



Yellowknife Education District No. 1 Board of Trustees Minutes

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, May 10, 2016
Location: YK1 District Office Board Room
5402 50 Avenue

Members Present: Vice Chairperson Duff Spence
Trustee Terry Brookes
Trustee Jay Butler
Trustee Allan Shortt
Trustee Tina Drew
Trustee Rajiv Rawat

Regrets: Chairperson John Stephenson

Staff Present: Superintendent of Education Metro Huculak
Assistant Superintendent of Education Ed Lippert
Director of Corporate Services Tram Do
Supervisor of Instruction (French Services) Jean-Marie Mariez
Supervisor of Facilities & Maintenance Elvis Beaudoin
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent Tracy Turk

Media and Others Present: Sean Daly, John McFadden (*Yellowknifer*), Elizabeth Brace, Scott Purchase, Kamey Fenwick, Brian Liang, Shirley Zhang, Lyn Estage, Terrence Leopoldo, Chloe Duval, William Parrel, Kennedy Prince, Ida Fells

Sean Daly also made a presentation on the Fine Arts Program at Ecole Sir John Franklin High School. Four students from the SJF band performed two songs for Trustees, Brian Liang, William Parrel, Kennedy Prince and Ida Fells.

Trustee Drew asked what the difference is between an alto and tenor saxophone. Brian Liang said the size and sound mainly.

Vice Chairperson Spence asked how often the students practice. Ida Fells said she doesn't practice and William Parrel said he practices regularly.

Mr. Parrel is new to town and has been playing since Grade 3. He enjoys music because of the bond you form with your bandmates.

Trustee Brookes asked how he got to this point in music and he replied it was mostly his mom.

Mr. Daly also had a demonstration of SJF singing talent by students Lyn Estrage, Terrence Leopoldo and Chloe Duval. He said they recently performed in The Addams Family and there was a lot of work that went into the production. They sang two songs for the Trustees.

Vice Chairperson Spence asked what their plans are in the future. The girls are planning to study at Grant MacEwan College and Dalhousie University. Terrence is taking a year off and is hoping to pursue acting in the future.

Mr. Daly asked them what music does for them. Ms. Duval said it's fun to be someone else for a while and helps her escape.

Trustee Butler commented they were fantastic and to keep working and singing in the future.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:17 p.m.

2. Chairperson's Opening Remarks

Vice Chairperson Spence welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. Adoption of Agenda

05-5892-16

Moved by Trustee Brookes

Seconded by Trustee Butler

I move to accept the agenda as presented.

Carried

4. Delegations and Presentations

4.1 Presentation: Fine Arts Program (Sean Daly)

Vice Chairperson Spence welcomed Sean Daly, Elizabeth Brace, Kamey Fenwick and Scott Purchase to the meeting. Ms. Brace

made a presentation discussing the music program at YK1 and also detailed her program at MHS. She has Choir and they sing at various locations in the community during the year. There is also a Glee Club. She noted Band is also part of the program at the school. The MHS Band participated in the Yellowknife Music Festival and won a Silver Certificate.

Ms. Brace discussed the Music and Arts program at RLN. She said they have Band for Grade 7-8. They also have a recorder music program. The school has a choir. She noted the school has been fortunate to have a .5 Fine Arts teacher.

Ms. Fenwick talked about the abilities of her music program. She discussed the Band program at the school. She said they perform at the Winter Fine Arts and Talent Show. The WMS band also won Silver certificates at the YK Music Festival. Ms. Fenwick said Monique Marinier does the Art Program and Art Exploratories.

Mr. Purchase presented on the program at NJM. He noted at NJM the program has a Fine Arts focus so the kids spend two hours each week on Fine Arts. The Spring show will be coming up next Thursday.

Sean said Susan Shantora leads the music program at SJF. They will be going out to the feeder schools and doing performances to encourage students to stay in the music program. In regards to Drama, the school put on a performance of Flat Stanley in the Fall and The Addams Family in the spring. The Drama class runs through the year. There were some special performances throughout the year and students have learned how to express themselves through the arts.

A gift was presented to the District Office. It was a book of the Flat Stanley Show. Mr. Daly wanted to make special note that Grimshaw Trucking and Buffalo Airways also donated their services free of charge to ship some of the materials necessary for the production. Thank you posters will be presented to them. Sean Daly also presented a thank you Poster from the Addams Family to the Trustees.

