



Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
August 21, 2025

Date: **August 21, 2025**
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Central Operations

Members Present: Chair Crystal Owens
Trustee Marie Dyck
Trustee Lori Leitch
Trustee David Rushton
Trustee Edith Giesbrecht
Trustee Moise Dion

Members Present Virtually Vice-Chair Lacey Buchinski

Staff Present: Superintendent Jeff Thompson
Deputy Superintendent (Acting) Aleeta Ploc
Secretary-Treasurer Rhonda Freeman
Executive Assistant Chris Warne
Communications Coordinator Kristin Dyck

Members Absent Vice-Chair Lacey Buchinski p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Chair Owens.

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

Board Chair Owens gave the Land Acknowledgement.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1. MINUTES

2.1.1. Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board on June 19, 2025

2.2. SUBSTANTIVE MOTIONS

2.3. FINANCIAL REPORTS

~~2.3.1. Financial Monthly Report~~

2.4. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

2.5. TRUSTEE SCHOOL/COMMUNITY REPORTS

2.6. TRUSTEE WORKPLAN

2.7. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

2.7.1. Superintendent's Report

2.7.2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

2.8. CORRESPONDENCE

2.8.1. 20250703 Jul 03 Letter from Minister Nicolaides re Dxvl School Closure

2.8.2. 20250708 Jul 08 Letter from County of Northern Lights re Subdivision in Dxvl

- 2.8.3.** 20250709 Jul 09 Letter from EDC & Childcare Minister re Manning Transportation Concerns
2.8.4. ~~20250709 Jul 09 Letter from HFCRD re: St. Thomas More New School Build~~
2.8.5. ~~20250814 Aug 14 Letter from PR & District Chamber of Commerce~~

16072

Moved by: Trustee Rushton

That the consent agenda be accepted as amended.

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Carried

3. REVIEW & ADOPTION OF REGULAR BOARD AGENDA

The agenda for the regular meeting of the Board, August 21, 2025, was reviewed.

16073

Moved by: Trustee Dyck

That the agenda for the regular meeting of the Board, 2025, be approved as amended.

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Carried

4. STRATEGIC

4.1. Report on Business Carried Out Over the Summer (Freeman)

Secretary-Treasurer Freeman reviewed her report on business carried out over the summer.

16074

Moved by: Trustee Rushton

That the report on business carried out over the summer be approved for information.

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Carried

4.2 Families Matter Week February 17-20, 2026 (Thompson)

Families Matter Week for 2026 was discussed.

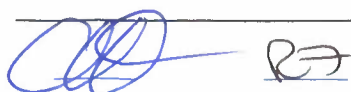
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Moved by: Trustee Giesbrecht

That the Board declare the week of February 17-20, 2026, Families Matter Week.

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Carried



4.3 Dixonville School – Declaring the Dixonville School and Property Surplus (Freeman)

Secretary-Treasurer Freeman reviewed next steps to dispose of the Dixonville School and property.

16076

Moved by: Trustee Rushton

That the Dixonville School and surrounding PRSD property be declared surplus.

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Carried

4.4 CUPE Bus Driver Collective Agreement Ratification (Owens)

Board Chair Owens advised the Board of the completion of the CUPE Bus Driver Collective Agreement negotiations.

16077

Moved by: Trustee Buchinski

That the 2024-2028 CUPE Bus Driver Collective Agreement be ratified.

7-0

Carried

5. GENERATIVE

5.1. Fairview Schools Configuration Discussion (Thompson)

The Fairview School(s) and next steps were discussed.

5.2 Standing Committee Agenda Items

5.2.1. ASBA Zone 1 September 17, 2025

Agenda items for the ASBA Zone 1 meeting September 17, 2025, were discussed.

5.3 Red Earth Creek School Update (Freeman)

Secretary-Treasurer Freeman gave an update on the status of the new Red Earth Creek School.

Trustee Rushton left the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Trustee Rushton returned to the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

16078

Moved by: Trustee Dyck

That administration draft a letter for Board signature to MLAs Todd Loewen, Dan Williams, and Scott Sinclair to request an immediate meeting to discuss the lack of construction progress on the new Red Earth Creek School and the absence of information regarding the delay, and to request an updated project timeline and to establish clear communication with the provincial government.

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Carried

16079

Moved by: Trustee Dyck

That the August 18, 2025 letter from Minister Nicolaides regarding the furniture and equipment funding for the new Red Earth Creek School be received for information.

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Carried

5.4 Departmental Presentations - None

5.5 Delegations - None

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:03 p.m.

The meeting resumed after lunch at 12:59 p.m.

FIDUCIARY

6.1. IN CAMERA

16080

Moved by: Trustee Dyck

That the meeting move in-camera at 1:00 p.m.

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Carried

Trustee Rushton left the meeting at 1:39 p.m.

Trustee Rushton returned to the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

Trustee Dion left the meeting at 1:47 p.m.

