



Members Present:

C. Edwards	Ward 1	
G. Kissel	Ward 1	
R. Ripkens	Ward 1	
K. Packard	Ward 2	
M. Skogen	Ward 2	Regrets
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. Steunenberg	Recording Secretary	

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Packard called the meeting to order at 11:30 A.M.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

168. Moved by Trustee Kissel to approve the agenda for this meeting with the following additions:

- 3.7 Request from Alberta Education
- 7.9 Staffing Announcement
- 8.5 Recognition Committee

CARRIED.

IN-CAMERA MEETING

169. Moved by Trustee Ripkens to convert to an in-camera meeting at 11:32 A.M.

CARRIED.

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

170. Moved by Trustee Edwards to revert to a regular public meeting at 12:50 P.M.

CARRIED.

NOTE: The Board recessed at 12:50 P.M. and reconvened the meeting at 1:02 P.M.

APPOINTMENT

KIM SCHMIDTZ - COLD LAKE AND DISTRICT FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Kim Schmitz from Cold Lake and District Family and Community Services (FCSS) provided the Board with an overview of the the services that FCSS provides to families and children in the Cold Lake and Municipal District of Bonnyville area. This includes services related to homelessness, family violence, bullying, poverty reduction, and emotional resiliency. The focus is on early intervention and prevention, but they also assist in crisis situations.

In relation to local schools, FCSS partners with schools on many projects. Sometimes this includes grant funding. Projects have included providing snacks packs to schools, supporting Community Helpers, running a Home Alone program to help younger students prepare to be at home without parental supervision, and events like Pink Shirt Day, which had over 700 (seven hundred) students participate from throughout Cold Lake. Received as information only.

NOTE: The Board recessed at 1:48 P.M. for lunch and reconvened the meeting at 2:14 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

171. Moved by Trustee Lozinski to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on February 23, 2022 with the following amendment:

- Under the Trustee/Admin Information Items, change "Portage College" to "Lac La Biche County".

CARRIED.

TRUSTEE/ADMIN INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent Cusson congratulated Nicole Garner, Dallin Schmidt, Paula Elock, Heather Stromquist, Ashley Currie, and Carolina Franke for receiving Bravo Awards from the Canadian Association of Communicators in Education. Northern Lights Public Schools (NLPS) received a Coup de Coeur Award for its Positive Signs campaign in May 2020, and Awards of Distinction for its Cold Lake Configuration Engagement sessions and the NLPS Questions and Answers Facebook page.

Board Chair Packard shared that she and Cold Lake Middle School (CLMS) Principal Chan Cusson had been interviewed by Prime Time Local News about the renaming of CLMS and the process for collecting public feedback.

Trustee Edwards reported that she had attended local school council meetings and the parents were appreciative of having Board representation at their meetings.

Communications Assistant Schmidt presented the Board with Good News from schools throughout the division. Received as information only.

BOARD BUSINESS

BCHS GRAND OPENING

With COVID restrictions lifted, the Board discussed potential dates for holding an official grand opening for Bonnyville Centralized High School. The event will likely take place in May, with a specific date to be confirmed at a future board meeting. Received as information only.

COVID UPDATE

Associate Superintendent Driedger noted that there have been numerous changes to COVID restrictions in schools since March 1. Masking is no longer required and students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 are no longer required to remain in cohorts. Capacity limits have been removed and physical distancing recommendations have been replaced with strategies to avoid crowding. Northern Lights will continue to focus on hand hygiene, cleaning, and ventilation. Isolation requirements are still in place for individuals who have symptoms or test positive for COVID-19. Associate Superintendent Driedger recommended that the Board reconsider its previous motion requiring schools to share information with families when positive cases are identified, as very few individuals are reporting confirmed cases to schools. The Board will discuss this further at the next board meeting. Received as information only.

COLD LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL RENAMING UPDATE

Superintendent Cusson reported that the community engagement process for renaming Cold Lake Middle School has been launched and will run until April 5. Received as information only.

REVIEW OF DRAFT THREE-YEAR CAPITAL/TEN-YEAR FACILITIES PLAN

Secretary-Treasurer Elock presented the Board with a draft Capital Plan to review. The Board's plan needs to be submitted to Alberta Education by the end of the month. The current priorities are a replacement school for Vera M. Welsh Elementary School in Lac La Biche, a modernization of Ecole Plamondon School in Plamondon, a new school for Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement, and a modernization of North Star Elementary School in Cold Lake. The Capital Plan will come back to the Board for approval on March 23. Received as information only.

NLPS FINANCIAL REPORTING PROFILE

Received as information only.

ALBERTA EDUCATION BUDGET 2022 PRESENTATION

Board Chair Packard reviewed highlights from the government's recent Budget 2022 announcement in relation to education. The division will receive its funding profile at the end of March and will get a better idea of what its funding looks like for 2022-2023 at that time. Received as information only.

BOARD RETREAT AGENDA

Received as information only.

STAFFING ANNOUNCEMENT

Superintendent Cusson updated the Board that the Cold Lake Elementary School Principal will be on leave for the next nine to ten weeks and that Assistant Principal Tracie Young from Cold Lake High School will be temporarily acting as principal until that time. Received as information only.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLITICAL ADVOCACY/ASBA/PSBAA

Received as information only.

POLITICAL ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

172. Moved by Trustee Lozinski that the Board proceed with planning a meet and greet with locally elected officials and that the budget be set for no more than \$1000 (one thousand dollars).

CARRIED.

173. Moved by Trustee Kissel to acknowledge the receipt of the Political Advocacy Committee report as presented by Trustee Packard as information only.

CARRIED.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE

174. Moved by Trustee Lozinski to refer research and development of a policy on student assessment and reporting to the Policy Committee.

CARRIED.

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

CARRIED.

FNMI COMMITTEE

176. Moved by Trustee Norton to acknowledge the receipt of the First Nation, Inuit, Metis (FNMI) Committee report as presented by Trustee Phillips as information only.

CARRIED.

RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

Received as information only.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Letter to Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education, from Joy McGregor, Board Chair of High Prairie School Division, dated February 23, 2022, re: September 2022 K-6 Curriculum Implementation Plans.
- Letter to Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education, from Dana McIntosh, Board Chair of Peace Wapiti Public School Division, dated February 25, 2022, re: Draft K-6 Curriculum Implementation.
- Letter to Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education, and Rajan Sawhney, Minister of Transportation, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, dated March 1, 2022, re: Urgent Concerns in Student Transportation.
- Letter to Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, dated March 4, 2022, re: Curriculum Delay.
- Letter to Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education, from Holli Smith, Board Chair of Prairie Land Public School Division, dated March 4, 2022, re: K-6 Draft Curriculum Delay.

177. Moved by Trustee Kissel to accept the correspondence file as information only.

CARRIED.

NOTE: The Board recessed at 4:37 P.M. and reconvened the meeting at 4:44 P.M.



IN-CAMERA MEETING

178. Moved by Trustee Ripkens to convert to an in-camera meeting at 4:44 P.M.

CARRIED.

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

179. Moved by Trustee Edwards to revert to a regular public meeting at 4:45 P.M.

CARRIED.

2022 EDWIN PARR NOMINEE

180. Moved by Trustee Kissel to appoint the successful candidate of the Edwin Parr interviews as the Alberta Schools Boards' Association (ASBA) Zone 2/3 2022 Edwin Parr Nominee from the Northern Lights School Division and that the candidate be notified.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Packard adjourned the meeting at 4:57 P.M.

K. Packard, Board Chair

B. Steunenberg, Recording Secretary