

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS	6.1	Presentation of Fort McMurray Catholic School’s 75 th Anniversary Commerative, Print “Humble Beginnings” to Mayor Blake on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo. The print will be placed in the Chamber gallery of the Municipal offices.
<u>BOARD EDUCATION</u>		
FR. MERCREDI CHEER TEAM DEMONSTRATION	7.1	Prior to the demonstration Principal Natasha MacArthur-Poole and the Cheer Team Coaches Krista Samson and Megan Wilson spoke to the huge gains that the team has made since the beginning of the school year. The Cheer Teams followed with a very exciting performance.
LEARNING THROUGH THE ARTS	7.2	Instructional Coach, Fine Arts – Victor Steel updated the Board on the Learning Through the Arts project (LTTA). The LTTA project has been an instructional partnership between Fort McMurray Catholic Schools and the Royal Conservatory since 2009. Through LTTA, specially trained professional artists are partnered with District teachers to differentiate instruction and engage all learner types through arts-based activities and lessons designed to teach the core curriculum. The project is a benefit to all students Grades 6, 7, 8 & 9 and has a special focus on our FNMI (First Nations, Metis, Inuit) population in order to maximize their attendance, curricular success and graduation completion rates. Donna Takacs from the Royal Conservatory in Toronto was also in attendance to provide an update of the program including a very information video presentation.
FR. MERCREDI F1 TORONTO TRIP UPDATE	7.3	Principal Natasha MacArthur-Poole, Teachers Andrew Podor and Paul Dunn provided an update on the trip to the F1 Competition in Toronto at the Ontario Science Centre. Our team was the only team from Alberta. The presenters took us through the challenges of design, construction, testing and racing. Some significant milestones – our team was the first to compete from Alberta, the first team to have a Junior team and we had the 7 th . fastest car in Canada. The students are already thinking about designs for next year!
FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM	7.4	Holy Trinity High School Principal Lucy Moore and the District French Immersion Consultant Anne Coish provided an update on the Diplome d’Etudes en Langue Francaise (French Language Diploma DELF) program. The program measures the student’s proficiency at 4 levels, speaking, reading, listening and writing. Mrs. Coish provided the results of our first year of testing. We had five teachers qualified as trainers, 66 students write the exams, at the A2 level 41 students received 100%, at the B1 level 18 students received 100% (the international average was 89%) At the B2 level we had 7 students achieve 100% (the international average was 88%) Fort McMurray Catholic School’s program is a first for Fort McMurray, offering this high quality French Immersion program.
ITEMS FOR DECISION		
WE DAY, VANCOUVER, HOLY TRINITY	8.1	Superintendent Jenkins addressed the request from Holy Trinity Catholic High School, Lucy Moore and Teacher Natalie Reid to take their “Teens for Change (Grade 11 & 12’s) group to WE DAY, Vancouver from October 17-20, 2012. The aim of the trip is for students to extend their individual and group experience and knowledge in social justice, international development, leadership and global awareness. As this is an out of province field excursion, the Board must give approval pursuant to Operations Policy 354 (Field Trips and Excursions).

#4098/12 *Moved by Trustee McGrath that the Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education approve the request from Holy Trinity Catholic High School for their “Teens for Change” students to take part in an out of province trip to Vancouver BC from October 17-20, 2012. MOTION CARRIED*

QUEBEC EXCURSION

8.2 Superintendent Jenkins addressed the request from Holy Trinity Catholic High School, Lucy Moore and the District French Immersion Consultant Anne Coish to take a group of French Immersion and French Second Language students to Montreal and Quebec City from May 16 to 20, 2013. The aim of the trip is to provide students with an opportunity to have an educational experience in their second language, to teach history where it happened, experience the French language where it is spoken and French culture where it is lived. As this is an out of province field excursion, the Board must give approval pursuant to Operations Policy 354 (Field Trips and Excursions).

