

January 25, 2018

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Wolf Creek School Division No. 72 was called to order by the chair at 9:00 a.m. in the Learning Centre of the Ponoka office.

Present

Chair: L. Jess; Trustees: T. Bratland, B. Buchanan, P. Hansen, L. Henry, K. Lowry; Superintendent of Schools: J. Lovell; Assistant Superintendent of Schools: C. Thorsteinson; Secretary Treasurer: R. Hall; Recording Secretary: J. Haines

Agenda Item 1.2 - Treaty Six Land Agreement Acknowledgement

Trustee Henry recited the Treaty Six Land Agreement Acknowledgement.

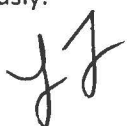
Agenda Item 1.1 - Adopt Agenda

1.18
Agenda Adopted

Moved by B. Buchanan that the Board approve the January 25, 2018 agenda as follows:

1. Call to Order
 - 1.1 Treaty 6 Land Agreement Acknowledgement
 - 1.2 Adopt Agenda
2. In Camera
3. Appointments
 - 3.1 10:15 a.m. - Janice McDonald, Youth Tech Nation
 - 3.2 10:30 a.m. - Mr. Duncan MacLeod, Education Manager, SD 6, BC; Director, Purcell International Education and Mr. Arthur Luk, President, Guangdon AQQ Education Consulting Ltd.
4. Superintendent's Report
5. Action Items
 - 5.1 Additions to the Agenda
 - 5.2 Minutes December 14, 2017
 - 5.3 WCPS Student Exchange with Guangzhou, China
 - 5.4 Draft Calendar 2020-2021
 - 5.5 Bill 28 - Amendments to the School Act
 - 5.6 Communications/Public Relations Role
 - 5.7 PSBAA Nomination Package
 - 5.8 Alberta School Councils Conference & AGM - April 20-22, 2018
 - 5.9 ATA Induction - February 8, 2018
 - 5.10 Board Preparation for Spring 2018 Budget Deliberations - Policy 2.4.14
 - 5.11 First Nations PD
 - 5.12 Ponoka Community Program Guide
 - 5.13 RJSB Architect Approval
 - 5.14 Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards
 - 5.15 Rural Caucus Budget Survey
 - 5.16 Salary & Wage Review Meeting Date
 - 5.17 WCPS Friends of Education Award - Clarification on Nominations
 - 5.18 School Tours
6. Trustee Reports
7. Information Items
 - 7.1 Facilities Report
 - 7.2 Safety and Wellness Report
 - 7.3 Transportation
 - 7.4 ASBA
 - 7.5 PSBAA

Carried Unanimously.



In Camera

2.18
Meeting of the
Whole

Moved by L. Henry that the Board hold a meeting of the whole with all persons excluded except Mr. Lovell, Mrs. Thorsteinson, Mr. Hall and Mrs. Haines.

Carried Unanimously.

Open Meeting

3.18
Open Meeting

Moved by B. Buchanan that the Board revert back to an open meeting.

Carried Unanimously.

Mrs. Thorsteinson withdrew from the meeting.

Appointments

Mr. Mark McWhinnie, Assistant Superintendent of Schools entered the meeting.

Janice McDonald, Assistant Principal, École Lacombe Junior High School, Kylie Kissel, Teacher, École Secondaire Lacombe Composite High and Cade Thacker and Alexa Frietag, students École Secondaire Lacombe Composite High School entered the meeting.

Agenda Item 3.1 - 10:15 a.m. - Janice McDonald - Youth Tech Nation

The delegation made presentation to the Board on the successes of past Youth Tech Nation, student led technology integration conference. The delegation requested a donation of \$7000.00 for this year's Youth Tech Nation conference.

The delegation withdrew.

Mr. Duncan MacLeod, International Education Manager School Division 6, BC and Director, Purcell International Education, Mr. Arthur Luk, President, Quangdon Education Consulting Ltd. and Mr. TK entered the meeting.

