

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

MINUTES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

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

Absent: None

Other: Steve Krysak – The Lounge, Derek Beck – Senator Gershaw Principal, Linda Matsumoto, Dave Blemings, Cammie Kanekens - AISI

1. Call to Order - Board Chair

M. Peers called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

1.1 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by S. Angle that the agenda of the Tuesday, June 15 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED (2010-43)

2. Approval of the Minutes

2.1 Regular Board Meeting – May 11, 2010

Moved by G. Dennis to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2010 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

CARRIED (2010-44)

5. Superintendents' Reports

B. Andjelic introduced the new Coordinator of Student Services for Prairie Rose, Donna Balas. The trustees introduced themselves and D. Balas spoke briefly.

B. Andjelic spoke about the introduction of a new mental health capacity building project for Oyen, similar to the DREAMS project in Redcliff. He also discussed a meeting held on Monday, June 14 regarding the DREAMS project in Redcliff and the progress it's made.

B. Andjelic left the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

3. Monitoring

3.1 Trustee Reports

K. Cooper reported on a Parent Council meeting at Foremost and a travelling string quartet that will be visiting Foremost.

P. Heller reported on Irvine School's camping trip to Elkwater the previous week, the athletic banquet at Eagle Butte High School and the EBHS track and field team winning the provincial championships. She also had lunch with the special needs class at EBHS recently.

A. Frank reported on the recipients of the Redcliff Scholarships for Advanced Education, worth \$4,000 each, who were selected last week. Both students attended Eagle Butte High School. While academics matter in the scholarship selection process, financial need also plays a role in selection. A. Frank also reported on Parkside's Grade 9 Farewell ceremony.

G. Dennis reported on the EBHS athletic banquet.

G. Westgard reported on New Bridgen and Oyen Public's Grade 9 Farewell ceremonies. Three students were part of the New Bridgen ceremony while 33 students took part in the OPS ceremony. New Bridgen is planning an FNMI day in June.

S. Angle reported on Burdett's Grade 9 Farewell, Senator Gershaw's graduation ceremony, Gershaw's track and field team and of BIE's time capsule being dug up last week, 10 years after being buried.

M. Peers reported on South Central High's graduation ceremony, Warren Peers' Grade 9 farewell and a visit in Oyen by Canada's women's hockey coach, Melody Davidson, who is an Oyen native.

3.2 Draft 2010-11 Budget

P. Cocks presented the Draft 2010-2011 Budget. There is an anticipated deficit budget of \$482,421. Her projections include a two per cent decline in enrollment and, as a result, a decline in provincial funding.

P. Cocks said the \$237,693 deficit showing under Plant Operations and Maintenance is a result of an accounting practice related to the amortization of buildings.

She also discussed the transportation deficit, expenses related to board and system administration and external services, which are areas unrelated to the board's responsibilities such as teacherages and the FSLW program.

A final budget will be presented for Board approval in October 2010.

Moved by A. Frank that the Board receive the 2010-2011 Preliminary Budget as presented.

CARRIED (2010-45)

B. Volkman left the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

3.3 Status Report – Three-Year Education Plan

D. Nicholls discussed the Three-Year Education Plan. He said most of the plan's strategies are being put in place by Prairie Rose to meet the goals of the plan.

4. Action Items

4.1 Policy GP#7 – Regular Board Meetings

Moved by P. Heller that the Board approve Governance Policy GP#7 – Regular Board Meetings as presented.

CARRIED (2010-46)

4.2 Policy GP#8 – Board General Committee Meetings

Moved by A. Frank that the Board approve Governance Policy GP#8 – Board General Committee Meetings as presented.

CARRIED (2010-47)

4.3 Policy GP#9 – Organizational Meetings

Moved by G. Dennis that the Board approve Governance Policy GP#9 – Organizational Meetings as presented.

CARRIED (2010-48)

D. Beck joined the meeting via video conference at 11:14 a.m.

5.1 Technology Conference 2011

D. Beck reported that nine key speakers have already been secured for the 2011 conference. He discussed the possibility of having mini-keynote speakers holding sessions. D. Beck said a few sessions would be scaled back and the conference would likely be slightly smaller than it was in 2010. D. Beck lamented the absence of one of the conference's key organizers, Dave Blemings, who will be in Germany for the 2010-2011 school year.

