treasurer Elock as information only.

CARRIED.

NOTE: The Board recessed at 2:54 P.M. and reconvened the meeting at 3:05 P.M.

OPERATIONS SUMMARY

143. Moved by Trustee Edwards to acknowledge receipt of the Monthly Board Report - Operations Summary (December) as presented by Secretary-Treasurer Elock as information only.

CARRIED.

COVID UPDATE

Associate Superintendent Driedger provided the Board with an update on COVID. Over the last three weeks, a total of five classes of elementary students were shifted to online learning for between three and five instructional days. All have now returned to in-person classes. Driedger noted that attendance increased when classes shifted online. Since the last board meeting, schools have dealt with the highest number of reported cases they have experienced during the pandemic. Driedger commended staff for their flexibility and willingness to work as a team to ensure programming could continue. Staff absences have improved over the last week, with less demand for substitute teachers and educational assistants. On Tuesday night, the Government of Alberta announced a three-phase reopening plan which includes significant changes to the current guidelines that are in place for schools. The guidance document from Alberta Education is being updated, and once the division has received it, more details on those changes will be shared with the Board, staff, students, and parents. Received as information only.

SCHOOL COUNCIL REGIONAL MEETINGS

The Board met with representatives from schools councils in Lac La Biche on February 1 and from Bonnyville on February 8. These meetings are held annually with school councils in each region of the division. Board members appreciated the opportunity to meet school councils and learn about the many ways parents have been supporting schools. Received as information only.



BOARD RETREAT

Received as information only.

TRUSTEE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Received as information only.

CURRICULUM IMPLEMENTATION, ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Received as information only.

ASEBP PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

Received as information only.

2022/2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

144. Moved by Trustee Lozinski to approve the 2022-2023 Northern Lights School Calendar as presented by Superintendent Driedger as per the attached **Appendix "A"** to these minutes.

NOTE: The Board recessed at 3:57 P.M. and reconvened the meeting at 4:07 P.M.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLITICAL ADVOCACY/ASBA/PSBAA

Deferred until the February 23, 2022 Board Meeting.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE

145. Moved by Trustee Ripkens to change the date of approval for Locally Developed Courses to the first meeting in May of every year.

CARRIED.

146. Moved by Trustee Kissel to acknowledge the receipt of the Student Achievement Committee report as presented by Trustee Ripkens as information only.

CARRIED.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Deferred until the February 23, 2022 Board Meeting.



POLITICAL ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Deferred until the February 23, 2022 Board Meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Deferred until the February 23, 2022 Board Meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

147. Moved by Trustee Ripkens to acknowledge the receipt of the Communications Committee report as presented by Trustee Ripkens as information only.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Letter to Devonna Klaassen, Board Chair of Black Gold School Division, Barb Maddigan, Board Chair of Northern Gateway Public Schools, Guy Neitz, Board Chair of Clearview Public Schools, Candyce Nikipelo, Board Chair of Aspen View Public Schools, Holly Bilton, Board Chair of Chinook's Edge School Division, Lorraine Stewart, Board Chair of Parkland School Division, Karen Packard, Board Chair of Northern Lights Public Schools, and Heather Starosielski, Board Chair of St. Paul Education, from Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education, dated January 21, 2021, re: Response to November 22, 2021 letter regarding transportation concerns.
- Letter to Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education, from Candyce Nikipelo, Board Chair of Aspen View Public Schools, dated January 25, 2022, re: Delaying Draft K-6 Curriculum.

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

CARRIED.

IN-CAMERA MEETING

149. Moved by Trustee Edwards to convert to an in-camera meeting at 4:27 P.M.

CARRIED.

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

150. Moved by Trustee Lozinski to revert to a regular public meeting at 5:31 P.M.

CARRIED.



CALENDAR AUGMENTATION

151. Moved by Trustee Kissel to accept the recommendation of administration to augment the 2021-2022 calendar for Cold Lake Elementary School by changing Wednesday, February 16 to a non-operational day and May 6 to an operational day in order to meet a deadline for a Professional Development Opportunity in February.

CARRIED.

RESPONSE TO PRESENTATION ON JANUARY 12

152. Moved by Trustee Edwards for the Board Chair to work with the Superintendent to write a response to Miranda Remillard, the representative from Lakeland United and Rising delegation at the January 12, 2022 Regular Board Meeting, who presented on childrens' health risks due to COVID mandates.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Packard adjourned the meeting at 5:35 P.M.

K. Packard, Board Chair

B. Steunenberg, Recording Secretary