



Yellowknife Education District No. 1 Board of Trustees Minutes

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, March 8, 2016
Location: YK1 District Office Board Room
5402 50 Avenue

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

Regrets: Trustee Rajiv Rawat

Staff Present: Superintendent of Education Metro Huculak
Supervisor of Instruction (French Services) Jean-Marie Mariez
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent Tracy Turk

Media and Others Present: Rebecca Plotner, Evan French (*Yellowknifer*)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Chairperson's Opening Remarks

Chairperson Stephenson welcomed everyone to the meeting. Today is International Women's Day and Chairperson Stephenson wanted to recognize women who take a leadership role in our community. He extended a thank you to Rebecca Plotner of Dominion Diamond Corporation who is also the Chairperson of the Dettah DEA and to Trustee Drew for taking on leadership roles. He wanted to encourage women to get involved in leadership roles and participate in the next election.

3. Adoption of Agenda

03-5884-16

Moved by Vice Chairperson Spence

Seconded by Trustee Shortt

I move to accept the agenda as presented.

Carried

4. Delegations and Presentations

4.1 Presentation: Dominion Diamond Corporation

Chairperson Stephenson welcomed Rebecca Plotner from Dominion Diamond Corporation. He thanked Ms. Plotner and Dominion Diamond Corp. for all of their contributions to YK1 over the years. He said our partnerships and relationships in the community are very important and he wanted to thank them for their sponsorship of our Early Literacy Backpack Program which includes English, French and ALC books and a host of other goodies to support early literacy. He noted Dominion Diamond Corp. is very generous and we have received \$10,000-\$15,000 annually to support the program. He said their funding has extended to facilitate in-class speakers such as Lawrence Nayally. Chairperson Stephenson also recognized their support of on-going initiatives for playgrounds which will see Mildred Hall School receive \$10,000 in playground upgrades.

Ms. Plotner thanked the Board of Trustees for the recognition. She noted physical activity is important and it is nice to see where the money is being used. She said she is very grateful for the significant contributions to support this.

5. Review and Approval of Minutes

5.1. Regular Meeting Minutes- February 9, 2016

03-5885-16

Moved by Trustee Brookes

Seconded by Trustee Shortt

I move the Board of Trustees of Yellowknife Education District No. 1 approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 9, 2016 as presented.

Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

7. Trustee Statements

None.

8. Reports

8.1. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Stephenson thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He said he sat in on many of the Conversations With Parents and it was a very positive experience. Other meetings he attended were the Dettah and Ndilo Board meetings, he met with the CSFTNO president and walked in the Coldest Night of the Year event. He noted he also participated in the Walk to Tuk with the YK1 team and this year the team made it to Tuk and back. He said 159 teams made it to Tuk this year and the participants all received a shirt.

8.2. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Metro Huculak presented a written report dated March 8, 2016. Superintendent Huculak said the Law Society of the NWT wants to meet discuss ways to support schools. They want to increase knowledge of the courts and encourage more people to enter the legal profession. He also said the MHS mural is finished and arrangements with Clark Builders will be made to have them go over to the school and mount it. Plants for the WMS beautification will be ordered and the site preparation is arranged. The MHS shed is ready to go and more dirt for the planter boxes is arranged so they will be ready for Spring. He noted the office is planning to plant our own flowers this year. He said he will meet with the PAC Chair and principal at NJM and discuss ways to beautify the front of the school.

Trustee Shortt asked if we prepare the planter beds for the community users. Mr. Huculak said we have used Konge Construction rototillers to till the beds.

8.2.1. Assistant Superintendent's Report

Assistant Superintendent Ed Lippert presented a written report dated March 8, 2016. Mr. Huculak said Ed Services wants to complete the strategies and measures very soon. They are focused to get it completed. He said they are looking at the Strat Plan and this fall for PO they are planning to highlight Math, Science and Educational Technology.

Trustee Brookes asked why we are doing the MDI when we do the TTFM survey. Mr. Huculak said the MDI is for Gr. 4 and 7 students and is from ECE as they are looking for data. More information will be shared with Trustees as this progresses.

Trustee Brookes asked about Leyton Schnellert and Carole Fullerton and if they are planning to do more PD. Mr. Huculak said they have been asked to return. They will present to the Board in May.

Chairperson Stephenson said there was some ALC PO held at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre which he sat in on. He said the focus was on reconciliation.

8.2.2. Director of Corporate Services Report

Director of Corporate Services Tram Do presented unaudited financial statements to February 29, 2016. She also submitted a written report dated March 8, 2016. Mr. Huculak said we are currently under budget by approx. \$300,000.

8.2.3. Supervisor of Facilities and Maintenance Report

Supervisor of Facilities and Maintenance Elvis Beaudoin submitted a written report for the month of February 2016. Mr. Huculak said the sewer line at Akaitcho Hall is on the Capital Plan for 2017.

Chairperson Stephenson made a presentation to Trustee Brookes for his years of vigilance over the Akaitcho Hall sewer line freeze-ups. He was presented with a bottle of Liqui-Fire.

8.3. Trustee Reports

Trustee Drew attended the Northern Governance Conference. It was about the different types of government across the North. She said there were some great speakers including Tewanee Joseph who spoke about their amazing contribution to the Vancouver Olympics and how they finally felt accepted on a national level. She noted that 8% of senior government positions are held by women. She said there was a wonderful female speaker and she would be a great addition for grad if we could get her. She said it was a very worthwhile conference.

