



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
J. Irvine	Associate Superintendent
K. Jackson	Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Packard called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Northern Lights Public Schools acknowledges that we are on Treaty 6 and Treaty 8 First Nations Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We honour the history and culture of all people who first lived and gathered in these lands and commit to enhance our relationship with one another. We acknowledge our roles as educational leaders to learn, teach and engage in the communities we serve. Our recognition of this land is an act of reconciliation and an expression of our gratitude to those whose territory we reside on or are visiting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

Additions:

- 6.1 Canadian Natural Resources Limited Presentation
- 8.6 Vera Update
- 10.10 Council Meeting
- 10.11 Dispute Resolution Update
- 10.12 Jordan's Principle Update

Revisions:

- 7.2.3 Replace "Policy Committee" with "Ad Hoc Policy 12 Committee"

CARRIED.

APPOINTMENT: KIM FOISY, STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS ADVISOR, SURFACE LAND & STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS, THERMAL AND HEAVY OIL, CANADIAN NATURAL RESOURCES LIMITED

Kim Foisy, Stakeholder Relations Advisor, Surface Land & Stakeholder Relations, Thermal And Heavy Oil, Canadian Natural Resources Limited presented a cheque for \$8,000 for Northern Lights Public Schools' Bonnyville region Food Program. Received as information only.

APPOINTMENT: DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION - MATT RICHTER - ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

Director of Transportation Matt Richter presented the Annual Transportation Department Accountability Report to the Board as information only.

APPOINTMENT: DIRECTOR OF INCLUSIVE EDUCATION - LARISSA LANGEVIN - INCLUSIVE EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

Director of Inclusive Education Larissa Langevin presented the Inclusive Education Accountability Report to the Board as information only.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

79. The minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on December 11, 2024 were approved by unanimous consent.

NOTE: The Board recessed at 11:25 A.M. and reconvened at 11:33 A.M.

TRUSTEE/ADMIN INFORMATION ITEMS

Trustee Skogen attended Cold Lake Elementary School's Christmas Concert and the school continued their tradition of finishing the event with Feliz Navidad. She went to Ardmore School's Country Christmas play which included singing and dancing. She attended Cold Lake Outreach School's event which included hot chocolate, Chili, Baking, and Dinner for families, as well as a school bus ride for families to enjoy Sparkle in the Park. Trustee Kissel attended Glendon School's Christmas concert and said it was a well-done event. He attended Iron River School's Christmas concert and said it was a good old country Christmas with the entire community involved including a very large tree brought in by a parent and a Santa who came in to give students treats at the end. Trustee Edwards attended Bonnyville Outreach School's Winter Wonderland and said it was well organized, the apple cider was amazing, and it was nice to see the alternative ideas to get the families and community involved. Trustee Phillips attended all three of Vera M. Welsh Elementary School's concerts and was impressed with Miss Irena who managed to get all of the students singing and playing instruments. Trustee Phillips volunteered at J.A. Williams High School Christmas dance as coat check attendant. She said it was fun to volunteer and see the students she once taught. Trustees Norton, Lozinski, and Phillips attended the Lac La Biche Outreach School's Christmas turkey dinner. Trustee Norton attended Aurora Middle School's band Christmas concert and said it was very well done. Trustee Norton helped deliver over 300 teddy bears to elementary schools throughout Lac La Biche. Trustee Young attended Cold Lake Elementary School's Christmas concert and said that it was great. Trustee Lozinski attended the J.A.

Williams High School play "The Outsiders" and said it was very well done. Trustee Ripkens attended Christmas events at all Bonnyville schools. Trustee Ripkens made a special mention to Bonnyville Centralized High School for their Santa's Elves wrapping event and said he was impressed with the organization including sorting gifts appropriately, and the efficiency of the wrapping process. Associate Superintendent Irvine echoed the kudos for Santa's Elves and noted the increase in families supported which has increased 10% since last year. She said as the need continues to increase she is grateful we have the programs to support that. Trustee Packard attended Nelson Heights School's Christmas concert and said it was very well done. Trustee Packard added a thank you to all school staff who worked so hard to make the Christmas concerts and events a success. Associate Superintendent Irvine introduced Scott Woodward, Director of Learning - Student Services, who brings a wide range of experience to our team, to the Board of Trustees. Received as information only.

NOTE: The Board recessed at 12:06 P.M. and reconvened at 12:34 P.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 (November) - Secretary-Treasurer
2. Annual Report on RFPs/RFQs - Secretary-Treasurer
3. Occupational Health and Safety Annual Accountability Report - Secretary-Treasurer

Committees

1. ASBA/Zone 2/3
2. PSBAA
3. Ad Hoc Policy 12 Committee
4. Student Achievement Committee
5. Transportation Committee
6. Superintendent Evaluation Committee
7. Advocacy Committee

MOTIONS COMING OUT OF REPORTS

80. Moved by Trustee Kissel to amend **Board Policy No. 2: Role of the Board, Sec 5.5** by striking "(as per Policy 8 - Section 4.9)".

CARRIED.

