



YELLOWKNIFE EDUCATION DISTRICT NO. 1
BOARD of TRUSTEES
Board Meeting
MINUTES

February 13, 2024 – 6:30 (in-camera)

Public Meeting: 7:00 PM

District Office Boardroom & Google Meet

Trustees present: Allan Shortt, Barbara Bell, David Wasylciw, Michelle Peters, Terry Brookes, and Tina Drew

Regrets: Trustee Jason Snaggs

Administration Present: Jameel Aziz, Shirley Zouboules, Jordan Martin, Jean-Marie Mariez, Jeff McConomy, Pat Thagard and Bronwyn McPhail

Chairperson: David Wasylciw

Meeting Recorder: Patrizia Thagard

1.0 Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM. Six (6) Trustees were present, quorum was met.

Motion #: 01/02-13/23-24

I move that Yellowknife Education District No. 1 Board of Trustees move into in came.

Moved by: Trustee Peters; Seconded by: Trustee Shortt **Carried**

Motion #: 02/02-13/23-24

I move that Yellowknife Education District No. 1 Board of Trustees move out of in camera at 7:03 PM.

Moved by: Trustee Peters Seconded by: Trustee Drew **Carried**

Motion #: 03/02-13/23-24

I move that the Yellowknife Education District No. 1 Board of Trustees take a brief recess before beginning the Regular Board Meeting.

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

Meeting reconvened at 7:09 PM

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.

4.0 Delegations & Presentations

Mr. Jean-Marie Mariez and Mr. Jeff McConomy gave a presentation about teacher training for Intensive and Post-Intensive French (IF and PIF) programs. Teachers require specialized training in order to deliver and assess student progress in those programs. Clips from videos developed to train teachers to deliver those language programs were shown. The videos were developed by YK1 and have been shared with YK1's partners, which include the

South Slave DEC, Sahtu DEC, Yellowknife Catholic Schools, the Yukon Ministry of Education and the Nunavut Ministry of Education. The videos will be used by teachers within YK1 schools and by the project partners as professional development resources. The video project was approved for 7 videos. YK1 district staff came up with 20 video ideas. The \$75,000 funding provided by the GNWT resulted in the creation of 14 videos which includes 4 for school administrators.

Trustees were impressed with the quality and content of the videos produced and the partnerships formed to create them.

5.0 Declaration of Conflict of Interest – none

6.0 Adoption of Agenda

Motion #: 04/02-13/23-24

I move that Yellowknife Education District No. 1 Board of Trustees adopt the February 13, 2024, Regular Board Meeting agenda.

Moved by: Trustee Shortt Seconded by: Trustee Brookes **Carried**

7.0 Review and Approval of Minutes

7.1 January 16, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion #: 05/02-13/23-24

I move that the Yellowknife Education District No. 1 Board of Trustees approve the January 16, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes as amended.

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

7.2 February 2, 2024 Special Board Meeting - deferred to March Board meeting

8.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

8.1 Action Items - The list was reviewed and updated.

Motion #: 06/02-13/23-24

I move that the Administration update the Action Items List to reflect the changes made by the Yellowknife Education District No. 1 Board of Trustees.

Moved by: Trustee Drew Seconded by: Trustee Shortt **Carried**

No other business arising from the minutes.

9.0 **Trustee Statements** - none

10.0 **Unfinished Business**

10.1 Approval of 2024/2025 School Calendars

Motion #: 07/02-13/23-24

I move that the Yellowknife Education District No. 1 Board of Trustees approve the 2024/2025 School Calendars as presented.

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

11.0 **New Business**

11.1 CYC Update
Report included in Agenda Package

12.2.2 Policy & Governance Committee

Update to Policy 3 is in process including incorporating feedback received. Policies 8 & 10 are also in process. The Committee has done a lot of work on committee housekeeping.

The Committee will be looking at Policies 12 & 13 next and ask that Trustees have a look at those policies and provide any feedback via email.

Trustee Shortt was thanked for his time and efforts on the Policy Committee.

12.2.3 Public Engagement & Advocacy Committee

The Committee will hold its first meeting on Thursday, February 15, 2024.

12.2.4 Audit Committee

Nothing to report.

12.2.5 Committee of the Whole (COW)

Committee meeting agenda and January 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

No meetings have been held yet.

An election for NWTTA President will be held next week.

12.2.7 USW-Board Advisory Committee

A meeting with a United Steelworkers (USW) union representative was postponed.

12.3 AD Hoc Committee Reports

12.3.1 Strategic Plan Committee – nothing to report

12.3.2 Negotiations Committee – no negotiations at the moment, nothing to report.

12.4 Superintendent's Report

The report is included in the agenda package. No questions.

12.4.1 Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Learning Report

The report is included in the agenda package.

It was noted that Information Technology (IT) and report cards are in the report because IT faces many hurdles at exam time.

The issues with the phone system at École It'ò have been resolved.

VTRA II stands for Violence Threat Risk Assessment. It is a two-day training about assessing situations and occurrences for potential future risk. The training was taken by staff across the district.

Communication from agencies that oversee children in care was noted as something that needs to be improved.

12.4.2 Assistant Superintendent of HR & Learning Report

The report is included in the agenda package.

Fluctuation in enrolment is due to students and École Sir John Franklin High School that meet the requirements to graduate at the end of the first term.

Enrolment of Route 51 and homeschooled students also fluctuates.

12.4.3 Secretary Treasurer Report

Position is currently vacant. Finance update provided under Finance Committee.

