

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
FORT MCMURRAY CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION
CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTRE
ON 2014 10 20**

PRESENT

BOARD

Chair	Mrs. Tracy McKinnon
Vice Chair	Mr. Keith McGrath
Trustee	Mrs. Paula Galenzoski
Trustee	Mrs. Geraldine Carbery
Trustee	Mr. Kirk Behrisch

ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent of Schools	Mr. George McGuigan
Deputy Superintendent	Mrs. Monica Mankowski
Associate Superintendent Business, Finance & Facilities	Mr. Francois Gagnon
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**

CALL TO ORDER

2. Chair McKinnon called the meeting to order at 19:05 hours.

PRAYER

3. Trustee Galenzoski opened the meeting with a prayer.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

4. The Agenda was adopted as presented.

#4322/14 Moved by Vice Chair McGrath that the Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education adopt the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

**ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS
MINUTES (REG.) 2014 09 15**

5. The Chair called for the review of the Regular Board Meeting minutes of September 15, 2014. *There being no changes, the minutes were adopted as presented.*

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM
MINUTES
2014 09 15**

- 5.1 There was no business arising from the minutes of the September 15, 2014 meeting.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- 6.1 There were no public presentations.

BOARD EDUCATION

- 7.0

**FR. TURCOTTE SCHOOL-
LEARNING GARDENS**

- 7.1 Principal Lisa Hilsenteger, Teacher Veronica Doleman and student members of the Father Turcotte Garden Club were present to provide the Board with an update on their Learning Gardens project. The club has been actively involved in growing a variety of fruits and vegetables at the school. Over 60 students took part in planting using tower gardens, with 40+ students working on the learning gardens. The Regional Municipality provided the boxes, support was received from Fort McMurray Aviation, Apple Schools, the Parent Council and the BPA+ Energy Grant. The project was a true community initiative with Girls Inc, and the Boys & Girls Club tending the gardens over the summer.

FR. MERCREDI GOLF ACADEMY EXCURSION FOLLOW UP	7.2	Principal Natasha MacArthur-Poole, Golf Academy staff and students were present to update the Board on their spring excursion to Victoria BC. Fifteen students participated in the trip receiving training not available locally. Students participated in V1 Swing Analysis, a valuable tool for up and coming golfers. Two students spoke to the tips and advanced training received.
FR. MERCREDI ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM EXCURSION FOLLOW UP	7.3	Principal Natasha MacArthur-Poole, Entrepreneurship Program staff, mentor and students were present to update the Board on their spring excursion to Yellowknife. The group participated in an activity packed excursion visiting another school business class, touring their facility. They visited the Legislature and met with the Minister of Education. The group also learned about natural healing from Elders. One highlight was visiting the “Ice Pilot” hangars, touring the planes and meeting Buffalo Joe and Mikey from the Ice Pilot television program.
HOLY TRINITY VANCOUVER MUSIC FESTIVAL EXCURSION FOLLOW UP	7.4	Holy Trinity Principal Lucy Moore, band and vocal arts staff and students were present to update the Board on their spring excursion to Vancouver BC. Eighty Holy Trinity students participated in this International Festival, which had 2000 students in attendance. The closing ceremonies of the festival was held at the Pacific National Exhibition, with the HT Choir receiving a 3 rd . place award.
ACCOUNTABILITY PILLAR RESULTS 2013/14	7.5	Superintendent McGuigan updated the Board on the 2013/14 Provincial Achievement Test and Diploma Exam results. Overall we are doing extremely well, providing quality education in a safe and caring environment. Our drop out rate is one of the lowest in the Province and our completion rate is very high. Our goal is continuous improvement.
ITEMS FOR DECISION	8.0	
FR. MERCREDI & HOLY TRINITY EXCURSION TO VIMY RIDGE 100TH. ANNIVERSARY	8.1	Superintendent McGuigan addressed the request from Father Mercredi Community High School Principal Natasha MacArthur-Poole and Holy Trinity High School Principal Lucy Moore to take students on a trip to Paris, Normandy, Vimy Ridge, Amsterdam & Berlin from April 4-April 16, 2017 to attend the 100 th anniversary of the Canadian victory at Vimy Ridge and to follow Canada’s footsteps in Europe in WW1 and WW11. The Grade 11 & 12 students will experience rich, living history. As this is an out of country field excursion, the Board must give approval pursuant to Operations Policy 354 (Field Trips and Excursions).
		#4323/14 <i>Moved by Trustee Carbery that the Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education approve the request from Father Patrick Mercredi Community High School and Holy Trinity Catholic High to take a group of Grade 11 & 12 students on a trip to Paris, Normandy, Vimy Ridge, Amsterdam & Berlin from April 4-April 16, 2017 to attend the 100th anniversary of the Canadian victory at Vimy Ridge. MOTION CARRIED.</i>