Agenda Item 3.2 - 10:30 a.m. - Mr. Duncan MacLeod - International Education Manager, SD6, BC; Director, Purcell International Education and Mr. Arthur Luk - President, Quangdon AOG Education Consulting Ltd.

Mr. MacLeod presented to the Board the opportunity for Wolf Creek Public Schools to enter into international education with Quangdon Province, China.

The delegation withdrew.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 12:35 p.m. with the following persons in attendance:

Chair: L. Jess; Trustees: T. Bratland, B. Buchanan, P. Hansen, L. Henry, K. Lowry; Superintendent of Schools: L. Lovell; Assistant Secretary of Schools: M. McWhinnie; Secretary Treasurer: R. Hall; Recording Secretary: J. Haines

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Lovell spoke to the attached Superintendent's Report.

Action Items

Agenda Item 5.1 - Additions to the Agenda

4.18
Additions to the
Agenda

Moved by T. Bratland that the following items be added to the agenda:
"Agenda Item 5.19 Youth Tech Nation" and "Agenda Item 5.20 Staff
Wellness Day".

Carried Unanimously.

Agenda Item 5.2 - Minutes December 14, 2017

5.18
December 14, 2017
Minutes Approved

Moved by P. Hansen that the Board approve the minutes of December 14,
2017 as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

Agenda Item 5.3 - WCPS Student Exchange with Guangzhou, China

6.18
Pursue MOU with
Liwan Education
Bureau, Guangzhou,
China

Moved by K. Lowry that the Board direct the Superintendent to pursue a
Memorandum of Understanding between Wolf Creek Public Schools and
Liwan Education Bureau, Guangzhou, China to create opportunities for
cultural experiences for Wolf Creek Public Schools high school students and
students from Liwan, Guangzhou, China.

Carried.

Agenda Item 5.4 - Draft Calendar 2020-2021

7.18
2020-2021 Draft
Calendar Approved

Moved by K. Lowry that the Board approve the 2020-2021 draft calendar
with November 12 and 13, 2020 added as staff and student days out due to
the early start in September.

Carried Unanimously.

Mr. McWhinnie withdrew from the meeting.

Agenda Item 5.5 - Bill 28 - Amendments to the School Act

This item was accepted for information.

8.18
Continue to Align
with Legislative
Changes

Moved by P. Hansen that the Board direct Superintendent to continue to
review and revise policies and procedures to align with the legislative
changes to meet the implementation timelines.

Carried Unanimously

Agenda Item 5.6 - Communications/Public Relations Role

Accepted for information.

Agenda Item 5.7 - PSBAA Nomination Package

9.18
Trustees Nominated
for PSBAA Long
Service Awards

Moved by P. Hansen that the Board nominate former Trustees Donna
Peterson and Bob Huff along with current Trustees Trudy Bratland and
Lorrie Jess for the Public School Board Association of Alberta Long Service
Award.

Carried Unanimously.

10.18
Bob Huff Nominated
for the PSBAA Dick
Baker Legacy Award

Moved by P. Hansen that the Board nominate former Trustee Bob Huff for
the Public School Board Association of Alberta Dick Baker Legacy Award.

Carried Unanimously.

Agenda Item 5.8 - Alberta School Councils Conference & AGM - April 20-22, 2018

11.18
Board Sponsors Two
Individuals to Attend
the ASCA AGM

Moved by L. Henry that the Board support two (2) school council representatives to attend the Alberta School Councils Conference April 20-22, 2018.

Carried Unanimously.

Agenda Item 5.9 - ATA Induction - February 8, 2018

Ponoka Golf & Country Club

12.18
Two Trustees to
Attend the ATA
Induction

Moved by L. Henry that the Board authorize the attendance of two trustees to attend the ATA induction February 5, 2018.

Carried Unanimously.

It was the consensus of the Board that Trustees Henry and Jess attend the ATA Induction.