Trustee Drew said at her place of work that it is nice to see the kids who have ADHD say the best part of the day is when Mr. Purchase is teaching them.

Trustee Butler asked if the Arts help them do better in other classes. Ms. Brace said she can see a difference in the students. When they are engaged and are learning by doing they are more engaged. There are a lot of connections that can be made through the Arts with other forms of literacy. Ms. Fenwick said she has noticed all of the students are finding success in working with a group and working towards something.

5. Review and Approval of Minutes

5.1. Regular Meeting Minutes – April 12, 2016

05-5893-16

Moved by Trustee Shortt

Seconded by Trustee Drew

I move the Board of Trustees of Yellowknife Education District No. 1 approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 12, 2016 as presented.

Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None

7. Trustee Statements

None

8. Reports

8.1. Chairperson's Report

Vice Chairperson Spence thanked all staff who came out and for the Spring Trade Show. It was a huge success.

8.2. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Metro Huculak presented a written report dated May 10, 2016. Superintendent Huculak said the Spring Trade Show was quite successful. He saw many parents with little kids visit the booth. He noted he is meeting with ECE regarding shared space with EASC and there will be a report to follow. He has a meeting May 13, 2016 regarding the Inclusive Education draft review and how it will affect YK1. The Minister-Chairs meeting is coming up May 17, 2016. There will be a meeting for the Chairs & Superintendents the night before at YK1. He wanted to make a special note the MHS Mural unveiling will be May 26, 2016 and it will take place at the school at 8:00 p.m. Plaques will be mounted beside the mural to commemorate the occasion. He said the WMS beautification is being planned. He noted new signage for JHS has been requested. There will also be a camera added to the entryway so the office staff can monitor who is coming and going.

Trustee Drew asked how Route 51 is going to change. Mr. Huculak said we are looking perhaps doing more teaching as opposed to distance education courses.

8.2.1. Assistant Superintendent's Report

Assistant Superintendent Ed Lippert presented a written report dated May 10, 2016. Mr. Lippert said he attended NWTIC meetings. He said Pearson Inform was discussed and this is a program that can mine data from PowerSchool to be further analyzed and can track the progress of schools and/or students. It is currently being piloted by BDEC and if it works for them then as a group they will be supporting seeking funding to have it NWT-wide. He said the District has been interested in the new Health curriculum and it is being piloted to the Grades 4-6 next year. They are looking at the Grades 7-9 assessment tool being used in the South Slave and are waiting for feedback from Carole Fullerton. He said the MDI is complete now. It is a middle school survey similar to the Tell Them From Me survey we have done in the past. He also noted Literacy and Numeracy committees are up and running now. He said Leyton Schnellert and Carole Fullerton were up for more PD.

Trustee Brookes asked about the dual credit program. Mr. Lippert said they are college-level programs for students who are advanced and can earn college credits while they are in high school. Mostly these are CTS courses. We are currently working with Aurora College, NAIT, SAIT. Trustee Brookes asked how we measure whether it is relevant to our programs. Mr. Lippert said these courses we are partnered with are all aligned with SJF.

Trustee Brookes asked what the important steps are that have been taken to move forward in terms of the ER. Mr. Lippert said the MDI was part of this. There are other committees that still have work to do. Some of the committees are working faster than others.

Trustee Brookes asked how we measure the Dene Kede integration in the curriculum. What are some integration examples so we can determine it has been delivered? Mr. Lippert said the curriculum document has specific outcomes which need to be met. It doesn't work well if it is delivered as a block of information. If it is rolled into the regular curriculum then it makes it easier to work with.

Trustee Drew asked why we need Pearson Inform when we have PowerSchool. She asked what it does. Mr. Lippert said this program will be integrated into PowerTeacher and Gradebook. It allows the teachers and schools to input the data into Pearson Inform so the data is preserved for years to come. It allows teachers to track individual students.

Trustee Shortt noted there was no Education Technology report this month and asked if there was a meeting. Mr. Lippert said there was no formal report this month but he has asked the IT Manager to reformat his monthly report. He noted they are looking at planning for PD for next year. Trustee Shortt would like to see a monthly report so the board can monitor what is happening.

Trustee Butler asked about the health curriculum and would like to know when can we expect to see more curriculum grades developed. Mr. Lippert said there is currently no date set for this.

