



# **Yellowknife Education District No. 1**

## **Board of Trustees Minutes**

### **Regular Meeting**

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, May 9, 2017  
Location: YK1 District Office Board Room  
5402 50 Avenue

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

Staff Present: Superintendent of Education Metro Huculak  
Assistant Superintendent of Education Ed Lippert  
Director of Corporate Services Tram Do  
Supervisor of French Services Jean-Marie Mariez  
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent Tracy Turk

Media and Others Present: Dean MacInnis, Pam Schlosser, Micheline Ricard, Andre Corbeil,  
Andrew Fox, Jill Herbert, Markus Cluff, Tori Forsbloom, Chad  
Martin, Jamie Cluff, Hannah Spence

1. **Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.**
2. **Chairperson's Opening Remarks**
3. **Adoption of Agenda**  
ADD: 4.2 Presentation: Bill 16 (Andrew Fox)  
ADD: 10.1 Draft 2017 Budget  
05-5942-17  
Moved – Trustee Brookes; Seconded – Trustee Drew  
I move to accept the agenda as amended.

**Carried**

#### 4. Delegations and Presentations

##### 4.1 Presentation: SJF Holocaust Trip

SJF students discussed their experiences while on the SJF Holocaust Tour in Europe and a visit to Auschwitz-Berkenau. They also discussed other aspects and experience of their trip to Germany.

##### 4.2 Presentation: Bill 16

Andrew Fox discussed concerns about Bill 16, amendment to the Education Act. It will see a reduction in education hours (STIP). Changes need to be made cautiously and all options considered. Student outcomes can be affected by the reduction in hours. More resources have not been identified for curriculum reform etc. The issue is the change is happening before the research. Incremental hours lost may have a negative effect on grades. This is not a good way to make changes which affect our children's education. Mr. Fox requests some political advocacy on this issue with ECE.

Trustees are meeting with MLA's this week and further discussion will be had with them.

Trustee Brookes said he can see both sides of the argument however investing in our staff is a positive. It is also important to note it is a diversion of up to 100 hours.

Vice Chairperson Spence said investing in our teachers is not a bad thing and not having the students in the classroom seats does not mean the child is losing out on something. Sometimes we have to trust in a decision and support our staff.

Trustee Drew said measures are being put in place to determine the outcome of the implementation.

Mr. Huculak said YK1 will see 33 STIP hours at JK-8 schools and 25 at the SJF.

Chairperson Stephenson said teachers are doing so much for our students and we regularly see them put in much over the regular work week. They work very hard to educate our children.

## 5. Review and Approval of Minutes

### 5.1. Regular Meeting Minutes – April 11, 2017

05-5943-17

Moved- Vice Chairperson Spence; Seconded- Trustee Butler

I move the Board of Trustees of Yellowknife Education District No. 1 approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 11, 2017 as presented.

**Carried**

## 6. Business Arising from the Minutes

## 7. Trustee Statements

## 8. Reports

### 8.1. Chairperson's Report

Minister/Chairs meeting was held April 28, 2017. Priorities were highlighted such as mental health. YK1's positive report was the At-Risk Program.

The challenge raised was Inclusive Schooling.

### 8.2. Superintendent's Report

The budget is in good shape and programs will continue next year as they currently are. Work is being done to complete the 5-year Capital Plan Audit. An architect is coming next week to visit JHS and start putting together a costing for potential renovations.

#### 8.2.1. Assistant Superintendent's Report

May 19, 2017 is the PD with Leyton Schnellert and Carole Fullerton. Trustees are welcome to attend.

- **ACTION:** Invite the SCUBA Club to a board meeting to make a presentation.
- **ACTION:** Prepare a presentation to Colin Baile recognizing his efforts in the SCUBA Club for the June 2017 Board Meeting.

#### 8.2.2. Director of Corporate Services Report

Report attached.

#### 8.2.3. Supervisor of Facilities and Maintenance Report

Report attached. Mr. Hucuclak said there was a break-in at MHS. All that was taken was a laptop and DT Electric has been contacted and the security cameras are going up soon.