#4099/12 *Moved by Trustee McKinnon that the Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education approve the request from Holy Trinity Catholic High School for their French Immersion and French Second Language students to take part in an out of province trip to Montreal and Quebec City from May 16-20, 2013. MOTION CARRIED*

2012/13 BOARD MEETING DATES

8.3 **Proposed meeting dates for the 2012/13 School Year:**
Board Organizational & Regular Meeting – September 10th., Regular Meetings – October 15, November 12, December 10, January 14, February 11, March 11, April 22, May 27, June 24.

#4100/12 *Moved by Trustee Behrisch that the Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education approve the dates for the Board Organizational and Regular Meetings of the Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education for the 2012/13 school year as follows, Board Organizational & Regular Meeting – September 10th., Regular Meetings – October 15, November 12, December 10, January 14, February 11, March 11, April 22, May 27, June 24. MOTION CARRIED.*

BUDGET 2012-13

8.4 Associate Superintendent Business & Finance, Francois Gagnon presented the 2012/13 Budget Report to the Board for approval. The report takes into account the various aspects of the Alberta Budget 2012 that provided three years of predictable funding.

#4101/12 *Moved by Trustee Behrisch that the Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education approve the 2012/13 Budget as presented with an operating deficit of \$935,000. MOTION CARRIED.*

FEES SCHEDULE 2012/13

8.5 Associate Superintendent Business & Finance, Francois Gagnon presented the 2012/13 Fees Schedule for approval by the Board in accordance with the following sections of the Alberta School Act.

#4102/12 *Moved by Trustee McKinnon that the Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education approve the 2012/13 Fee Schedule as presented. MOTION CARRIED.*

BORROWING RESOLUTION

8.6 The District maintains a line of credit with the Alberta Treasury Branch. A line of credit is a type of revolving loan with a pre-approved credit limit for a specified period of time. The line of credit provides the District flexible access to funds whenever it needs it during the course of the year. A borrowing resolution approved by the Board must be approved every year to renew the existing line of credit.

#4103/12 *Moved by Trustee Behrisch that the Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education approve a line of credit with the Alberta Treasury Branch in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 for the 2012/13 school year. MOTION CARRIED*

WIND POWER PROJECT

8.7 Since 2005 many of Alberta's school boards have undertaken a power purchasing strategy to reduce exposure to volatile energy costs by fixing those costs through long-term power purchase contracting. This program has seen school boards band together under the Commodity Purchasing Consortia (CPC) to aggregate their energy consumption and to be proactive in dictating the terms of their energy contracting, rather than being singular and reactive to whatever the market is willing to offer.

#4104/12 *Moved by Trustee McKinnon that the Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education confirm their participation to the Bull Creek Wind Power Project and commit to purchase their electricity from the project for a 25 year period from 2014 to 2038. MOTION CARRIED.*

Note: At 20:45 Trustee McGrath excused himself from the meeting due to a prior commitment.

CONSENT AGENDA

9.1

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS MONITORING REPORTS

10.1 Superintendent Jenkins presented a monitoring report to the Board relative to Executive Limitations Policy EL-1 (General Executive Constraint).

10.2 Superintendent Jenkins presented a monitoring report to the Board relative to Executive Limitation Policy EL-14 (Partnerships).

#4105/12 *Omnibus Motion by Trustee Behrisch that the Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education accept the Superintendent's interpretation of Executive Limitations Policy EL-1 (General Executive Constraint), Executive Limitations Policy EL-14 (Partnerships) and agree that they are in compliance. MOTION CARRIED.*

INFORMATION

ACSTA REPORT

11.1 There was no Alberta Catholic School Trustees Association report.

ASBA

11.2 Trustee McKinnon provided the Board with two written reports on the Alberta School Board Association activities including links to presentations.

COUNCIL OF SCHOOL COUNCILS

11.3 Trustee Behrisch advised that there were no new meetings to report on.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

11.4 Superintendent Jenkins updated the Board on the Administrative Appointments for the 2012/13 school year.

BOARD GOVERNANCE 12.1

ADJOURNMENT #4106/12 *Moved Trustee Behrisch that the meeting be adjourned at 21:05 hours. MOTION CARRIED.*

CHAIR

ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT BUSINESS AND FINANCE