HOLY TRINITY VOCAL ARTS AND CHOIR EXCURSION TO CARNEGIE HALL NYC	8.2	Superintendent McGuigan addressed the request from Holy Trinity High School Principal Lucy Moore and Teacher Nancy Lawson to take a group of Grade 9-12 Vocal Arts and Choir students on an excursion to New York City from April 23-25, 2015. The group received an invitation to perform at Carnegie Hall. As this is an out of country field excursion, the Board must give approval pursuant to Operations Policy 354 (Field Trips and Excursions).
	#4324/14	<i>Moved by Trustee Galenzoski that the Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education approve the request from Holy Trinity Catholic High to take a group of Grade 9-12 Vocal Arts and Choir students on an excursion to New York City from April 23-25, 2015. MOTION CARRIED.</i>
CONSENT AGENDA	9.1	
MONITORING REPORTS		
BOARD GOVERNANCE POLICY GP-3	10.1	Chair McKinnon presented Board Governance Policy GP-3 (Board Job Contributions).
BOARD GOVERNANCE POLICY GP-4	10.2	Chair McKinnon presented Board Governance Policy GP-4 (Chairperson's Role).
	#4325/14	<i>Omnibus Motion by Trustee Behrisch that the Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education approve Board Governance Policy GP-3 (Board Job Contributions) and Board Governance Policy GP-4 (Chairperson's Role). MOTION CARRIED.</i>
BOARD GOVERNANCE ENDS POLICY E-5	10.3	Superintendent McGuigan presented a monitoring report to the Board relative to Ends Policy E-5 (Students Growing in Social Responsibility).
EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS POLICY EL-2	10.4	Superintendent McGuigan presented a monitoring report to the Board relative to Executive Limitation Policy EL-2 (Safe, Healthy & Secure Environment).
EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS POLICY EL-17	10.5	Superintendent McGuigan presented a monitoring report to the Board relative to Executive Limitation Policy EL-17 (Transportation).
	#4326/14	<i>Omnibus Motion by Trustee Behrisch that the Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education approve Board Governance Ends Policy E-5 (Students Growing in Social Responsibility), Executive Limitations Policy EL-2 (Safe, Healthy & Secure Environment) and Executive Limitations Policy EL-17 (Transportation), and agree that they are in compliance. MOTION CARRIED.</i>
<u>INFORMATION</u>		
ALBERTA CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION	11.1	Trustee Carbery provided the Board with an update on the recent activities of the ACSTA.
ALBERTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION	11.2	Chair McKinnon provided an update on the recent ASBA Zone 2/3 activities.

- COUNCIL OF SCHOOL COUNCILS** 11.3 Trustee Galenzoski updated the Board on the Council of School Council activities. The first meeting of the school year was held at St. Gabriel School on October 1st. Almost all schools were represented. Our Communications Coordinator provided a presentation on Social Media.
- SCHOOL START UP** 11.4 Superintendent McGuigan provided an update on staffing and Associate Superintendent Gagnon provided an update on enrolment. We are currently fully staffed. Enrolment has grown by approximately 6%.
- CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUNDAY** 11.5 Catholic Education Sunday is November 9th.
- UPCOMING MEETINGS** 11.6 The next Regular Board Meeting will be held November 24th. at 7pm.
- BOARD GOVERNANCE** 12.1
- ADJOURNMENT** #4327/14 *Moved by Trustee Galenzoski that the meeting be adjourned at 2035 hours. MOTION CARRIED.*

CHAIR

ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT BUSINESS, FINANCE
& FACILITIES