



**YELLOWKNIFE EDUCATION DISTRICT NO. 1
BOARD of TRUSTEES
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

**October 8, 2024 – 7:00 PM
In-person and online via Google Meet**

Trustees Present: Allan Shortt, David Wasylciw, Jason Snaggs (online),
Michelle Peters, Terry Brookes, Tina Drew

Regrets: Barbara Bell

Administration Present: Shirley Zouboules, Lisa Vass, Landon Kowalzik,
Graham Arts, Jean-Marie Mariez,
Pat Thagard, and Bronwyn McPhail

Meeting Chairperson: David Wasylciw

Meeting Recorder: Pat Thagard

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM

2. Land Acknowledgement

Chairperson Wasylciw respectfully acknowledged that we live, work, and learn on Chief Drygeese Territory in the Akaitcho region, the traditional territory of the Yellowknives Dene First Nation.

3. Chairperson's Opening Remarks

Chairperson Wasylciw welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that it is National Cyber Security Month. He urged everyone to be careful about online, email, and phone transactions and suggested always calling the institution back and signing up for alerts.

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None

5. Adoption of Agenda

Motion #: 01/10-08/24-25

I move that Yellowknife Education District No. 1 Board of Trustees adopt the October 8, 2024, Regular Board Meeting agenda as presented.

Moved by: Trustee Drew

Seconded by: Trustee Shortt

Carried

6. Delegations & Presentations

6.1. Presentation by Kirstin Prescott - Community Liaison Counselor, connected to Alison McAteer house.

Copy of presentation slides were included in the agenda package.

6.2. Presentation by Andrew Gilmour - NWT School Sports Association

Mr. Gilmour was not able to attend.

This presentation will be postponed to a future meeting date.

7. Review and Approval of Minutes

7.1. Minutes of September 10, 2024, Regular Board Meeting

Motion #: 02/10-08/24-25

I move that Yellowknife Education District No. 1 Board of Trustees adopt the September 10, 2024, Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented.

Moved by: Trustee Wasylciw Seconded by: Trustee Brookes

Carried

7.2. Minutes of September 25, 2024, Special Board Meeting

Motion #: 03/10-08/24-25

I move that Yellowknife Education District No. 1 Board of Trustees adopt the September 10, 2024, RSpecial Board Meeting minutes as presented.

Moved by: Trustee Wasylciw Seconded by: Trustee Drew

Carried

8. Business Arising from the Minutes

No business arising from the minutes.

8.1. Action Items List

Motion #: 04/10-08/24-25

I move that the Yellowknife Education District No. 1 Board of Trustees approve the updates, as discussed, to the Board's Action Item List.

Moved by: Trustee Drew Seconded by: Trustee Snaggs

Carried

9. Trustee Statements

None submitted

10. Unfinished Business

10.1. Alternative Learning Report Back

A board report was included in the agenda package.

Administration referenced the alternative learning example included in the agenda package. YK1 is exploring other options. Administration has met with the Yellowknife

11.4. Ingraham Trail

A cover sheet is included in the agenda package.

Currently, YK1 does not get funding from the City for students that live outside of Yellowknife city limits. We only receive the 80% funding from the GNWT for those students. In the past, there had been additional funding from ECE for those students but this ceased a number of years ago.

Motion #: 10/10-08/24-25

I move that Yellowknife Education District No. 1 Board of Trustees direct the Chair to contact the Chair of Yellowknife Catholic Schools (YCS) to discuss a joint proposal by the two school boards requesting the Department of Education, Culture and Employment (ECE) allocate the school property taxation from the Ingraham Trail area to the two Yellowknife school boards based on their respective enrolment proportions.

Moved by: Trustee Brookes

Seconded by: Trustee Peters

Carried

Trustees suggested broadening the request to any students who do not live within city limits and suggested adding this topic to a joint meeting agenda.

12. Reports

12.1. Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson's report is included in the agenda package.

12.2. Standing Committee Reports

12.2.1. Finance & Facilities Committee

The committee will meet later this month. Regular meetings of the committee have been scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of each month.

12.2.2. Policy & Governance Committee

Regular meetings of the committee have been scheduled for the second Friday of each month.

12.2.3. Public Engagement & Advocacy Committee

The minutes are included in the agenda package. Regular meetings of the committee have been scheduled for the third Friday of each month.

