

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

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 1, 2011

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Present: M. Peers, G. Westgard, P. Heller, A. Frank, G. Dennis, S. Angle, B. Wickens, D. Nicholls – Superintendent, B. Andjelic – D. Superintendent, B. Volkman - A. Superintendent, P. Cocks – Secretary Treasurer, A. Baron - Communications

Absent: K. Cooper

Other: R. Sanchez – Prairie Post, M. McKinnon - CJCY FM, C. Carlson, B. Craven, V. Miller

1. Call to Order

M. Peers called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

1.1 Approval of the Agenda

Additions to the Agenda:

- Delete 8.1 - PSBAA

Moved by B. Wickens to approve the February 1, 2011 Regular Board Agenda as amended.

CARRIED (2011-114)

2. Approval of the Minutes

2.1 Regular Board Meeting – January 11, 2011

Moved by G. Westgard to approve the January 11, 2011 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

CARRIED (2011-115)

3. Monitoring

3.1 Trustee Reports

B. Wickens reported that he had attended a series of School Council meetings in Redcliff. Items discussed included transportation and the tripartite discussions.

S. Angle attended the school council meetings in the Bow Island / Burdett area.

G. Westgard reported that she, M. Peers and D. Nicholls had attended the Joint Northern School Council meeting together. Many items were discussed.

A. Frank explained that he had attended the Eagle Butte School Council meeting. Items discussed during the meeting included student phone rules and student feedback forms. Jenner held their Missoula Theatre production in December. While the school had some concerns about the administration of the Missoula program, it was well received by the parents and students. It was noted that Jenner School has great parent council representation. At Margaret Wooding, students received a presentation on anti-bullying. The school has also considered adding an outdoor sign to promote school activities. Costs are still be considered before proceeding. At Parkside, the dance elective has been well received. The students are excited about showing off their work at this years' Kaleidoscope.

P. Heller shared that she had attended the Schuler School Council meeting. A school fun day is scheduled for February 2nd. At Irvine, the school recently hosted a curling bonspiel. It was a great day and a lot of fun for students.

M. Peers shared her thoughts on the Joint Northern School Council meeting. In other news, the schools all participated in a large curling bonspiel on January 31, 2011.

3.2 Video Presentation

A. Baron presented the January 2011 *Around the School Yard* video. Schools highlighted during the month included Irvine, Parkside and an FNMI/Anti-Bullying presentation in Bow Island. The two AISI videos will be shared during the AISI conference later this month in Edmonton.

3.4 Three Year Education Plan – Status Report

D. Nicholls presented the status report for the Three-Year Education Plan. Items highlighted during the report included DREAMS restructuring (on-going funding), video conferencing (partnership opportunities), the division’s home-education/outreach/evening program (including Beyond Walls), the continuance of a division-wide music teacher, the future of full-day kindergarten, on-going character education programming, reviews of the Board committee groups, continued open communication with school council groups, the REAL program in Oyen and an general overview of Hutterite programming throughout the division.

G. Dennis joined the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

4. Action Items

4.1 Policy EL#11 – Attendance Area

P. Cocks presented Policy EL#11 – Attendance Area for approval. The policy has been amended to transfer the attendance area for Bindloss School to Warren Peers School.

Moved by S. Angle that the Board approve the amendments to Policy EL#11 – Attendance Area as presented.

CARRIED (2011-116)

4.2 Policy E#4 – Learner Outcomes

P. Cocks presented Policy E#4 – Learner Outcomes for approval. The policy has been amended to reflect the four goals in the 2010-2013 Three Year Education Plan.

Moved by P. Heller that the Board approve the amendments to Policy E#4 Learner Outcomes as presented.

CARRIED (2011-117)

4.3 Policy GP#19 – Student / Board Advisory

P. Cocks presented Policy GP#19 – Student / Board Advisory for approval. The policy has been amended to include three trustees as members of the committee.

Moved by A. Frank that the Board approve the amendments to Policy GP#19 – Student / Board Advisory Committee as presented.

CARRIED (2011-118)

4.4 Audit Services

P. Cocks explained that administration was recommending that the Board extend its three-year contract with *Young Parkyn McNab Chartered Accountants* to provide external audit services for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

Moved by G. Dennis that the Board approve *Young Parkyn McNab Chartered Accountants* to provide external services for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

CARRIED (2011-119)

V. Miller joined the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

4.5 Attendance Area Appeal – Redcliff to Ralston

D. Nicholls explained that a parent had approached him with some concerns with one of the Redcliff schools. Due to this concern the parent was requesting that the division transport her youngest child outside of the Redcliff attendance area boundary to Ralston School.

Moved by S. Angle that the Board uphold the attendance boundaries for Redcliff schools and deny the request.

CARRIED (2011-120)

V. Miller left the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

4.6 Professional Leave Application

D. Nicholls explained that a Prairie Rose employee had submitted an application for professional leave. There is a provision in the Collective Agreement for teaching professionals to pursue additional education opportunities at a cost to the Board. The provision also requires the individual to return to the division following their leave for a minimum two year period.

Moved by G. Westgard that the Board approve the application for professional leave as requested.

CARRIED (2011-121)

C. Carlson and B. Craven joined the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

3. Monitoring

3.3 Ralston School Review

B. Volkman provided a summary of the Ralston School Review. Recommendations from the report include attempting to build PLC time into the regular school day timetable for the Division 3 teachers, adding a few minutes of instruction to each day in next year's timetable, more French options for students, more input from parents and support staff, addition efforts towards increasing the overall Math results, better use of the library and its resources and continued efforts to promote and publicize various anti-bullying programs.

Aspects of the school that were acknowledged include providing students with a broad range of core, co-curricular and extra-curricular programs, a positive school council relationship, an effective orientation package for new students, positive leadership and good communication with the parents and the military community.

C. Carlson and B. Craven provided insight into a number of the recommendations and feedback on the report. Overall, school administration found the review process to be positive for staff and the school overall. Several strategies have already been implemented and/or reviewed for the upcoming school year.

C. Carlson, M. McKinnon, R. Sanchez and B. Craven left the meeting at 12:08 p.m.

M. Peers recessed the meeting for lunch from 12:08 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.

5. Superintendents' Reports

5.1 Superintendents' Reports

D. Nicholls reported that Prairie Rose and Prairie Land School Division will be meeting to discuss a variety of issues.

6. Other Reports / Information Items

6.1 ASBA

A. Frank reported that during the previous zone meeting some discussion took place about the tripartite discussions between the ATA, ASBA and the Alberta Government. It was also shared that Alberta Education is also in the process of conducting telephone surveys. Previous survey results are available online.

6.2 PSBAA

No report.

8. Correspondence

8.2 ASBA – School Boards as Employers Conference

P. Cocks provided the item as information.

10. Adjournment

Moved by A. Frank at 1:00 p.m. that the February 1, 2011 Regular Board Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED (2011-122)

Marian Peers, Board Chair

Pat Cocks, Secretary-Treasurer