

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
FORT MCMURRAY CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION
FATHER PATRICK MERCREDI LIBRARY
ON 2011 – 12 - 12**

PRESENT

BOARD

Chair
Vice Chair
Trustee
Trustee

Mrs. Geraldine Carbery
Ms. Cherie Cormier
Mrs. Tracy McKinnon
Mr. Keith McGrath

ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent of Schools
Deputy Superintendent
Associate Superintendent Business
and Finance
Recording Secretary

Mr. Kim Jenkins
Mr. George McGuigan
Mr. Francois Gagnon

Mrs. Jill Tully

ABSENT

Trustee

Mr. Kirk Behrisch

CALL TO ORDER

1. Chair Carbery called the meeting to order at 1700 hours.

**COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE:
IN CAMERA**

2.

#4042/12 Moved by Trustee McGrath to move in camera at 1700 hours. MOTION CARRIED.

#4043/12 Moved by Vice Chair Cormier to move out of camera at 1850 hours. MOTION CARRIED.

RECESS

#4044/12 Moved by Vice Chair Cormier to move into recess at 18:50 hours. MOTION CARRIED.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Carbery called the meeting to order at 1900 hours.

PRAYER

3. Chair Carbery led the meeting with a prayer.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

4. The agenda was adopted as presented.

#4045/12 Moved by Trustee McGrath that the Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education adopt the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS
MINUTES (REG.) 2011 11 07**

5. The Chair called for the review of the Regular Board Meeting minutes of November 7, 2011 and asked for any corrections. *Declared by Chair Carbery that the minutes be adopted as presented.*

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM
MINUTES 2011 11 07**

5.1 There was no business arising from the minutes of the November 7, 2011 meeting.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

6.1 There were no public presentations.

BOARD EDUCATION

**SALUTES TO EXCELLENCE
– STUDENTS**

7.1 Superintendent Jenkins informed the Board that in 2010/11 we had 22 students who achieved 100% on the Provincial Achievement Tests and one of the students achieved 100% on two of the tests. The following students received a Salute to Excellence award from the Board recognizing this accomplishment:

From Sister Mary Phillips for Grade 6 Social Studies – Lois Hagan

From Sister Mary Phillips for Grade 6 Mathematics – Stephanie Natcheff

From St. Anne School for Grade 3 Mathematics – Devki Patel, Amanda Scantland, Aarsh Verg, Shrinjay Mukerjee

From St. Gabriel School for Grade 3 English Language Arts and also for Grade 3 Mathematics – Camryn Hannigan

From St. Gabriel School for Grade 6 Science – Felix Giardino

From St. Gabriel School for Grade 6 Social Studies – Danika Hildebrand

From St. Gabriel School for Grade 6 Mathematics – Abhishek Castelino, Patrick Polistena

From ecole St. Paul School for Grade 3 French Language Arts – Natalie Farahani

From Fr. Turcotte School for Grade 3 Mathematics – Luke Foster

From Fr. Beauregard School for Grade 3 Mathematics – Shawn Croke, Isabella Herman, Willem Downey

From St. Martha School for Grade 6 Science – Sandeep Parmar

From Fr. Patrick Mercredi Community High School for Grade 9 Mathematics – Cori Campbell, William Foley, Luigi Baldassarre

From St. Martha School for Grade 3 Mathematics – Evan Mercer, Aizaz Tahir

SISTER MARY PHILLIPS SCHOOL, VIRTUES PROGRAM

7.2 Sister Mary Phillips School students accompanied by their teacher made a wonderful presentation on “Living the Virtues through acts of compassion we are serving God by serving others”. Two Grade 4 students provided an overview of the service activities and a group of young singers performed for the audience.

DISTRICT CHRISTMAS CARD CONTEST WINNER

7.3 Board Chair Carbery and Vice Chair Cormier presented Mason Kuntz a Grade 5 student at St. Anne School, winner of the District Christmas Card Contest, with a framed copy of the card along with cards for Mason to send to family and friends.

FINDING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS COVER ARTWORK WINNER

7.4 Naomi Venantius, a Grade 5 student at St. Anne School had her artwork selected for the cover of the Finding Christ in Christmas Literary Contest booklet. Naomi and her family were on vacation so Natalie was unable to attend the meeting. Natalie will receive copies of the booklet to share with family and friends.

APEGGA AWARD

7.5 Christine Hernani, representing the Fort McMurray Branch of APEGGA (The Association of Professional Engineers, Geologist and Geophysicists of Alberta) will be in attendance to present the Fort McMurray APEGGA Award to Jenna Marie Dewey, currently a Grade 10 student at Father Patrick Mercredi Community High School. The award is presented to the student who achieved the highest combined average in Math and Science in their Grade 9 school year.

ITEMS FOR DECISION

FR. MERCREDI BASEBALL ACADEMY PROPOSED TRIP TO PHOENIX, ARIZONA

8.1 Superintendent Jenkins addressed the request from Principal Natasha MacArthur-Poole and teacher Brent Easton to take a group of baseball academy students (approximately 37 participants) to Phoenix, Arizona from February 18-25, 2012. The purpose of the trip is to play baseball games, participate in camps as well as to expose students to international travel. As this is an out of country field excursion, the Board must give approval pursuant to Operating Policy 354 (Field Trips and Excursions). Note: Trustee McKinnon withdrew from voting as her son is a member of the baseball academy.