Trustee Butler inquired about the Northern Studies curriculum and whether to make it mandatory or not. Mr. Lippert said scheduling

constraints at the high school are a concern and he feels it's a long way off before we see implementation.

Trustee Drew asked if there was anything before the new curriculum was implemented. Mr. Lippert said it may come later.

Trustee Drew inquired about the Math assessment and would we be interested in partnering with the South Slave and their assessment tools. Superintendent Huculak said Carole Fullerton is reviewing them and she is also working on creating her own for YK1. Carole Fullerton and Leyton Schnellert are very aware that we are very interested in Math and Literacy Assessment.

Trustee Drew asked if we have received our third preschool license at JHS. Mr. Huculak said we are currently doing the things necessary to obtain the license. He said we are looking at the same for NJM.

Trustee Rawat wondered if there were issues around privacy and Pearson Inform. Vice Chairperson Spence said schools and other Districts would only have access to their current students and this is standard practice now. He also noted that each District has its own server.

8.2.2. Director of Corporate Services Report

Director of Corporate Services Tram Do presented unaudited financial statements to April 30, 2016. She also submitted a written report dated May 10, 2016. Ms. Do said she would like to thank Trustee Shortt and Mr. Huculak for encouraging the District to seek additional funding for making our buildings more energy efficient. More information will come about the funding soon. She said Corporate Services and Maintenance are currently working on an analysis for converting our lights to LED. Sheila Devine will also work with Ms. Do to try and find other funding.

Trustee Shortt asked is we have to convert to LED lights or if we can go to other lighting. Ms. Do said this will be part of the discussion. She noted Arctic Green Energy will also match funds.

This would be put in a separate reserve fund and we would be reporting to ECE on how we spend this money.

She said we will likely be over budget by approximately \$340,000. She said she is drafting the document and hoping to have it ready next week. She also noted there will be a new Audit Committee member. She has been having her regular meetings with Administrators.

Trustee Drew noted that the Evergreen Foundation and Wal Mart have funds available to apply for.

8.2.3. Supervisor of Facilities and Maintenance Report

Supervisor of Facilities and Maintenance Elvis Beaudoin submitted a written report for the month of April 2016. Mr. Beaudoin said Unico Roofing submitted a price for replacing the roof at WMS and this quote has been submitted to PWS. All but one of the leaks at SJF have been fixed. JHS is getting some work done this summer in classrooms. He said new linoleum is also planned to be installed at JHS. A fuel pump shed at SJF will be torn down and rebuilt. Summer students have been hired. He also noted boilers should be going off for the summer soon.

Trustee Shortt said a fire alarm at MHS can't be heard from outside the school. Mr. Beaudoin will investigate.

Trustee Brookes asked about the sewer line at SJF. Mr. Beaudoin said they are going to run a line outside of the school.

8.3. Trustee Reports

Trustee Butler said he was fortunate to participate in the FOXY for Boys retreat that just took place. He said this is a positive step forward.

8.4. Standing Committee Reports

8.4.1. Finance

Trustee Brookes said there were two meetings. There has been a focus on the budget for next year but they are being cognizant of

the expenditures for this year. He said we are in good shape in terms of our reserves but we are still waiting for final numbers from ECE. We are right around a \$300,000 deficit. May 30, 2016 is the Ratepayer's meeting.

8.4.2. Public Relations

Vice Chairperson Spence said there were a couple of meetings. He said they discussed the messaging for the Spring Trade Show and had a conference call with ASBA to discuss a political advocacy plan.

8.4.3. Policy

Trustee Brookes said there was a meeting. The committee has been working on various policies. He noted they are still looking for comments and feedback on Policy 1.

8.4.4. Aboriginal Education

Trustee Butler said there was no meeting.

8.4.5. Special Needs

Trustee Butler said there was no meeting.

8.5. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

8.5.1. Committee of the Whole

Vice Chairperson Spence reported on the agenda items which were discussed at the COW meeting today. Items included a discussion on court requests, out-of-Territory education advocacy, budget 2016-2017, Audit Committee member, political advocacy, presentations, the Board Strategic Plan, the Spring Trade Show, staffing, Fall PD, Inclusive Education Review, SJF At-Risk Program, Ndilo DEA election, Minister-Chairs meetings, crisis response, PowerSchool update, an in-camera item and regular meeting motions.