Agenda Item 5.10 - Board Preparation for Spring 2018 Budget Deliberations - Policy 2.4.14

13.18
Superintendent to
Review Programing
or Relevance,
Effectiveness and
Efficiency Prior to
2018 Budget
Deliberations

Moved by T. Bratland that the Board direct the Superintendent to ensure key programs are reviewed and revised to test relevance, effect and efficiency of the programs against desired outcomes prior to the Board's Spring 2018 Budget Deliberations.

Carried Unanimously.

Agenda Item 5.11 - First Nations PD

14.18
Trustees to Attend
First Nation PD Using
Conference of Choice
Budget

Moved by P. Hansen that the Board authorize the attendance of those Trustees to attend First Nation Professional Development using their conference of choice budget.

Carried Unanimously.

Agenda Item 5.12 - Ponoka Community Program Guide

This item was accepted for information.

Agenda Item 5.13 - RJSH Architect Approval

15.18
Group 2 Architecture
Interior Design Ltd.
To Modernize RJSH
Once Approved by
Alberta Education

Moved by T. Bratland that the Board direct the Superintendent to appoint Group 2 Architecture Interior Design Ltd. as the successful architect for the Rimbey Junior Senior High modernization project once the project is approved by Alberta Education.

Agenda Item 5.14 - Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards

16.18
Information
Forwarded to Rural
Caucus of Alberta
School Boards

Moved by L. Henry that the Board direct the Superintendent to forward student information, bus routes and daily bus route kilometers to the Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards as requested.

Carried Unanimously.

Agenda Item 5.15 - Rural Caucus Budget Survey

This item was accepted for information.

Mrs. Corrine Thorsteinson, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, entered the meeting.

Mr. Lovell withdrew from the meeting.

Agenda Item 5.16 - Salary & Wage Review Meeting Date

17.18
Salary & Wage
Review Committee
Meeting March 12,
2018

Moved by K. Lowry that the Board hold a Salary and Wage Review Committee meeting on March 12, 2018 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Learning Centre of the Division Office.

Carried Unanimously,

Agenda Item 5.17 - WCPS Friends of Education Award - Clarification on Nominations

18.18
WCPS Friends of
Education Award
Clarification

Moved by T. Bratland that the Board direct the Superintendent to change the nomination package to clarify the WCPS Friends of Education award is for organizations or individuals not employed by Wolf Creek Public Schools.

Carried Unanimously.

Agenda Item 5.18 - School Tours

19.18
Scheduling of School
Tours

Moved by K. Lowry that the Board direct the Superintendent to move the school tour dates of February 26 and 27, and March 6, 2018 and further to consult trustees Bratland, Buchanan, Henry and Lowry for mutually agreeable dates.

In Camera

20.18
Meeting of the
Whole

Moved by L. Henry that the Board hold a meeting of the whole with all persons excluded except Mr. Hall, Mrs. Thorsteinson and Mrs. Haines.

Carried Unanimously.

Open Meeting

21.18
Open Meeting

Moved by L. Henry that the Board revert back to an open meeting.

Carried Unanimously.

Mrs. Thorsteinson withdrew from the meeting.

Agenda Item 5.19 - Youth Tech Nation

22.18
Board to Sponsor
Youth Tech Nation
Conference \$4,000

Moved by P. Hansen that the Board donate \$4000.00 to the Youth Tech Nation conference to be held April 13, 2018.

Carried.

Agenda Item 5.20 - Staff Wellness Day February 21, 2018

This item was accepted for information.

23.18
Support Staff
Conference Added to
the Agenda

Moved by P. Hansen that the Board add *Agenda Item 5.21 - Support Staff Conference* to the agenda.

Carried Unanimously.

Agenda Item 5.21 - Support Staff Conference February 22, 2018

24.18
Trustees to attend
the Support Staff
Conference or the
ATA Convention

Moved by K. Lowry that the Board authorize trustees to attend the Support Staff Conference or the ATA Convention February 22-23, 2018.

Carried Unanimously.