Chairperson Stephenson reported on the end of his commitment to the committee for the Canada Winter Games. He said after the report was reviewed by the City of Yellowknife, Council decided to not bid on the games.

8.4. Standing Committee Reports

8.4.1. Finance

Trustee Brookes said there was a meeting. They set some parameters for budget preparation. He noted we are currently under budget at this point. He said they also discussed some possible policies for Trustee PD.

8.4.2. Public Relations

Vice Chairperson Spence said there is a meeting planned. He said they are waiting for the indicators from Metro then they will work on a communications plan.

8.4.3. Policy

Trustee Brookes said they met. The committee has started work on Policy 1 and 2. He noted Trustee Drew sees things from a fresh perspective. He also realized they need to spend a fair amount of time on policy review.

8.4.4. Aboriginal Education

Trustee Butler said there was no meeting. He said they met to discuss presenters.

8.4.5. Special Needs

Vice Chairperson Spence said there was a meeting and they discussed different options for moving ahead next year. He said they discussed funding options for next year and there are three of them. He noted ECE is very prescriptive with how the funding is used.

8.5. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

8.5.1. Committee of the Whole

Chairperson Stephenson reported there was a presentation last Tuesday regarding the ALC program which saw Mande McDonald from Dechinta University, Peyton Straker from MHS and Maxine Lacorne from SJF speak about the work they are doing in the District.

Chairperson Stephenson reported on the agenda items which were discussed at the COW meeting today. Items included a discussion on the Board Strategic Plan, the Northern Governance Conference, NWTTA negotiations, the Sir John utilidor, the budget for 2016-2017, upcoming NWTSA meeting on April 19, status of the Shared Space Agreement with CSFTNO, a Trustee PO policy, Fall PO and regular meeting motions.

8.5.2. Audit Committee

Trustee Brookes said the committee won't be meeting formally until spring. Trustee Brookes asked Mr. Huculak to follow-up with Ms. Do regarding finding a new member for the committee.

8.5.3. NWTTA Teacher-Board Advisory Committee

No meeting. There is a meeting coming up April 20, 2016.

8.6. Trustee PAC Reports

8.6.1. Ecole J.H. Sissons

Chairperson Stephenson said there was a meeting. He said the Conversations With Parents evening was the same night. They did discuss some fundraising activities such as their plant sale.

Mr. Huculak noted that we are currently looking at a potential of three Preschool classes for next year at JHS.

8.6.2. Mildred Hall School

Trustee Butler said there was no meeting and the next one is scheduled for April 11, 2016.

8.6.3. N.J. Macpherson School

Trustee Brookes said there was a meeting. Report attached.

Mr. Huculak noted that we are currently looking at a potential of three Preschool classes for next year at NJM.

8.6.4. Range Lake North School

Trustee Shortt said there was a meeting. He said the Conversations With Parents evening was the same night and was combined with the NJM Conversations With Parents night. He noted it was a successful evening.

8.6.5. Ecole Sir John Franklin High School

Vice Chairperson Spence said there was a meeting. He said the Conversations With Parents took place before that. Items discussed at the PAC meeting were at-risk students and providing support for the Principal, provided information on age of consent for vaccines. He noted the school nurse attended the meeting to provide further information on the topic as well.

8.6.6. Ecole William McDonald Middle School

Superintendent Huculak said he attended the meeting and it was Conversation with Parents. They also discussed the new fitness training area which they are very excited about. He said they are revamping the athletic excellence programs for next year to include more sports. He noted we are looking at about 200 students next year at the school.

9. Unfinished Business

None.

10. New Business

10.1 2016-2017 School Calendar

03-5886-16

Moved by Trustee Drew

Seconded by Trustee Butler

I move the Board of Trustees of Yellowknife Education District No. 1 approve the 2016-2017 School Calendar as presented.

Trustee Drew said it was a difficult calendar and she appreciates all of the hard work done to prepare it.

Carried

11. Announcements

March Break – March 5 – 20, 2016

Good Friday – March 25, 2016

Easter Monday – March 28, 2016

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting

COW Meeting- March 22, 2016@ 12:00
 p.m. COW Meeting- March 29, 2016@
 12:00 p.m. COW Meeting -April 12, 2016 @
 12:00 p.m.
 Regular Board Meeting -April 12, 2016 @ 7:00
 p.m.
 NWTTA-TBAC -April20,
 2016
 COW Meeting- April26, 2016@ 12:00
 p.m.

13. Chairperson's Closing Remarks

Chairperson Stephenson thanked everyone for coming. He said we are into Arctic Winter Games and he is a proud of the YK1 students who are participating. He noted the cross country ski team is almost all YK1 students. He also noted Grade 10 twin sisters from SJF are part of the cultural contingent. They were delayed due to weather in Greenland and they were entertaining the crowds in the airport.

Chairperson Stephenson also noted March is NWT Language month and Aboriginal Language Month so he wanted to say thank you, mahsi cho, qujannamiik, merci beaucoup. He noted this month also has National French Week and March 20 is International French Day.

Chairperson's monthly safety message: Don't learn the hard way. Figure safety out ahead of time. Don't look the other way. If you see something happening please pay attention and see if there is something happening that you can help avoid.

14. Adjournment

03-5887-16
 Moved by Trustee Shortt

I move the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

Meeting adjourned: 7:43 p.m.