8.5.2. Audit Committee

Trustee Brookes said the committee won't be meeting formally until spring. Trustee Brookes said there was a new application for a

member and a motion will be coming forward later in the meeting in relation to this. Late May or early June they will be meeting to discuss the audit.

8.5.3. NWTTA Teacher-Board Advisory Committee

Trustee Shortt said there was a meeting April 28, 2016. There were no items in particular to discuss. They did talk about dates for negotiations.

8.6. Trustee PAC Reports

8.6.1. École J.H. Sissons

Trustee Drew said there was a meeting. Items discussed were a calendar for next year; the upcoming plant and bake sale (the funds raised will be used for Grade 4 & 5 leadership camps; asking parents if they would like to plant food in the outdoor planters at the school over the summer; PAC lunch; the spring concert; the spring dance; a new art project with John Rombough; the Multicultural Buffet; parking lot safety; extra space for bike racks; composting program; staffing.

8.6.2. Mildred Hall School

Trustee Butler said there was a meeting. Report was submitted.

8.6.3. N.J. Macpherson School

Trustee Brookes said there was a meeting. Report attached.

Trustee Drew stated there is a relationship between the music program and emotion. She noted it is amazing how many kids praise Mr. Purchase. Trustee Brookes said this is another method to get kids to see themselves and understand their self-regulation. The students use colours to understand their emotions and how to react and deal with them.

8.6.4. Range Lake North School

Trustee Shortt said there was a meeting. The only item discussed was the Family Fun Night. It takes a lot of work to put the night on and it was organized very well.

8.6.5. École Sir John Franklin High School

Vice Chairperson Spence said there was a meeting. Items discussed were the school providing information regarding exam schedules.

8.6.6. École William McDonald Middle School

Trustee Rawat said there was a meeting. Report attached.

9. Unfinished Business

None.

10. New Business

10.1 Aboriginal Honour Ceremony

05-5894-16

Moved by Trustee Butler

Seconded by Trustee Brookes

I move the Board of Trustees of Yellowknife Education District No. 1 contribute \$500 towards the Honour Ceremony for Aboriginal Graduates taking place June 11, 2016 at Sir John Franklin High School.

Trustee Brookes said we do it every year and it is a good cause and there is always a good turnout for the event. He noted he also likes to see the class pictures.

Vice Chairperson Spence said self-identification has really strengthened in our student body.

Carried

10.2 Superintendent Contract

05-5895-16

Moved by Trustee Shortt

Seconded by Trustee Drew

I move the Board of Trustees of Yellowknife Education District No. 1 approve a one year contract extension for Mr. Metro Huculak for superintendent services for Yellowknife Education District No. 1, commencing September 1, 2017.

Trustee Shortt said Mr. Huculak had the opportunity to stay another year and he is doing a great job.

Carried**10.3 Audit Committee Member Approval**

05-5896-16

Moved by Trustee Brookes

Seconded by Trustee Rawat

I move the Board of Trustees of Yellowknife Education District No. 1 approve the appointment of James Wong to the Audit Committee for a three year term.

Carried**11. Announcements**

- 31 Hour Famine (SJF): May 13-14, 2016
- SJF Spring Concert: May 25, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.
- RLN School Musical: May 26, 2016 @ 5:00 p.m.
- MHS Fine Arts Night: May 26, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m.
- MHS Mural Unveiling: May 26, 2016 @ 8:00 p.m.
- JHS Multicultural Buffet: May 27, 2016 @ 11:25 a.m.
- YK Track Meet: May 28, 2016
- JHS Annual Plant Sale: May 28, 2016
- Ratepayer's Meeting: May 30, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Hay River Track & Field Meet: June 1 – 3, 2016

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting

- COW Meeting – May 24, 2016 @ 12:00 p.m.
- Ratepayer’s Meeting – May 30, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.
- COW Meeting – June 14, 2016 @ 12:00 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting – June 14, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

13. Chairperson's Closing Remarks

Vice Chairperson Spence thanked everyone for coming.

14. Adjournment

05-5897-16

Moved by Trustee Shortt

Seconded by Trustee Brookes

I move the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

Meeting adjourned: 8:56 p.m.

Chairperson of the Board

Director of Corporate Services