Agenda Items 6.1 – 7.5 were presented for information.

Adjourn

25.18

Moved by T. Bratland that the Board meeting adjourn. Time 3:58 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.

JORRIE JEB
Chair

Rosa Kelly
Secretary-Treasurer



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Office of the Superintendent
for
January 25, 2018

Impact Assessment

Inclusive Learning Services will begin the next round of Impact Assessment visits starting at the end of January and running through to the beginning of March. School visits will include reviewing the overall profile of students at each school, along with specific focus on students with complex needs and their required supports. In addition to our regularly scheduled Impact Assessment visit, we will also continue with the System-Wide Impact Assessment review as we visit each school. ILS will contact schools who have not yet participated in the review to outline the process. A schedule of school visits will be sent out to principals shortly.

BCCE Grant

The Innovation in First Nations Education (IFNE) Grant Program is designed to increase opportunities for First Nations students to receive coordinated education supports and services that are responsive to their needs by innovatively building collaboration, coordination and capacity throughout the provincial and First Nations education systems. The IFNE Grant Program is one of the ways Alberta is providing targeted and strategic funding opportunities to support improved educational outcomes of First Nations students in Alberta.

The IFNE Grant Program is intended to enhance, not to replace, federal funding and programming support for First Nations education.

Poverty Simulation - Rimbey Sector (3 schools) Friday, April 13th

The Community Action Poverty Simulation (CAPS) provides participants with the opportunity to assume the role of a low-income family member that must provide for their family and maintain their home while living on a limited budget.

Participating in a Community Action Poverty Simulation (CAPS) allows educators to build awareness and develop their understanding of the issues related to poverty. As an engagement

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tool, a poverty simulation can bring together educators, support agencies, and community members to promote and inspire positive change. Facilitation can include statistics, demographics, and current contextual realities of poverty in your local area. This activity is designed for senior administrators, school administrators, teachers, educational assistants, school psychologists, support staff, preservice teachers, community agencies, service organizations, and community members.

Support Staff Conference

The CARC Support Staff Conference will be held on February 22, 2018 at the new St. Joseph High School in Red Deer. We have been an integral part of the planning of this event and WCPS staff members will deliver 15 of the 60 sessions throughout the day. Our goal is to bring in presenters who will share their expertise on a wide variety of topics that will support the goals outlined in Wolf Creek Public Schools' Three-Year Education Plan. Staff will have the opportunity to hear from local experts, as well as some amazing speakers from across North America. Participants will benefit from learning about First Nations, Métis, and Inuit perspectives in education, as well as trauma, anxiety, attachment, autism, brain development, and many more topics. Sessions this year will have a focus on technology and we are pleased to offer a wide variety of new sessions that will support Admin Assistants, Librarians, and Educational Assistants. Look for a registration link soon!

Have a Heart for First Nations Children - Heart Day on Feb. 14th

Have a Heart Day is a child and youth-led reconciliation event that brings together caring Canadians to help ensure First Nations children have the services they need to grow up safely at home, get a good education, be healthy, and be proud of who they are. Last year more than 700 students from 20 different schools, as well as hundreds of other supporters, gathered on Parliament Hill to promote love and fairness for First Nations children in celebration of Have a Heart Day. Have a Heart Day on Parliament Hill was supported by more than 70 events and at least 6500 Valentines letters were sent to elected officials across the country! Click on this link to hear Senator Kim Pate make a statement on Have a Heart Day, commending the children and emphasizing the importance of their cause.

The link provides a number of resources and ideas on how to celebrate Heart Day.

<https://fncaringsociety.com/have-a-heart>

Pink Shirt Day

Pink Shirt Day aims to raise awareness of these issues, as well as raise funds to support programs that foster children's healthy self-esteem. On Wednesday, February 28th, 2018, schools from across Canada will wear pink to support bully prevention awareness, education and programs.

