



YELLOWKNIFE EDUCATION DISTRICT NO. 1
BOARD of TRUSTEES
Board Meeting
MINUTES
April 9, 2024
Public Meeting: 7:00 PM
District Office Boardroom & Google Meet

Trustees present: Allan Shortt, Barbara Bell, David Wasylciw, Terry Brookes, and Tina Drew, Jason Snaggs (online)

Regrets: Trustee Michelle Peters

Administration Present: Shirley Zouboules, Landon Kowalzik, Graham Arts, Jordan Martin, Jean-Marie Mariez, and Bronwyn McPhail

Guests Present: Jeff Seabrook, Laura Bromley, Marie-Eve Raymond, Olivier Fortin

Chairperson: David Wasylciw

Meeting Recorder: Bronwyn McPhail

1.0 Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM. Six (6) Trustees were present, quorum was met.

2.0 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.

3.0 Chairperson's Opening Remarks

Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting, acknowledged that the annual Long Term Service awards are coming up, acknowledged the retirees, including Jeff Seabrook (who was present at meeting).

4.0 Declaration of Conflict of Interest – none

5.0 Adoption of Agenda

Motion #: 01/04-09/23-24

I move that Yellowknife Education District No. 1 Board of Trustees adopt the April 9, 2024, Regular Board Meeting agenda as amended.

Moved by: Trustee Brookes

Seconded by: Trustee Shortt

Carried

6.0 Delegations & Presentations

6.1 Jeff Seabrook, Olivier Fortin, Laura Bromley, Marie-Eve Raymond presented on the Association for Middle Level Education (AMLE) conference they attended in November 2023

Each of the four individuals chose one key takeaway to present on:

- Implementing restorative practices to build trust and resilience in students and staff and foster positive relationships among all members of the school community
- There are multiple ways/formats for teachers and educational assistants to co-teach and structure the classroom to benefit all learners, and different formats are useful for different purposes and topics.

- Assessment is shifting and students are more involved in their own learning. In the math classroom, “I can” statements, created using the competencies can help students understand what they are learning and assist teachers in creating dynamic numeracy stations.
- Teachers that hope to help students be motivated and become empathetic and thoughtful citizen need to look at their community and encourage them to think in proactive ways

The conference gave solid strategies that are already being implemented and are helping in the challenging setting of middle school. All the practices that have been brought back integrate with current practices that are used in schools.

7.0 Review and Approval of Minutes

7.1 March 12, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion #: 02/04-09/23-24

I move that the Yellowknife Education District No. 1 Board of Trustees approve the March 12, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes as amended.

Moved by: Trustee Wasylciw Seconded by: Trustee Bell **Carried**

7.2 March 26, 2024 Special Board Meeting re: civic holiday

Motion #: 03/04-09/23-24

I move that the Yellowknife Education District No. 1 Board of Trustees approve the March 12, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes as amended.

Moved by: Trustee Wasylciw Seconded by: Trustee Bell **Carried**

8.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

Trustees requested a regular Mental Health and Wellness update. Either as a standing item, or as part of one of the admin reports.

8.1 Action Items - The list was reviewed and updated.

No other business arising from the minutes.

9.0 Trustee Statements – none

10.0 Unfinished Business - none

11.0 New Business

11.1 CYC Update

Report included in agenda package

Consistency with other superintendents around themes identified. Redesign of CYC initiative in response to needs of students, feedback from across the NWT and local voices. Promotion, prevention and intervention are the focus for School Based Mental Health workers across the NWT. A need for better communication (with CYCs). Clinical counsellor (ECE) will liaise with the school wellness mentors as needed. CYCs will continue in our schools until at least June. The need for a better understanding of what CYCs and schools are doing will be worked on.

11.2 CSBA spring board meeting

Report included in addendum agenda package

Chairperson Wasylciw attended the February meeting, much info came from that. YK1 has been invited to attend the early May meeting as an observer. A report will be shared if YK1 attends. YK1 would bring a list of concerns specific to the north. Trustees discussed the pros and cons of attending the meeting.