#4046/12 *Moved by Vice Chair Cormier that the Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education approve the request from Father Patrick Mercredi Community High School Baseball Academy for their students to take part in an out of country field trip to Phoenix, Arizona. MOTION CARRIED.*

**FR. MERCREDI JR. CHEER
ACADEMY PROPOSED TRIP
TO VANCOUVER, BC**

8.2 Superintendent Jenkins addressed the request from Principal Natasha MacArthur-Poole and teacher Krista Samson to take a group of Jr. Cheer academy students (approximately 28 participants) to Vancouver BC from March 28-April 2, 2012. The purpose of the trip is to compete in an international cheer competition. As this is an out of province field excursion, the Board must give approval pursuant to Operating Policy 354 (Field Trips and Excursions).

#4047/12 *Moved by Trustee McGrath that the Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education approve the request from Father Patrick Mercredi Community High School Jr. Cheer Academy for their students to take part in an out of province field trip to Vancouver, BC. MOTION CARRIED.*

**FR. MERCREDI SR. CHEER
ACADEMY PROPOSED TRIP
TO MYRTLE BEACH,
SOUTH CAROLINA**

8.3 Superintendent Jenkins addressed the request from Principal Natasha MacArthur-Poole and teacher Krista Samson to take a group of Jr. Cheer academy students (approximately 12 participants) to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina from April 23-29, 2012. The purpose of the trip is to attend a Cheerleading Skills Camp. As this is an out of country field excursion, the Board must give approval pursuant to Operating Policy 354 (Field Trips and Excursions).

#4048/12 *Moved by Vice Chair Cormier that the Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education approve the request from Father Patrick Mercredi Community High School Sr. Cheer Academy for their students to take part in an out of country field trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. MOTION CARRIED.*

**HOLY TRINITY DANCE
ACADEMY PROPOSED TRIP
TO TORONTO, ONTARIO**

8.4 Superintendent Jenkins addressed the request from Principal Lucy Moore and teacher Kim Parr to take a group of Dance academy students (approximately 20 participants) to Toronto, Ontario from February 10-13, 2012. The purpose of the trip is to attend the Toronto Dance Convention "The Pulse". As this is an out of province field excursion, the Board must give approval pursuant to Operating Policy 354 (Field Trips and Excursions).

#4049/12 *Moved by Trustee Tracy McKinnon that the Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education approve the request from Holy Trinity Catholic High School Dance Academy for their students to take part in an out of province field trip to Toronto, Ontario. MOTION CARRIED.*

**BOARD GOVERNANCE
POLICIES**

8.5 In early November, the Board of Trustees met on a weekend to review and update their Board Governance Policies. The review provided an opportunity for trustees to improve their knowledge and understanding of the Board Governance Model. It also reaffirmed their strong commitment to governance of Catholic education in Wood Buffalo.

#4050/12 *Moved by Trustee Tracy McKinnon that the Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education approve Board Governance Policies GP-1 through GP-17 inclusive. MOTION CARRIED.*

**2010-11 AUDITED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

8.6 Associate Superintendent, Business & Finance, Francois Gagnon presented the statements to the Board for their approval.

#4051/12 *Moved by Trustee McGrath that the Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education approve the 2010-11 Audited Financial Statements pending the receipt of the legal letter. MOTION CARRIED.*

**2011-12 FALL BUDGET
UPDATE**

8.7 Associate Superintendent, Business & Finance, Francois Gagnon provided the Board with an updated budget that takes into account the actual student enrolment count of September 30th. and the additional funding that was announced by the Minister of Education in early October.

#4052/12 *Moved by Vice Chair Cormier that the Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education approve the updated 2011-2012 budget as presented. MOTION CARRIED*

**ALBERTA SCHOOLS WIND
POWER PROJECT**

8.8 The Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education is being asked to submit their intent with regards to their participation in this project in terms of future power purchases. This would entail that the Board would purchase its electrical power from the project through the Commodity Purchasing Consortium (CPC) under a 25-year Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) starting in January 2014.

#4053/12 *Moved by Trustee Tracy McKinnon that the Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education commit to a 25 year Power Purchase Agreement with the Alberta Schools Wind Power Project effective on January 2014 and intends to invest their share of the equity in the project. MOTION CARRIED*

CONSENT AGENDA

9.1 Education Plan & Annual Education Results Report (AERR)

**EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS
MONITORING REPORTS**

10.1 Superintendent Kim Jenkins presented a monitoring report to the Board relative to Executive Limitation Policy EL-13 (Information Management).

#4054/12 *Moved by Vice Chair Cormier that the Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education accept the Superintendent's interpretation of Executive Limitation Policies EL-13 (Information Management) and agree that it is in compliance. MOTION CARRIED*

INFORMATION

ACSTA REPORT

11.1 Trustee McGrath provided an update on the ACSTA activities; the next meeting is January 20 & 21.

ASBA

11.2 Trustee Tracy McKinnon provided an update on the ASBA activities. Trustee McKinnon noted that they are looking for the Board's feedback on the Zone 2/3 Strategy plan; this is due by January 6th. The Advocacy Committee will be hosting four "global cafes", one will be held in Fort McMurray, more information to come.

**COUNCIL OF SCHOOL
COUNCILS**

11.3 No report as Trustee Behrisch was unable to attend this evening.

**CATHOLIC CONFERENCE
IN CALGARY, MARCH 2012**

11.4 Date provided to see if anyone plans to attend, March 9 & 10, 2012

ADJOURNMENT

#4055/12 *Moved by Trustee McGrath that the meeting be adjourned at 20:50 hours. MOTION CARRIED.*

CHAIR

ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT BUSINESS AND
FINANCE