This year's Pink Shirt Day Alberta 2018 theme is centered around "STANDING TOGETHER" to support bullying prevention programming in schools. For more information, visit this [website](#).

Upcoming Meetings & ILS Events

The following [LINK](#) provides an overview of the meeting dates for our Inclusion Coaches, School Social Workers, Cohort groups, and professional development opportunities from Inclusive Learning Services. Please feel free to attend at any time.

Accountability Pillar Survey Information

Schools were provided with direction on proceeding with the Accountability Survey Information and principals are currently moving forward with plans at school sites to administer surveys to students and staff. Parents started to receive their surveys via mail from Alberta Education in mid January. Wolf Creek has placed some advertisements in a number of community papers highlighting our recent AERR and encouraging parents to participate in this upcoming survey again. Schools are also promoting this through their communication with parents and the district has plans to remind parents of this opportunity through a mass communication.

Moving Forward with High School ReDesign and Dual Credit Programs

There are many exciting new opportunities on the immediate horizon for our High School students in career exploration and post-secondary connections. Recently, Alberta Education shared with all school authorities their plans to continue to move forward with High School ReDesign and as part of that work, a continued emphasis on Dual Credit Programs. Learning Services has been working on some plans to ensure this new mandated part of the curriculum will have the necessary supports moving forward. Several months of early planning around a number of dual credit opportunities for students and partnerships with Red Deer College, Olds College and trade partners has been taking place. At the start of Semester 2 six (6) Grade 12 students from across WCPS are going to participate in some Red Deer College courses on Automotive and Welding programs as part of the dual credit initiative. Watch for further information on future opportunities.

Rock the Diploma Opportunity for Diploma Preparation

Learning Services offered Rock the Diploma in January for students writing diploma exams in Math 30-1/30-2, Social Studies 30-1/30-2 and (new this year), Biology 30. This board sponsored event was an incredible opportunity for students to participate in some well designed preparation for studying for upcoming diploma. Participation numbers were extremely strong with nearly 250 students participating which is an increase in numbers from last year. Many students also participated in attending more than one RTD weekend session. Several WCPS teachers also participated in attending and some teachers were part of offering the sessions this year.

Bright Futures Play Academy Hosts Parent Sessions & Opens Registration

Several parent sessions on topics such as Social Thinking, Self Regulation, Circle of Security, Physical Literacy, and Positive Parenting are taking place through Family Oriented



Programming (FOP). These sessions continue to grow in attendance as parents access these parenting supports. Registration for 2018 Fall Pre-K Programs also started in January. Over 30 parents registered on the first day the online process opened. Pre-Kindergarten programs continue to be very well received by parents.

Early Learning Supports (Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten)

In January, Part Two of a professional development session focused on Language Development with Communication Options will be held with Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten teachers on **Friday, January 26th, 2018**, at Division Office. Back in September we had Part 1 which was held on September 15th which focused on Articulation goals. These sessions are assisting the teachers of our youngest learners with identifying and supporting early learning needs with over 450 pre-k and 570 kindergarten children across WCPS.

Culture Camp - Friday, May 11, 2018

Culture Camps are scheduled to allow Elders to share history, culture, and traditions. The one day camp is designed to provide Board Members, School/System Leaders in Education with a rich cultural experience that will assist in building Foundational Knowledge.

Who should Attend

Board Members, System Leaders, Administrators and Lead Teachers who would like to deepen their understanding of First Nation, Métis and Inuit culture, histories and perspectives.

Value Management (VM) Process Concludes for Iron Ridge Elementary School (IREC)

A three-day process wrapped up on January 19, 2018 to determine the most viable option to address the facility needs at IREC. These meetings included representatives from Alberta Infrastructure, Alberta Education, Wolf Creek staff including senior administration, school administration, teachers and parents, Town of Blackfalds officials, cost consultants and architects.

A detailed report with recommendations will be provided to the Wolf Creek Board of Trustees in February or March, 2018. The Board will engage in discussion and decision-making around the most viable option to address future facility needs.

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