Motion #: 04/04-09/23-24

I move that the Yellowknife Education District #1 Board of Trustees approve send a Trustee or the Board Chair to the early May CSBA meeting and report back after the meeting.

Moved by: Trustee Drew Seconded by: Trustee Bell

Carried

12.0 **Reports**

12.1 Chairperson’s Report

Report and documents added to addendum agenda package

Trustees would like letters to be available for reference (both paper copies in a binder and on the website).

Action 1: Establish a correspondence binder to be available to the public.

Action 2: Public Engagements and Advocacy Committee to determine best way to share communications publicly.

12.2 Standing Committee Reports

12.2.1 Finance & Facilities Committee

Nothing to report. Next meeting on Thursday.

12.2.2 Policy & Governance Committee

Policy 3 and 10 are in final formatting after approval at March Board Meeting. They will be posted soon. The Committee is prioritizing Policy 26. Trustees asked to review Policy 26 and share feedback with the Committee. Review of the By-laws to be started next. The By-laws review will be worked on one section at a time.

12.2.3 Public Engagement & Advocacy Committee

Minutes and cover for April 8, 2024, will be provided for the next meeting. The next meeting will take place on April 23, 2024 to finalize plans for the community business luncheon being planned for April 26, 2024. Trustees are not obligated to attend but are welcome to attend.

12.2.4 Audit Committee

No meeting has been held. The Committee is waiting for a confirmation response from the new potential public member for the Audit Committee.

12.2.5 Committee of the Whole (COW)

Committee meeting agenda and minutes which were approved today are contained in the agenda package. There are no additional items to report.

12.2.6 NWTTA Teacher-Board Committee

Nothing to report.

Vote for ratification won't be until all NWT schools are back from spring break (this may be starting as early as next week).

12.2.7 USW-Board Advisory Committee

Nothing to report.

The terms of reference for this committee and any budgetary requests must be finalized by July 1, 2024. The terms of reference have been finalized and there are no budgetary requirements. Administration to reach out to the USW to set up a meeting.

12.3 AD Hoc Committee Reports

12.3.1 Strategic Plan Committee

Nothing to report

12.3.2 Negotiations Committee

Nothing to report.

12.4 Superintendent's Report

The report is included in the agenda package. School reviews will run for 10 working days starting next Monday. Three schools will be reviewed this year and the plan is for three to be reviewed next year.

12.4.1 Interim Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Learning Report

The report is included in the agenda package.

Aurora College on 'the land' is a group of students in early childhood education who come to schools and teach students.

Meetings with Montessori society and discussions about CASA and parent's understanding of the program.

Trustees have an interest in student diversity and those that come to YK1 with English as a second language. Trustees asked if any supports are needed in this area?

12.4.2 Assistant Superintendent of HR & Learning Report

The report is included in the agenda package.

Deadline of resignation is 60 days from end of school year (April 26).

Wellness Mentors will follow the school calendar schedule.

12.4.3 Secretary Treasurer Report

Position is currently vacant. Finance update provided under Finance Committee. Trustees request a variance report be provided at next meeting. Administration to ask Finance Coordinator to attend Finance Committee meeting on Thursday.

12.4.3.i Director of Operations Report

The report added to addendum agenda package.

There has been another break in at École It'ò. Security is currently being reviewed.

12.5 Trustee Reports - none

12.6 Trustee PAC Meeting Reports (no meetings/nothing to report unless indicated)

12.6.1 École It'ò

Report included in agenda package.

12.6.2 Mildred Hall School

Report included in agenda package.

12.6.3 N.J. Macpherson School

Nothing to report.

12.6.4 Range Lake North School

Meeting last Thursday, April 4, 2024 focused on May 10th Family Fun Night.

12.6.5 École Sir John Franklin High School

Meeting last Thursday, April 4, 2024 - Trustee Snaggs was unable to attend

12.6.6 École Wm. McDonald School

Nothing to report

13.0 Announcements – events calendar in the agenda package

RLN Family Fun Night on May 10th to be added

