



January 2018

Board Highlights of the Regular Meeting

The Highlights is a brief summary of the Board Meeting. The official record of a Board Meeting is contained in the approved Minutes. For more detailed information about any of the items below, see the agenda package posted to the website at the following link:

<http://calgarygirlsschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Public-January-2018-Board-Agenda-Package.pdf>

Board Chair's Report: Natalya Nicholson provided an oral report and reviewed the received board correspondence.

TAAPCS: Geordie MacPherson, Director and Vice Chair of the Director's Committee of TAAPCS reported on the new committee structures and invited directors to put their names forward. The agenda included a summary of volunteers and open positions. Margo Purcell offered her name for the Board Professional Learning Committee. Caroline Claussen offered to serve on the Research and Innovation Support Committee. A conference representative is needed from the staff of each charter school.

Director Gary Care attended the Special Meeting called for the purpose of determining a fee structure for TAAPCS. He reported on the two options under consideration. The Board provided feedback on its preferred option which will be communicated in the February follow up meeting.

Superintendent's Report: A print copy was attached to the agenda. Note that the reported EAC meeting did not occur as reported due to the weather but is rescheduled for February.

Guest Presentation: The enthusiastic grade nine team of Ms(s) Larson, Chamseddine, Graf and Johnstone shared the story of a powerful inquiry as students explored the notion of "women's work." The learning culminated with a Conference Day in December. Guest speakers included several women from the Calgary community who shared their personal stories of working in STEM careers. A student noted that *"It was helpful to learn that these women didn't all have a clear idea of their career choices at my age. They just followed their passions and curiosity which led them into their careers. I feel more relaxed about not having every step mapped out at this stage of my life."* The team's work exemplified the infusion of "Go Girls" learning outcomes into cross-curricular inquiry.



First Quarter Financial Results: Following a review of the financial statements by the Finance and Audit Committee, Director Stanley Wong (Committee Chair) presented the statements at the Board Meeting. The first quarter shows a surplus; however, revenue and expenditures vary from month to month and the budget is expected to be balanced by year end. The percentage of funds remaining in each budget envelope is consistent with the percentage of expenditures expected over the remainder of the operating year.

Human Resources Annual Report: The annual report gives an overview of staff diversity based on gender, age, grid placement as well as annual churn (calculated from September 1 to September 1) and types of contracts. It was noted that the annual cost for grid rollup is decreasing; however, the cumulative effect means the overall cost of staffing is continually rising while funding remains stagnant. The cost is monitored as a percentage of total operating budget and as percentage of the instructional envelope. A number of key indicators of staff satisfaction as noted on the Accountability Pillar were also included.

Governance Policy Review: To build shared understanding, monitor for currency, and ensure compliance in decision-making, the Board continued its cyclical policy review by considering Policies 7-9 including Charter Board Operations, Committees, and Representatives. The Board approved the Policy Committee's recommended amendments to Policy 8. The Policy Committee is reviewing Policy 9 and expects to bring forward some recommended amendments in the near future.

If you have any questions related to the Highlights, please feel most welcome to contact the Superintendent at Dianne.mcbeth@calgarygirlsschool.com