



# Yellowknife Education District No. 1 (YK1) Board of Trustees Additional Meeting MINUTES

August 22, 2023 @ 12:00PM  
Video Conference due to Wildfires

Trustees Present: Allan Shortt, Barbara Bell, David Wasylciw, Jason Snaggs, Terry Brookes and Tina Drew

Absent: Michelle Peters

Regrets: none

Administration Present: Jameel Aziz, Tram Do, Shirley Zouboules, Landon Kowalzik, and Pat Thagard

Guests present: none

Meeting Chairperson: Chairperson Wasylciw

1. Meeting called to order at 12:00PM. Six (6) Trustees were present, quorum was met.
2. 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 Wasylciw welcomed everyone and thanked them for their time. The use of Zoom for the meeting was also reviewed.
4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest – none

Trustee Bell joined the meeting

5. Adoption of Agenda

**Motion #: 01/08-22/2023**

*I move that the Board of Trustees of Yellowknife Education District No 1 adopt the agenda as presented.*

Moved by: Trustee Snaggs; Seconded by: Trustee Drew

**Motion #: 02/08-22/2023**

*I move that the agenda be amended to remove items 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.1, and 12.*

Moved by: Trustee Snaggs; Seconded by: Trustee Drew

**Motion #: 02/08-22/2023** **Carried**

**Motion #: 01/08-22/2023** **Carried**

- ~~6.—Delegations and Presentations~~
- ~~7.—Review & Approval of Minutes~~
- ~~8.—Business Arising from the Minutes~~
- ~~9.—Trustee Statements~~

## 10. Unfinished Business

### ~~10.1. Bussing Update~~

### 10.2. Wildfire & Evacuation Update

Administration gave an overview of press conference and staged re-entry. Education will be part of the third wave permitted to return. At this time only people evacuated by air by the Emergency Management Organization (EMO) will be returned by air. The information shared to date implies the return will happen in September.

Chairperson Wasylciw called for questions

Trustees indicated grocery store staff were given word to return today and drug stores have set up sister locations for medication refills. Also shared was info that the UNW has filed a complaint regarding people that evacuated via car pool.

Question: What will happen to the Professional Development (PD) that was scheduled for this week?

Administration indicated getting classes ready to start will be the focus. PD will occur as possible.

Question: Are there any items that would hold up the start of school?

Administration has spoken with Maintenance department regarding the need to get staff in to inspect and clean schools to ensure they are safe to re-entry. Some sites may open before others to assist with essential workers' childrens' needs.

Question: Should the District get some help with communication?

Administration indicated that communication is going out on social media including on the District and schools websites. Information, including links will be posted for families. Efforts will be made to post something every three days. A contract has been signed with Messenger but this will take some time to implement.

Chairperson Wasylciw called for questions – no further questions

## 11. New Business

### 11.1. School Year Start (Delegation)

#### **Motion #: 03/08-22/2023**

*Whereas the City of Yellowknife is under an Evacuation Order due to the threat by numerous wildfires, and to support our administration in dealing with the emergency evacuation, I move that the Board of Trustees of Yellowknife Education District No 1 delegate decision making authority to our Superintendent, in consultation with the Board Chair, regarding matters related to school and staff scheduling related to the start of the upcoming school year for the duration of the evacuation order as imposed by the City of Yellowknife and Government of the Northwest Territories.*

Moved by: Trustee Drew; Seconded by: Trustee Snaggs

Chairperson Wasylciw called for questions:

How often are Chairperson and Superintendent communicating?

Check-ins are occurring daily and texts are being sent as needed. It was agreed that Trustees should communicate directly with Chairperson Wasylciw and Superintendent Aziz.

Superintendent Aziz will make decisions as needed and inform Chairperson Wasylciw who will then inform Trustees.

No further questions. Chairperson Wasylciw called for a vote on Motion #: 03/08-22/2023

**Carried**

~~12. Reports~~

13. Announcements

Administration will share communications for Trustees as an FYI. Communication not to be shared publicly.

14. Date and Time of Next Meeting – August 29, 2023 at 12:00 PM

15. Chairperson's Closing Remarks

Chairperson Wasylciw thanked everyone for attending

16. Adjournment

**Motion #: 04/08-22/2023**

*I move that this board meeting of the Yellowknife Education District No.1 Board of Trustees be adjourned*

Moved by: Trustee Snaggs; Seconded by: Trustee Drew

The meeting adjourned at 12:40PM

Patrizia Thagard, Secretary

**Signed after update, as required and approval:**

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**Chairperson Wasylciw**

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**Secretary Treasurer Do**