

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
FORT MCMURRAY CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION
CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTRE
ON 2012 11 12**

PRESENT

BOARD

Chair

Mrs. Tracy McKinnon

Vice Chair

Mr. Keith McGrath

Trustee

Mr. Kirk Behrisch

Trustee

Mrs. Alison Rinas

Trustee

Mrs. Geraldine Carbery

ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Kim Jenkins

Deputy Superintendent

Mr. George McGuigan

Assistant Superintendent Business,

Mr. Francois Gagnon

Finance & Facilities

Recording Secretary

Mrs. Jill Tully

ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER

1. Chair McKinnon called the meeting to order at 1600 hours.

**COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE:
IN CAMERA**

2.

#4134/13 Moved by Trustee McGrath to move in camera at 1600 hours. MOTION CARRIED.

#4135/13 Moved by Trustee Behrisch to move out of camera at 1845 hours. MOTION CARRIED.

RECESS

#4136/13 Moved by Trustee Behrisch to move into recess at 1845 hours. MOTION CARRIED.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair McKinnon called the meeting to order at 1940 hours following the Swearing of the Oath by Alison Rinas with Judge Stephanie Cleary.

PRAYER

3. Chair McKinnon led the meeting with a prayer.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

4. Item 7.3. Exceptional Kids was moved to the 7.1 position. The agenda was adopted as amended.

#4137/13 Moved by Trustee McGrath that the Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education adopt the agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS
MINUTES (REG.) 2012 10 15**

5. The Chair called for the review of the Regular Board Meeting minutes of October 15, 2012 and asked for any corrections. *There being none, declared by Chair McKinnon that the minutes be adopted as presented.*

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM
MINUTES 2012 10 15**

- 5.1 There was no business arising from the minutes of the October 15, 2012 meeting.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- 6.1 There were no public presentations.

BOARD EDUCATION

X-CEPTIONAL KIDS

- 7.1 The Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education is pleased to recognize the eight students from our District who received nominations for the X-Ceptional Kids Awards at the Chamber of Commerce Community Awards Gala in October.

Salutes of Excellence were awarded to:

Paige Philpott – St. Paul School
Nathaniel Crossley – Sister Mary Phillips School
Emilie Main – Holy Trinity High School
Erin Shantz – Fr. Patrick Mercredi High School
Sasha MacDonald – Fr. Patrick Mercredi High School
Isabella Tu – Fr. Patrick Mercredi High School
Josh Dow – Fr. Patrick Mercredi High School
Dominic Cachia – Fr. Patrick Mercredi High School

HOLY TRINITY FESTIVAL

- 7.2 Lucy Moore Principal and Jason Campbell, Artistic Lead Teacher from Holy Trinity High School gave a presentation on the Trinity Festival including information and artwork for all of the events and productions. Last year the Festival was comprised of three shows, this year the Festival will have twelve events comprised of different genres of art. The slogan and mandate for the Festival is “Art for Everyone”, there will be hundreds of youth participating. All presentations will be “family friendly”.

HOLY TRINITY – UPTOWN MUSIC & DANCE

- 7.3 Lucy Moore Principal and Loraine Humphrey the Manager of the Suncor Energy Centre for the Performing Arts were present to make a presentation to the Board on the Uptown Music & Dance programs. Mrs. Humphrey’s presentation included information from start up, through registrations, to the expanded venues and private lessons. As a spin off, with more visitors to the facility, programs are filling up, booking requests for the facility have increased, ages of participants has moved into the adult area. The Performing Arts Centre is now receiving calls for available performers. The Triple Threat (Dance, Drama, Vocal) program running on PLF Friday has two groups, in the morning for grades 4-6 and in the afternoon for grades 7-9. The programs offerings are the best alternative at an affordable price.

ITEMS FOR DECISION

HT-Out of Country Excursion to Europe

- 8.1 Superintendent Jenkins addressed the request from Holy Trinity Catholic High School Principal Lucy Moore and Band Teacher James de Sousa to take the High School Jazz Band to Austria, Germany & Hungary during the 2014 Spring Break. The aim of the trip is for students to experience the opportunity to perform on stages where professionals and legends have performed and to experience how the discipline and determination needed to succeed in obtaining excellence brings the Alberta Music Curriculum to life and allows the connections to be seen by the students. As this is an out of country field excursion, the Board must give approval pursuant to Operations Policy 354 (Field Trips and Excursions).

#4138/13 Moved by Trustee Carbery that the Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education approve the request from Holy Trinity Catholic High School for their High School Jazz Band to make a trip to Austria, Germany & Hungary during the 2014 Spring Break. MOTION CARRIED.

HT-Out of Country Excursion to Costa Rica

- 8.2 Superintendent Jenkins addressed the request from Holy Trinity Catholic High School Principal Lucy Moore and Science teacher Jennifer Genik to take a group of High School Science Students to Costa Rica during the 2014 Spring Break.

**HT-Out of Country Excursion
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8.2 Superintendent Jenkins addressed the request from Holy Trinity Catholic High School Principal Lucy Moore and Science teacher Jennifer Genik to take a group of High School Science Students to Costa Rica during the 2014 Spring Break. The aim of the trip is for students to experience the opportunity to participate in science enriching activities that will allow them to enhance their interest in science and will expose them to opportunities in science that they may never have dreamed of. As this is an out of country field excursion, the Board must give approval pursuant to Operations Policy 354 (Field Trips and Excursions).