### 8.3. Trustee Reports

Thanks to the SJF Grad Committee who put together a graduation ceremony for a student whose mother is dying.

Canada Soccer's 2018 Annual Meeting of the Members will be taking place in YK May 5-7, 2018.

Trustee Brookes said at Jr. Super Soccer the girls final was WMS v WMS and Darren Wicks handled it very well to make all participants feel like winners.

#### **8.4. Standing Committee Reports**

##### **8.4.1. Finance**

Ratepayer's Meeting was April 26, 2017. The amended draft budget is up for approval.

##### **8.4.2. Public Relations**

Meeting held. A nomination presented was accepted for the Order of the NWT.

##### **8.4.3. Policy**

Meeting held. Policies put out for comments. If there are no more comments they will be up for approval in June

**ACTION:** Tabled Policies 4, 7, 11, 12, 13 for review.

**ACTION:** Submit comments to the Policy Committee.

##### **8.4.4. Aboriginal Education**

No meeting.

##### **8.4.5. Special Needs**

No meeting.

#### **8.5. Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

##### **8.5.1. Committee of the Whole**

Meeting was held at noon today and the agenda of the meeting was discussed. Items student scholarships, draft budget update, staffing update, audit update, school beautification, ECE meeting information, parking lot, CASSA conference, board annual work plan and regular meeting motions.

##### **8.5.2. Audit Committee**

A meeting will take place in early June.

##### **8.5.3. NWTTA Teacher-Board Advisory Committee**

No meeting.

#### **8.6. Trustee PAC Reports**

##### **8.6.1. École J.H. Sissons**

Items discussed: Dance, plant sale.

##### **8.6.2. Mildred Hall School**

Items discussed: NWT Track & Field, ILC Camps, bake sale, break-in and security cameras.

##### **8.6.3. N.J. Macpherson School**

Report attached.

##### **8.6.4. Range Lake North School**

No meeting

**8.6.5. École Sir John Franklin High School**

No report

**8.6.6. École William McDonald Middle School**

No report

**9. Unfinished Business**

**10. New Business**

**10.1 05-5943-17**

Moved – Trustee Brookes; Seconded – Vice Chairperson Spence

I move the Board of Trustees of Yellowknife Education District No. 1 approve the draft 2017-2018 budget as presented.

**Carried**

**11. Announcements**

- May 10-14, 2017: Gr. 4 & 5 Soccer Tournament @ Fieldhouse (JHS)
- May 12-13, 2017: 31 Hour Famine (SJF)
- May 13-14, 2017: Spring Trade Show
- May 14, 2017: Mother's Day
- May 16, 2017: Spring Concert (SJF)
- May 18, 2017: Spring Fling Dance (SJF)
- May 24, 2017: Chess Tournament (JHS)
- May 25, 2017: Spring Concert @ 6:30 p.m. (MHS)
- May 26, 2017: Multicultural Buffet (JHS)
- May 26, 2017: NEBS Presentation for USW staff (DO)
- May 27, 2017: YK Track Meet
- May 31-June 3, 2017: Skills Canada Competition (SJF)
- June 5-9, 2017: Grade 8 Canoe Trip (RLN)
- June 5, 2017: Evening of Excellence @ 7:00 p.m. (SJF)
- June 7-9, 2017: Hay River Track and Field Championships
- June 8, 2017: Fine Arts Night @ 7:00 p.m. (NJM)
- June 10, 2017: Aboriginal Honour Ceremony @ 1:00 p.m. (SJF)
- June 11-17, 2017: Grade 8 Quebec Trip (RLN)

**12. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

- COW Meeting – June 13, 2017 @ 12:00 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting – June 13, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

**13. Chairperson's Closing Remarks**

Chairperson Stephenson thanked everyone for coming and thank you to staff for their hard work in keeping everyone safe.

**14. Adjournment**

05-5944-17

Moved – Vice Chairperson Spence; Seconded – Trustee Brookes

I move the meeting be adjourned.

**Carried**

Adjourned: 8:51 p.m.

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Chairperson of the Board

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Director of Corporate Services