NOTE: The Board recessed at 1:36 P.M. and reconvened at 1:42 P.M.

BOARD BUSINESS

ASBA HONOURING SPIRIT: INDIGENOUS STUDENT AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 5TH

Received as information only.

ASBA FRIENDS OF EDUCATION AWARD

Received as information only.

ASBA EDWIN PARR TEACHER AWARD

Received as information only.

NLPS STUDENT AWARDS - DEADLINE APRIL

Received as information only.

REVIEW OF BOARD PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

81. Moved by Trustee Ripkens that the 2024-2025 Trustee Professional Development Plan be amended as discussed.

CARRIED.

VERA M. WELSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UPDATE

Received as information only.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received the following correspondence as information only:

- Program for Alberta School Boards Association 2024 Awards Evening, dated November 17, 2024
- Letter to The Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Indigenous Services, from Dennis MacNeil, President, Public School Boards' Association of Alberta, re: Jordan's Principle Application Processing, dated December 11, 2024
- Digital Christmas card to Karen Packard, Board Chair, Northern Lights Public Schools, from Tany Yao, MLA for Fort McMurray - Wood Buffalo, dated December 12, 2024
- Digital Christmas card to Karen Packard, Board Chair, Northern Lights Public Schools, from The Honourable Brian Jean, Minister of Energy & Minerals and MLA for Fort McMurray - Lac La Biche, dated December 12, 2024
- Digital Christmas greeting to Karen Packard, Board Chair, Northern Lights Public Schools, from The Honourable Demetrios Nicolaidis, Minister of Education, dated December 17, 2024
- Letter to parents, from The Honourable Demetrios Nicholaides, Minister of Education, re: Holiday Greetings, dated December 17, 2024
- Email to School Council Chairs, Northern Lights Public Schools, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, Northern Lights Public Schools, re: Merry Christmas to All School Council Chairs, dated December 18, 2024

- Letter to Karen Packard, Board Chair, Northern Lights Public Schools, from The Honourable Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, re: Response to Letter Addressing Concerns for Highway 663, dated December 18, 2024
- Program for Glendon School's "A Holly Jolly Jalopy Christmas Concert", dated December 18, 2024
- Letter to The Honourable Demetrios Nicholaides, Minister of Education, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, Northern Lights Public Schools, re: Funding Formula Suggestions, dated December 20, 2024
- Letter to The Honourable Demetrios Nicholaides, Minister of Education, from Tasha Oatway-McLay, Board Chair, Sturgeon Public Schools, re: Provincial Data Collection Concerns, dated December 19, 2024
- Letter to The Honourable Demetrios Nicholaides, Minister of Education, from Fiona Gilbert, Board Chair, Rocky View Schools, re: Alberta Education's Approval Process for Charter Schools, dated January 13, 2025
- Program for Nelson Heights Middle School's "Holly Jolly Jukebox" Christmas concert, not dated
- Digital Christmas card to Karen Packard, Board Chair, Northern Lights Public Schools, from The Honourable Danielle Smith, Premier of Alberta, not dated
- Digital Christmas card to Karen Packard, Board Chair, Northern Lights Public Schools, from Dr. Glenn Mitchell, President and CEO, Northern Lakes College, not dated
- Digital Christmas card to Karen Packard, Board Chair, Northern Lights Public Schools, from the Board of Directors, Public School Boards' Association of Alberta, not dated
- Digital Christmas card to Karen Packard, Board Chair, Northern Lights Public Schools, from Northern Gateway Public Schools, not dated
- Digital Christmas card to Karen Packard, Board Chair, Northern Lights Public Schools, from Lakeland Catholic School Division, not dated
- Christmas card to Karen Packard, Board Chair, Northern Lights Public Schools, from Rakhi Pancholi, MLA for Edmonton-Whitemud, not dated

82. Moved by Trustee Norton to accept the correspondence file as information only.

CARRIED.

CLOSED MEETING

83. Moved by Trustee Edwards to convert to a closed meeting at 2:21 P.M.

CARRIED.

NOTE: Trustee Packard left the meeting at 3:02 P.M.

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NOTE: Trustee Packard returned to the meeting at 3:04 P.M.



NOTE: Secretary-Treasurer Elock left the meeting at 3:14 P.M.

NOTE: Secretary-Treasurer Elock returned to the meeting at 3:26 P.M.

NOTE: The Board recessed at 3:43 P.M. and reconvened at 3:54 P.M.

NOTE: Associate Superintendent Irvine, Secretary-Treasurer Elock, and Recording Secretary Jackson left the meeting at 4:50 P.M.

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

84. Moved by Trustee Norton to revert to a regular public meeting at 4:55 P.M.

CARRIED.

85. Moved by Trustee Lozinski to approve the 2024-2025 Board Advocacy Plan as presented as a working document.

CARRIED.

86. Moved by Trustee Kissel for Trustee Lozinski and Trustee Phillips to attend the Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement Council Meeting on February 4, 2025.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Packard adjourned the meeting at 4:56 P.M.

K. Packard, Board Chair

K. Jackson, Recording Secretary