

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

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

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Present: M. Peers, S. Angle, G. Dennis, A. Frank, P. Heller, K. Cooper, G. Westgard, D. Nicholls – Superintendent, B. Andjelic – Deputy Superintendent, B. Volkman – Assistant Superintendent, P. Cocks – Secretary Treasurer, W. McLean – Communications

Absent: None

Other: J. Rieger – The Commentator, Tricia Unreiner and Cammie Kannekens - AISI

1. Call to Order - Board Chair

M. Peers called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

3. Monitoring

Oyen Public School representatives joined the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

5.1 Oyen Public School Haiti Project – via Videoconference

A group of students from Oyen Public School presented their project to raise money for “Hearts for Haiti”, a fundraising effort to help Haiti in the aftermath of the earthquake there. About 10 students from Grades 7 to 9 made an approximately 20-minute long presentation making a plea for a donation to Haiti.

1.1 Approval of the Agenda

Additions to the agenda:

7.1 Eagle Butte high school field trip request

Moved by S. Angle that the agenda of the Tuesday, January 12 Regular Board Meeting be approved as amended

CARRIED (2010-08)

2. Approval of the Minutes

2.1 Regular Board Meeting – January 12, 2010

Moved by G. Westgard that the minutes of the Tuesday, January 12 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED (2010-09)

3. Monitoring

3.1 Trustee Reports

G. Dennis reported that Seven Persons has their Winterfest on Feb. 12 for grades 1 to 8. The Olympic torch relay ran through Seven Persons on 9 a.m. on Jan. 17. He reported that a CFB Suffield-based British soldier was killed overseas recently.

G. Westgard reported on a BLAST team that is attempting to teach the dangers of narcotics at Oyen Public School.

S. Angle reported that Burdett recently completed their fundraising school auction. Gershaw's Grade 11 play is coming soon and the Tech. conference plans are in full-swing.

K. Cooper reported on Foremost's Haiti fundraising efforts. Also, the school's AISI project is kicking off on Feb. 5.

P. Heller reported that Irvine's Haiti fundraising drive is based in the Grade 3 class. She also reported on Schuler's Winter Olympics event that has recently begun. They're having a different Olympic event each day during the noon hour at the school.

A. Frank reported an I.F. Cox student who went out and got a job shoveling snow on the weekend and made \$80 that he contributed to the Haitian relief efforts.

4. Action Items

4.1 Policy EL#11 – Attendance Area Boundaries

The policy reflects the changes to the Attendance Area Boundaries reflected by the closure of Manyberries' school and changes to the Bow Island attendance area as well.

K. Cooper requested altering the attendance area boundaries between Bow Island and Foremost making the coulee the boundary to accommodate a family in that area whose children are in the Bow Island attendance area one week and on alternating weeks are in the Foremost attendance area and the family is forced to meet the bus.

A. Frank spoke against making the change, supporting the recommendation of Transportation Supervisor V. Miller to maintain the boundaries.

D. Nicholls noted the same request went to the board previously as a parents' request and was denied.

Moved by G. Dennis that Policy EL#11 Attendance Area Boundaries be adopted as was initially presented.

CARRIED (2010-10)

4.2 Policy EL#13 – School Councils

P. Cocks said the change is a minor amendment to an existing policy that made a financial statement a requirement for all school councils. That financial statement requirement has been removed from the updated policy.

Moved by S. Angle that Policy EL#13 School Councils be adopted as presented.

CARRIED (2010-11)

4.3 Policy GP#14 – Trustee Honorarium and Expense

P. Cocks said Article 7 of the policy establishes the adjustment of the trustee honoraria and expense allowance by the rate of increase in the base instructional grant. The kilometre rate has increased from 48 cents per kilometre to 49 cents per kilometre as well.

Moved by P. Heller that Policy GP#14 Trustee Honorarium Expense be adopted as presented.

CARRIED (2010-12)

4.4 Electoral Wards By-Law

The trustee-approved electoral wards realignment was returned from Alberta Education and approved by the minister. To become official the board must pass the change into a by-law and the by-law must again be approved by the Minister of Education.

The by-law required three readings and approvals to become enacted.

