

**Prairie Rose School Division No. 8
Regular Board Meeting**

MINUTES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

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Present: G. Westgard, K. Cooper, P. Heller, A. Frank, G. Dennis, B. Wickens, S. Angle joined the meeting via telephone (10:06 a.m.), D. Nicholls – Superintendent, B. Andjelic – D. Superintendent, B. Volkman – A. Superintendent, P. Cocks – Secretary Treasurer, A. Baron – Communications

Absent: M. Peers

Media: R. Sanchez – Prairie Post, J. Rieger – Cypress Courier

1. Call to Order

G. Westgard called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

1.1 Approval of the Agenda

Additions to the Agenda

8.1 Disposition of Property Regulation

Moved by B. Wickens that the December 14, 2010 Regular Board Meeting Agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED (2010-103)

2. Approval of the Minutes

2.1 Regular Board Meeting – November 9, 2010

Moved by G. Dennis that the November 9, 2010 Regular Board Meeting Minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED (2010-104)

2.2 Special Board Meeting – November 30, 2010

Moved by P. Heller that the November 30, 2010 Special Board Meeting Minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED (2010-105)

3. Monitoring

3.1 Trustee Reports

G. Dennis reported that Seven Persons School will be having their Christmas Concert on December 17th.

A. Frank reported that several Christmas activities are taking place in the Redcliff schools.

P. Heller explained that Irvine will be having their Community Christmas on December 16th. Schuler School is also taking part in several festive activities including a Penny Drive.

K. Cooper shared that twelve students from Foremost went to Calgary to help pack Christmas hamper boxes. The school also held a talent show.

B. Wickens explained that Margaret Wooding and Parkside schools are holding a food bank competition. Also, several student teachers are busy working in all the Prairie Rose schools.

G. Westgard shared that South Central High School hosted the theatre production *A Mid Summer Nights Dream*. The production was put together by a professional theatre group who worked for two weeks alongside the students. The Alberta Foundation of the Arts was the sponsor of the program.

S. Angle explained that he hadn't been feeling well and as a result had to miss a few Christmas events. There are still more to come at both Bow Island and Burdett schools and he will be trying to get out to a few of them. Some events of interest include a magician at SG/BIE and a juggling performance at Burdett.

3.2 Video Presentation

A. Baron provided a brief overview of the newly revised *Around the School Yard* video newsletter and then played the November video for the Board to view. The video feature highlights three different schools every month and can be viewed online at www.prrd.ab.ca.

3.3 Review Governance Process Policies

P. Cocks presented the Governance Process Policies for information. Several items have already been reviewed while others are still up for revision this year. P. Cocks provided an overview of the various policies.

4. Action Items

4.1 Attendance Area Appeal – Burstall

On November 30, 2010, the Board gave approval in principle for a family soon to be residing at SW1/4-16-20-1-W4 to attend school in Burstall, Sk. Although the children are currently residing in Medicine Hat, it is possible that they could relocate to their grandparents' home and enroll in Burstall School. The item will be deferred until the family moves into the attendance area.

Moved by P. Heller that Action Item 4.1 will be deferred until the children formally move into the Prairie Rose attendance area.

CARRIED (2010-106)

4.2 South Central High School Field Trip Request

D. Nicholls shared that South Central School was requesting approval for a Field Trip to Mexico from April 20th until the 29th. G. Dennis requested that the group provide a presentation to the Board upon return.

Moved by A. Frank that the Board approve the South Central High School trip to Mexico from April 20 to 29, 2011, as presented.

CARRIED (2010-107)

5. Superintendents' Reports

5.1 Kaleidoscope of the Arts

D. Nicholls provided an overview to the Board of this years *Kaleidoscope of the Arts* event. The dates for the event are set for May 26th to the 28th. P. Heller shared that the first organizational meeting had taken place and several ideas are being shared regarding fundraising for the event. The school councils have been approached for contributions and so far the response has been very good towards supporting the K-12 arts program. An invitation will be sent out to MLA Len Mitzel and the Minister of Education. G. Dennis suggested letters also be sent to area Mayors/Reeves.

5.2 Superintendents' Reports

D. Nicholls shared that the past 3-4 months have gone well. All schools are operating smoothly and there are no major issues to report.

B. Volkman explained that a school review was underway for Ralston School but the report won't be ready until the new year.

K. Cooper and B. Andjelic shared results from the Student / Board Meeting on December 13th. Overall, it was a really positive day and it was very interesting to get feedback from the students on various issues. A couple comments made by students were; appreciative of giving them an opportunity to break down information and share, enjoyed the opportunity to review and give feedback on Prairie Rose policies, enjoyed the engaging discussion on assessment and happy to share what they wanted without being judged.

6. Other Reports / Information Items

6.1 ASBA

A. Frank reported on the recent ASBA Executive Meeting. During the meeting it was asked if A. Baron could make a presentation at the January meeting on Media Relations and working alongside the Board. School division reports from the meeting were forwarded to the trustees for information. K. Cooper requested approval to attend an FNMI conference in Lethbridge on January 13th.

6.2 PSBAA

K. Cooper reported that the PSBAA will be contacting the Board in the new year to set up a date to stop by for a visit. The next meeting will be held in February.

8. Correspondence

8.1 Disposition of Property Regulation

P. Cocks provided the item as information.

10. Adjournment

Moved by G. Dennis at 11:28 a.m. that the December 14, 2010 Regular Board Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED (2010-108)

Marian Peers, Board Chair

Pat Cocks, Secretary-Treasurer