12.2.4. Audit Committee

Information is included in the agenda package.

12.2.5. Committee of the Whole (COW)

Information is included in the agenda package.

12.2.6. NWTTA Teacher-Board Committee

No meeting has been held to date.

12.2.7. USW-Board Advisory Committee

No meeting has been held to date.

12.3 Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Currently, no ad hoc committees are active. Chairperson Wasyliciw indicated that negotiations will begin this year with both the USW and NWTTA and asked any trustees interested in sitting on a negotiations committee to let him know.

12.4 Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent's report is in the agenda package;

Foundational skill assessment has begun. Professional Development was held last week with people from BC. Assessment will begin with grade 4s.

Trustees asked if the Board would be able to get a simplified report of results. Administration indicated that currently there are a lot of unknowns that are being worked on.

Trustees asked for a clarification on bussing numbers. Administration reviewed bussing numbers allocations. We are currently waiting for information from the bus company on how many seats are still available to YK1.

12.4.1. Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Learning Report

The report is included in the agenda package.

The Operating Plan and Annual Report were submitted on time. Administration thanked all the staff for the work that went into their completion.

Responses to trustee questions: CLEVR is the platform currently being used to track school safe and caring programs. YK1 currently has 67 home-schooled students so their FTE would be 33.5. The Mental Health Plan will remain in draft format for a couple of years, per current GNWT practice.

12.4.1 Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources & Learning Report

The report is included in the agenda package.

The official full-time equivalent (FTE) figures were made available yesterday. It shows that YK1 has a 28-student FTE increase from last year. Many of the new students were in French Immersion. At RLN the number of Junior Kindergarten (JK) students starting coming in this year was lower than the grade 8s that left last year.

Action: Administration to provide the Board with information from each school on enrolment and the % of school capacity.

Administration also indicated that anyone that a workshop on how negotiations work can be done for trustees interested in being on the negotiations committee.

12.4.3. Secretary Treasurer Report

The report is included in the agenda package.

Financial documents have been submitted to ECE with the Annual Report and Operating Plan. Finance is currently working on reporting on the first quarter. Having the Board Work Plan is helpful to Finance. Financial visits to school are underway and operational school visits are scheduled for the end of October.

12.4.3.i Director of Operations Report

The report is included in the agenda package.

The RFP process for all the capital projects is planned to start in November.

12.5 Trustee Reports

The report is included in the agenda package.

12.6 Trustee PAC Reports

12.6.1. Ècole Itlo

The PAC is being established. They have elected a Chair and have started working on a variety of projects. The Trustee that was going to attend on behalf of the trustee assigned to the Itl'o AC was unable to attend last month's PAC meeting due to illness.

12.6.2. Mildred Hall School

The meeting was cancelled and will be rescheduled.

12.6.3. N.J. Macpherson School The meeting is being held tonight.

12.6.4. Range Lake North School

The Trustee representative missed the meeting last month because of travel.

12.6.5. Ècole Sir John Franklin High School

During the September meeting, there were some concerns about fewer students getting music in pre-high school grades resulting in fewer students wanting to take music in high school. PAC asked if the school reviews could be provided to PACs. The bathrooms in the Northern Arts and Cultural Centre (NACC) were also a topic of discussion.

12.6.6. Ècole William McDonald Middle School

Difficulty finding the meeting dates, times and locations by parents was noted. It was suggested all schools use the same platform to advertise PAC dates and times. Parents

were encouraged to bring a presentation to the Board regarding offering swimming lessons during YK1 pool time. People have indicated to the Trustee that the YK1 website is not very mobile-friendly.

13. Announcements - events calendar attached

14. Date and Time of Next Meetings

Committee of the Whole (COW)	November 12, 2024 at 12:10 PM
Board In-Camera Session	November 12, 2024 at 5:30 PM
Regular Board Meeting	November 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM

15. Chairperson's Closing Remarks

Thanks to all for attending this meeting. A lot was accomplished this evening.

16. Adjournment

Motion #: 10/10-08/24-25

I move that Yellowknife Education District No. 1 Board of Trustees adjourn the October 8, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

Moved by: Trustee Shortt

Seconded by: Trustee Brookes

Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM

Chairperson Wasylciw

Lisa Vass, Secretary Treasurer