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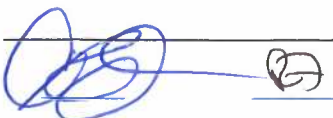
Moved by: Trustee Rushton

That the meeting revert to regular session at 2:05 p.m.

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Carried

While in-camera labour and legal issues were discussed.



The meeting recessed at 2:05 p.m.
The meeting resumed at 2:13 p.m.
Trustee Dion rejoined the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

6.2 POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW

6.2.1 Ministerial Order re Standards for the Selection, Availability, and Access of School Library Materials (Thompson)

Superintendent Thompson reviewed the Ministerial Order.

16082

Moved by: Trustee Rushton

That the Policy Committee work on a policy in accordance with Ministerial Order (#030/2025) and bring a draft back to the September 18, 2025, board meeting.

6-0

Carried

6.2.2 Policy 2 – Role of the Board

Updates to Policy 2, Role of the Board, were discussed.

16083

Moved by: Trustee Dyck

That 1st reading of Policy 2 – Role of the Board, be approved as amended.

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Carried

6.2.2.1 Policy 2 – Appendix A – Board Annual Work Plan.

Updates to Policy 2 – Appendix A – Board Annual Work Plan, were discussed.

16084

Moved by: Trustee Dion

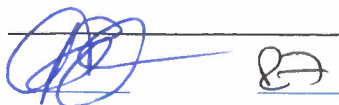
That Policy 2 – Appendix A – Board Annual Work Plan be tabled until the September 18, 2025, meeting of the Board.

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Carried

6.2.2.2 Policy 2 – Appendix B – Performance Assessment Guide

Updates to Policy 2 – Appendix B – Performance Assessment Guide, were discussed.



16085

Moved by: Trustee Dyck

That Policy 2 – Appendix B – Performance Assessment Guide be tabled until the September 18, 2025, meeting of the Board.

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Carried

6.2.3 Policy 3 – Role of the Trustee

Updates to Policy 3– Role of the Trustee, were discussed.

16086

Moved by: Trustee Rushton

That 1st reading of updates to Policy 3 – Role of the Trustee be approved as amended.

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Carried

6.2.3.1 Policy 3 – Appendix A – Services, Materials and Equipment Provided to Trustees

Updates to Policy 3 – Appendix A – Services, Materials and Equipment Provided to Trustees were discussed.

16087

Moved by: Trustee Dion

That 1st reading of Policy 3 – Appendix A – Services, Materials and Equipment Provided to Trustees, be approved as amended.

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Carried

6.2.3.2 Policy 3 – Appendix B – Fiduciary Duty Summary

Updates to Policy 3 – Appendix B – Fiduciary Duty Summary, were discussed.

16088

Moved by: Trustee Rushton

That 1st reading of Policy 3 – Appendix B – Fiduciary Duty Summary, be approved as amended.

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Carried



6.2.3.3 Policy 3 – Appendix C – Trustees Tours of Schools

Updates to Policy 3 – Appendix C – Trustees Tours of Schools, were discussed.

16089

Moved by: Trustee Giesbrecht

That 1st reading of Policy 3 – Appendix C – Trustees Tours of Schools, be approved as amended.

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Carried

The meeting recessed at 4:01 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 4:08 p.m.

6.3 STANDING COMMITTEE ITEMS

6.3.1 ASBA

6.3.1.1. Edwin Parr and Friends of Education Invitation

The invitation to the Edwin Parr and Friends of Education nominees was discussed.

6.3.2 PSBAA – No highlights.

6.3.2.1. PSBC (Dyck)

Trustee Dyck provided a report on the PSBC meeting she attended in August.

6.3.3. Rural Caucus

Trustee Leitch reviewed items the Rural Caucus is working on.

6.4 TRUSTEE CALENDAR

6.4.1 Manning Aurora Composite School (MACS) Grand Opening – September 26, 2025

The MACS Grand Opening and remainder of the trustee calendar were reviewed.

7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

2.3.1 Financial Monthly Report to July 2025

The financial monthly report to July 2025 was discussed.



16090

Moved by: Trustee Leitch

That the financial monthly report to July 2025 be received for information.

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Carried

2.8.4 20250709 Jul 09 Letter from HFCRD re: St. Thomas More New School Build

The 20250709 Jul 09 Letter from HFCRD re: St. Thomas More New School Build was discussed.

16091

Moved by: Trustee Rushton

That the 20250709 Jul 09 Letter from HFCRD re: St. Thomas More New School Build be received for information.

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Carried

2.8.5 20250814 Aug 14 Letter from PR & District Chamber of Commerce

The 20250814 Aug 14 Letter from PR & District Chamber of Commerce was discussed.

16092

Moved by: Trustee Dion

That the 20250814 Aug 14 Letter from PR & District Chamber of Commerce be received for information.

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Carried

8. ADJOURNMENT

16093

Moved by: Trustee Rushton

That the meeting be adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

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Carried

9. ROUND TABLE

Certified Correct:



Secretary-Treasurer

Recorder: Chris Warne

Approved:



Chair