



Public Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday December 14, 2016
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
FFCA Central Office Boardroom
#240, 688 Heritage Dr. SE
Calgary, AB

Attendees:

Board & Administration: Amish Patel (Chair), Cindy McGlashan-Beaucage (Vice-Chair), Shelley Schroh, Cristian Rios, Pamela Wilson, Andrew Chu, Wayne Weinheimer, Roger Nippard, Kurtis Leinweber, Reta Morgan, Lorne McDonald, Joan Burke, Jeff Cullen, Meredith Poole

Presenters: Justin Kool, Cathy Kopec, Elia Gindin, Abbey Rodgers, Alissa Simonyan

Gallery: Doug Lamb, Jim Poirier, Kelly Rodgers, Natalya Simonyan

6:00 CALL TO ORDER

1. Review of Meeting Agenda – No changes.
2. Approval of Minutes
MOVED by Andrew Chu and seconded by Shelley Schroh that the minutes of the November 24, 2016 Public Board Meeting be approved as presented. **CARRIED.**
3. Campus Reports
 - 3.1 Sharing our Musical Talent – Justin Kool, Cathy Kopec and Elia Gindin brought with them two talented singer/actresses who performed a duet from SMS' latest production, "The Trials of Alice in Wonderland". This is the ninth musical that SMS has written and produced; every year the quality has improved, but this year particularly so thanks to the Board allocation of funds to lighting and sound equipment, which has made a huge difference. Noticeable also has been the increasing camaraderie among the Gr. 5-8's who have joined Drama Club, and it was rewarding for the Board to hear from the two young girls the personal benefits they have received from their participation.
 - 3.2 ASC – No report.
4. Correspondence
Christmas card from Minister Eggen
5. Policies
 - 5.1 Policy 7 Board Operations – This will be discussed at the next T-9 meeting and will come to the January public meeting for First Reading.
6. Superintendent's Report – i. Attended Alice in Wonderland at SMS and Peter Pan at HS – both were fabulous and highlighted the advantages of the new equipment; ii. Attended the girls' basketball game at WIC and was very proud of how hard they played as they rotated two full lines throughout the whole game; iii. Congratulations to Kurtis Leinweber are in order for passing his PhD candidacy exam, and for his presentation at the Moral Education Conference at Harvard this past weekend; also to Josh Symonds for his doctoral work; iv. Visited SMART Technologies to look at cutting edge tools for enabling collaboration; will be going to Nureva tomorrow; v. Completed latest round of campus visits; vi. Attended recent CASS Zone 5 meeting where the agenda was devoted primarily to procedures for administrator growth, supervision and evaluation, and to inclusion; vii. Exec Team met again with Marc Prefontaine re the Strategic Plan Implementation and came up with 2 key outcomes; viii. CO Team worked at Operation Christmas Child on Nov. 30 processing shoebox gifts.
7. Information Items
 - 7.1 Wait List Lottery Update – With Wayne's help, a few options have been identified: Smart Choice, Power School (cannot do weighting) and SchoolMint (has done work in Canada, and can be uploaded to SIS). Investigations are ongoing.

- 7.2 Inclusion Update – Marlene Lambe and Pam Halverson attended the afternoon session of the Open Admin Day and gave a very thorough accounting of government legislation and policy inclusion situation as they relate to charters. This information will be helpful in determining FFCA's path forward.
- 7.3 Board Retreat – Dates have been set (Feb. 24-26) and the venue booked (Stoneridge Mountain Resort in Canmore).
8. Discussion Items
- 8.1 First Quarter Financial Report
MOVED by Shelley Schroh and seconded by Wayne Weinheimer that the Board receive for information the FFCA 2016-2017 First Quarter Financial Report as presented. **CARRIED**.
- 8.2 Consent Agenda
MOVED by Cindy McGlashan-Beaucage and seconded by Wayne Weinheimer that, effective as of the January 25th, 2017 regular Public Board Meeting, the FFCA Charter School Society adopt a rule of order whereby a consent agenda may be presented by the Chairperson at the beginning of any regular Public Board Meeting. Items may be removed from the consent agenda upon the request of any one director. Items not removed may be adopted by general consent without debate. Removed items may be taken up either immediately after the consent agenda, or placed later on the agenda, at the discretion of the chairperson. **CARRIED**.
9. Committees
- 9.1 Charter Board Committee of the Whole – Deals with policy, and short, medium and long-term goals of FFCA.
- 9.2 Executive Committee – Meets at least once/month.
- 9.3 Community Relations Committee - Still need Board members for SEE, SMS and NEE SC meetings. Next CR Committee meeting Jan. 19.
- 9.3.1 School Council Appreciation – Grey Eagle has been booked for Feb. 23. Shelley is looking at the 20 year theme. A “save the date” email will be sent out in the new year.
- 9.3.2 Parental Partnership – Summaries have been done of comments from both forums; results will be posted online in January, and a draft policy prepared for the February meeting.
- 9.3.3 Food Bank Volunteering – Saturday, March 11.
- 9.4 Human Resources Committee
- 9.4.1 Appendices to Policy 12 Role of the Superintendent
MOVED by Wayne Weinheimer and seconded by Shelley Schroh that Policy 12 Appendix A Recommended Process and Policy 12 Appendix B Recommended Guide be moved into Policy 12 Role of the Superintendent. **CARRIED** w 5 in favour, 2 opposed.
- MOVED** by Andrew Chu and seconded by Cristian Rios that Policy 12 containing Appendices A and B be sent out for First Reading. **DEFEATED** w 5 opposed, 2 in favour.
- 9.5 Audit Committee – No report.
- 9.6 TAAPCS Board Rep Report – No report.
- 9.6.1 Report of the TAAPCS Bylaws and Nomination Committee
MOVED by Andrew Chu and seconded by Cristian Rios that the Board accept the TAAPCS Bylaws and Nomination Committee report and adopt the recommendations contained therein.
MOVED by Cindy McGlashan-Beaucage that adoption of the recommendations of the TAAPCS Bylaws and Nomination Committee report be removed from the previous motion.
MOVED to table by Shelley Schroh.
- 9.7 Director Highlights – Wayne Weinheimer: AGM; Andrew Chu: tonight's presentation from Alice in Wonderland; Shelley Schroh: SEE SC, Peter Pan; Cindy McGlashan-Beaucage: HS SC (community feel); Pamela Wilson: North PP forum, Peter Pan; Cristian Rios: SMS & HS musicals; Amish Patel: see Chairperson's Remarks below.

10. Open to Gallery – Jim and Doug appreciated the comments on the Inclusion situation.
11. Talking Points (Standing Item) – Will be distributed.
12. Chairperson’s Remarks – Thanks to all Directors for their dedication and collaborative efforts around the Parental Partnership initiative. Have a safe holiday!

ADJOURNMENT: 7:37 p.m.

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING: January 25, 2017

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Policy 11 Delegation of Authority, Policy 14 Uniforms, Policy 15 Managed Growth, Policy 17 Transportation of Students to Campus, Policy 18 Parent-School Partnerships