D. Nicholls left the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

P. Cocks read Bylaw #1/2010 – To Establish the Electoral Boundaries of Prairie Rose School Division No. 8

Moved by P. Heller to approve first reading of bylaw #1/2010.

CARRIED (2010-13)

P. Cocks read the name of the by-law.

Moved by A. Frank to approve second reading of bylaw #1/2010.

CARRIED (2010-14)

Moved by K. Cooper to have the third and final reading of by-law #1/2010 at the same meeting.

CARRIED Unanimously(2010-15)

Upon being unanimously approved, the trustees can now hold the third reading of the by-law at the same meeting.

P. Cocks read the name of by-law #1/2010.

Moved by G. Dennis to approve third reading of the by-law.

CARRIED (2010-16)

4.5 Alberta School Councils' Association Conference Grant

P. Cocks said last year the board approved a total grant of \$2,100 for parents to attend the ASCA Conference. Last year only one parent accessed the grant despite funding being provided for up to three from different areas of the division.

S. Angle said he consulted some school council representatives and it was indicated to him that funding for the conference may be unnecessary as the conference itself may not be overwhelmingly valuable.

A. Frank said one person who went last year spoke very positively of the experience.

K. Cooper and P. Heller said committing to going is often a problem for parent council members.

It is moved by A. Frank that the Board approve a maximum of \$700 to each of three groups of school council representatives from across the Division to attend the ASCA conference in Edmonton. The \$2,100 total cost will be allocated from the administrative promotions budget.

CARRIED (2010-17)

D. Nicholls rejoined the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

4.6 Kaleidoscope Grant

P. Heller gave an update on the Kaleidoscope arts festival.

P. Cocks said a \$4,500 educational funding grant from Xerox and the recommendation was that the funds be provided for Kaleidoscope.

It is moved by S. Angle that the Board allocate the \$4,500 Education Sponsorship grant from Xerox Canada toward the 2010 Kaleidoscope Fine Arts Festival.

CARRIED (2010-18)

4.7 Manyberries Teacherages – List for Sale

It is moved by P. Heller that the Board request Ministerial Approval to list the following two properties for sale with a real estate agent, in accordance with Section 98 of the Disposition of Property Regulation.

Unit	Location
M-34	111 School Avenue, Manyberries
M-25	222 School Avenue, Manyberries

CARRIED (2010-19)

T. Unreiner and C. Kannekens joined the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

3.2 AISI Report

T. Unreiner presented the work she has been doing on SMART notebook specific units for teachers ranging from Kindergarten to Grade 12. She showed examples of some of the units that had been created.

T. Unreiner and C. Kannekens left the meeting at 12:11 p.m.

M. Peers adjourned the meeting for lunch at 12:11 p.m.

M. Peers called the meeting back to order at 12:50 p.m.

5. Superintendents' Reports

5.2 School-based Charity Initiatives

D. Nicholls presented an informational handout about some of the charity initiatives at a number of Prairie Rose schools.

5.3 Superintendents' Reports

W. McLean presented the results of a survey of Manyberries' parents. The results indicated Manyberries' parents were largely satisfied with the education their children were receiving at their new school, though some were unsatisfied with bussing times.

D. Nicholls gave an update on his upcoming trip to Mexico with Alberta Education's International Student Recruiting team.

6. Other Reports

6.1 ASBA

A. Frank reported that the Edwin Parr Award nominations are due by April 1 and gave an update on other Alberta School Board Association happenings.

6.2 PSBAA

K. Cooper reported on happenings with the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta.

D. Nicholls left the meeting at 1:06 p.m.

D. Nicholls rejoined the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

7. Emergent Items

7.1 Eagle Butte high school field trip request

The trip was approved in principal in February 2009. P. Cocks said the trip has been done many times before. She said it's not an uncommon trip. The students would be missing four instructional days as a result of the trip. The Hair Show would last one day of the trip.

D. Nicholls recommended, if approved, having a follow-up meeting with the organizing teacher and the school principal as there appear to be some gaps from a curriculum perspective in the trip's plan.

It is moved by G. Dennis to approve the Level III extended travel trip for the Eagle Butte cosmetology class from March 5 to March 10.

CARRIED (2010-20)

10. Adjournment

It is moved by G. Westgard to adjourn the meeting at 1:22 p.m.

CARRIED (2010-21)