D. Beck left the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

4.4 Policy EL#12 – 2011-12 School Year Calendar

P. Cocks presented the 2011-2012 School Year Calendar, which had been presented to a number of different Prairie Rose stakeholders previously for their input.

Moved by A. Frank that the Board approve Governance policy EL#12 – 2011-2012 School Year Calendar as presented.

CARRIED (2010-49)

4.5 Alberta School Council Association Fees

The ASCA is offering three-year jurisdictional membership fees at a cost of \$40 for each school for the first year and no fees for the second and third years. The cost to the Division for 2010-2011 would be \$680.

Moved by S. Angle that the Board approve payment of the three-year jurisdictional membership fee in the Alberta School Council Association at a total cost of \$680.

CARRIED (2010-50)

L. Matsumoto, C. Kannekens and D. Blemings joined the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

3.4 AISI Report

L. Matsumoto presented the AISI Graphic and discussed how the program has been successful in improving Prairie Rose's schools and educational processes.

D. Blemings discussed some of the AISI projects of the 2009-2010 school year, their implementation and how the AISI Team worked with the teachers in the schools. He also discussed the addition of a training lab at Beyond Walls alternative school that cost very little money.

C. Kannekens discussed one of the projects she has been working on for the AISI Team. She discussed the Flat Stanley Geography Grade 2 project that has been produced, which helps students learn about maps and the regions of Canada.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:26 p.m.

D. Nicholls left the meeting at 12:26 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:13 p.m.

4.6 By-Law #2/2010 – Modified Voting Procedure

The Board is required to approve a bylaw to authorize more than one voting station (poll) in a subdivision. The Board must give unanimous approval to have the three readings at this meeting.

Moved by G. Westgard that the Board agree to have the three readings of By-Law #2/2010 at this time.

CARRIED (2010-51)

Moved by G. Dennis that the Board approve By-Law #2/2010 – Modified Voting Procedure as presented (first reading).

CARRIED (2010-52)

Moved by A. Frank that the Board approve By-Law #2/2010 – Modified Voting Procedure as presented (second reading)

CARRIED (2010-53)

Moved by P. Heller that the Board approve By-Law #2/2010 – Modified Voting Procedure as presented (third reading)

CARRIED (2010-54)

4.7 Roots of Empathy – Oyen Area Schools

Moved by A. Frank that the Board endorse the “Roots of Empathy” program in Oyen Public, New Brigden and Warren Peers schools as presented by the Oyen Communities in Action group.

CARRIED (2010-55)

5.2 Superintendents’ Reports (continued)

D. Nicholls discussed staffing within Prairie Rose including the appointment of Beryl Hamilton as principal at Jenner School. He also discussed changes to music staffing at Seven Persons School and the staff recognition evening that was held recently.

B. Volkman joined the meeting at 1:31 p.m.

B. Volkman reported on the Skills Competition from this past year based on a Job Skills Alberta meeting he attended.

6. Other Reports / Information Items

6.1 Inspiring Education - Steering Committee Report

M. Peers reported on the presentation of the Inspiring Education document at the ASBA meeting.

6.2 ASBA

A. Frank reported on the fall ASBA meeting being held in Cardston, ASBA board process and the idea of shared administration between school divisions being broached by some smaller school divisions.

6.3 PSBAA

K. Cooper reported on a session about hazing at a recent PSBAA meeting. She said based on reports from the meeting, hazing incidents are far more common than often perceived by the general public. She also reported that Mary-Lynn Campbell from Parkland School Division is the new Executive Director for PSBAA.

6.4 Admin Procedure A303 – Instructional Materials Fees

P. Cocks presented the new administrative guidelines to the board regarding Instructional Materials Fees.

10. Adjournment

Moved by K. Cooper to recess the June 15 Regular Board Meeting

CARRIED (2010-56)

M. Peers, Board Chair

P. Cocks, Secretary Treasurer