#4139/13 *Moved by Trustee McGrath that the Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education approve the request from Holy Trinity Catholic High School for their High School Science Students to make a trip to Costa Rica during the 2014 Spring Break. MOTION CARRIED.*

**HT-Out of Country Excursion
to Paris, Rome & the Vatican**

8.3 Superintendent Jenkins addressed the request from Holy Trinity Catholic High School Principal, Lucy Moore and Vocal Arts & Religion teacher Kimerica Parr to take a group of High School Choir and French Immersion students to Paris, Rome and the Vatican during the 2014 Spring Break. The aim of the trip is for our students to showcase our incredible arts program through performances at Mass and with a Friendship Concert in Paris. The students would meet and rehearse with a Parisian High School Chorus and perform together. In Rome they will perform in the Catacombs at the Vatican and have an opportunity for an audience with the Pope. As this is an out of country field excursion, the Board must give approval pursuant to Operations Policy 354 (Field Trips and Excursions).

#4140/13 *Moved by Trustee Carbery that the Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education approve the request from Holy Trinity Catholic High School for their High School Choir and French Immersion Students to make a trip to Paris, Rome and the Vatican during the 2014 Spring Break. This Motion was not carried. Chair McKinnon and Trustee Rinas voted against, Vice Chair McGrath and Trustee Carbery voted for.*

Additional discussion took place regarding the trip. Chair McKinnon requested that an educational piece be included in the proposed itinerary to replace the stop at Euro Disney. Discussion took place and clarification was provided, the itinerary item will be reviewed at a later date.

#4141/13 *Moved by Trustee Rinas that the Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education approve as amended, the request from Holy Trinity Catholic High School for their High School Choir and French Immersion Students to make a trip to Paris, Rome and the Vatican during the 2014 Spring Break. MOTION CARRIED.*

**ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE AREA**

8.4 Under Section 13 of the Alberta School Act, the Board has established attendance areas of all Catholic Schools in Fort McMurray. Transportation services provided under Section 51 (of the School Act) are limited to the attendance areas of each school. Parents have the choice to have their children attend other schools but must make their own transportation arrangements. The new Parsons Creek Area is expected to have housing for more than 20,000 residents once completed the first residents began occupy their homes in October 2012 with many more moving in 2013. Although the Board has identified the need for new schools in this area they are not expected to be available until 2016-17 if approved by the Province. The closest elementary schools are at full capacity already and will not be able to absorb the new students from this area. St. Gabriel School has been identified as the closest Catholic school with sufficient space to accommodate the students in ECS to Grade 6 and Holy Trinity Catholic High

#4142/13 *Moved by Chair McKinnon that the Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education approve the change in the attendance area for St. Gabriel School and Holy Trinity High School to include the Parsons Creek Area. MOTION CARRIED.*

**SUPERINTENDENT/CEO
EVALUATION WORKSHOP**

8.5 Jim Gibbons, ASBA Senior Education Advisor facilitated a Superintendent/CEO Workshop in Fort McMurray on November 12, 2012. Vice Chair McGrath congratulated Superintendent Jenkins on achieving an exceptional evaluation.

#4143/13 *Moved by Vice Chair McGrath that the Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education approve the Superintendent/CEO Evaluation Report as developed during the evaluation workshop of November 12, 2012 as an accurate account of his performance for the period September 1, 2011 to August 31, 2012 and further, the Board authorizes the Chair to make any required technical edits and to sign it on the Board's behalf. MOTION CARRIED.*

CONSENT AGENDA

9.1 OP-517 Public Disclosure of Travel & Expenses

**EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS
MONITORING REPORTS**

10.1 Chair McKinnon presented Board of Governance Policy GP-3 (Board Job Contributions).

10.2 Chair McKinnon presented Board of Governance Policy GP-4 (Board Chair's Role).

#4144/13 *Omnibus Motion by Vice Chair McGrath that the Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education approve Board of Governance Policy GP-3 (Board Job Contributions) and Board of Governance Policy GP-4 (Board Chair's Role). MOTION CARRIED.*

10.3 Superintendent Jenkins presented a monitoring report to the Board relative to Board Governance Ends Policy E-6 (Resource Allocation).

10.4 Superintendent Jenkins presented a monitoring report to the Board relative to Executive Limitation Policy EL-10 (Communication & Support to the Board).

10.5 Superintendent Jenkins presented a monitoring report to the Board relative to Executive Limitation Policy EL-18 (Fees & Fundraising).

#4145/13 *Omnibus Motion by Vice Chair McGrath that the Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education accept the Superintendent's interpretation of Board Governance Ends Policy E-6 (Resource Allocation), Executive Limitations Policy EL-10 (Communication & Support to the Board), Executive Limitations Policy EL-18 (Fees & Fundraising) and agree that they are in compliance. MOTION CARRIED.*

INFORMATION

**ALBERTA CATHOLIC
SCHOOL TRUSTEES
ASSOCIATION**

11.1 Trustee Carbery referred to the report presented to the Board earlier. Trustee Carbery, Superintendent Jenkins and Chair McKinnon will be attending the Fall Conference on Friday.

**ALBERTA SCHOOL BOARDS
ASSOCIATION**

11.2

Chair McKinnon referred to the written report provided, minutes are available on the website. Trustee Carbery, Superintendent Jenkins and Chair McKinnon will be attending the Fall General Meeting on Sunday.

**COUNCIL OF SCHOOL
COUNCILS**

11.3

Trustee Behrisch updated the Board on the last meeting, very successful only two schools not represented. Two presentations, Minimal Zeros and the AISI Project were well received. Elections will take place November 28th. meeting.

BOARD GOVERNANCE

12.1

ADJOURNMENT

#4146/13

Moved Vice Chair McGrath that the meeting be adjourned at 21:40 hours. MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIR

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT BUSINESS , FINANCE &
FACILITIES