

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

**MINUTES
Tuesday, January 11, 2011**

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Present: G. Westgard, P. Heller, K. Cooper, 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: M. Peers

Media: R. Sanchez – Prairie Post

Other: J. Krause, T. Freeman, J. Gregory, T. Ridgedale

1. Call to Order - Board Chair

G. Westgard called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

1.1 Approval of the Agenda

Additions to the Agenda

7.1 Books - Lethbridge Historical Society

7.2 Letter from the Minister – Bindloss School

Moved by S. Angle to approve the January 11, 2011 Regular Board Agenda as amended.

CARRIED (2011-109)

2. Approval of the Minutes

2.1 Regular Board Meeting – December 14, 2010

Moved by G. Dennis to approve the December 14, 2010 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

CARRIED (2011-110)

3. Monitoring

3.1 Trustee Reports

K. Cooper reported that recent inclement weather has resulted in some bussing issues in her region. The weather also meant that there was a smaller than anticipated turnout for the girls basketball tournament in Foremost.

P. Heller reported that she had attended the Christmas Concert out at Elkwater Colony. The new school is open and in full operation. Springview Colony students also took part in the concert. P. Heller shared that she had attended the Irvine Community Christmas festival, which had a great turnout.

A. Frank explained that he had taken in a number of holiday activities in Redcliff. It was particularly great to see all the young children taking part in the Christmas dinner at I.F. Cox School, which was prepared by the Redcliff Lions Club.

G. Dennis attended the Christmas concert at Seven Persons. The concert had a new format this year, which was well received by parents and students.

S. Angle reported that he had been dealing with a major illness throughout the month of December. He explained that dialing into the previous meeting over the phone resulted in a series of technical issues, which need to be addressed.

B. Wickens reported that he had attended a number of Redcliff school holiday activities. K. McDonald, a police officer from Calgary, has been invited to come and talk with students in Parkside and Margaret Wooding about internet safety.

G. Westgard explained that M. Peers' husband was doing well following his surgery and that M. Peers was looking forward to returning to her Board Chair duties in the near future.

3.2 Video Presentation

A. Baron presented the *Around the School Yard* video newsletter. The December edition highlighted activities from Seven Persons and Ralston schools and can be viewed online at www.prrd.ab.ca.

3.5 Review Policy Governance "Ends" Statements

P. Cocks explained that the Board was due to review the division mission statement, vision, guiding principles, learning outcomes, key learning principles and essential virtues. The learning outcomes Statement will be updated to reflect the current Three-Year Plan.

4. Action Items

4.1 GP#14 – Trustees Remuneration

P. Cocks presented the revised Trustees Remuneration Policy. The honorariums have been adjusted by 2.92% to match the policy. K. Cooper asked for a review of the Chair and Vice Chair salaries to see if the division is in-line with the rest of the province.

Moved by S. Angle that the Board approve the amendments to Policy GP#14 – Trustee Honorarium & Expense Reimbursement, as presented.

CARRIED (2011-111)

4.2 SCHS Mexico Trip – Amended Dates

D. Nicholls reported that SCHS needed to move up the date of their spring trip to Mexico by one day. The revision would result in the students leaving on the 19th of April and returning on the 27th.

Moved by P. Heller that the Board amend its approval of the SCHS trip to Mexico from April 19 to April 27, 2011. Reference resolution 2010-107.

CARRIED (2011-112)

5. Superintendents' Reports

5.1 Superintendents' Reports

D. Nicholls reported that he had dealt with a series of parent / student issues right before the Christmas break. He also explained that administration had started budget talks and that preparation for the Board Planning Session is well underway. Planning for the 2011-2012 school year has started.

B. Andjelic and B. Volkman – No Report.

6. Other Reports / Information Items

6.1 ASBA

A. Frank reported that the next ASBA Zone meeting will take place in Lethbridge on January 13, 2011. A. Baron will be making a presentation on Communications in Education.

T. Ridgedale and J. Gregory joined the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

3.3 FSLW Presentation

B. Andjelic gave a brief overview of the FSLW program and the role of the FSLW worker in Prairie Rose schools.

J. Gregory and T. Ridgedale provided a presentation on *Play Therapy* and the tools the new programming provides to the FSLW workers. Some of the various activities shared with the Board included group juggle (introduction to play and interaction with others) and painting (communications, teaching and learning). It was explained that *Play Therapy* creates an avenue for Family School Liaison Workers's to observe what's happening in the child's world and discover what creates frustration and confusion.

J. Gregory and T. Ridgedale left the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

J. Krause and T. Freeman joined the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

3.4 AISI Presentation

B. Andjelic provided a brief overview of the IMAP project. Year two's AISI focus is on Math.

J. Krause and T. Freeman presented the IMAP project and how it works between the seven divisions that are involved. For the Math portion... the IMAP developers decided to group outcomes together and then create projects to highlight strategies and reach those specific goals. J. Krause explained that the Smart Notebook has provided an avenue for the development of these projects to be possible. Within each unit there are specific items to help outline how the unit should be taught, booklets for the students, additional tools for assessment and ideas for mental math learning. A Math lesson was presented to the Board.

R. Sanchez left the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

J. Krause and T. Freeman left the meeting at 12:17 p.m.

G. Westgard recessed the meeting for lunch from 12:17 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.

6.2 PSBAA

K. Cooper provided an overview of the upcoming February PSBAA meeting agenda. K. Cooper explained that the group was looking for feedback about a petition calling for a referendum to dissolve the Separate School system.

7. Emergent Items

7.1 Books - Lethbridge Historical Society

K. Cooper explained that books focusing on local history were donated to the division from the Lethbridge Historical Society. A box for each school was supplied.

7.2 Letter from the Minister – Bindloss School

P. Cocks reported that a letter from the Minister had come in last week giving permission for the Division to pass over ownership of Bindloss School to the community.

8. Correspondence

8.1 Being a Trustee Governance Workbook – PSBAA

P. Cocks provided a copy of the workbook to each trustee.

8.2 ASBA Governance Handbook – December 2010

P. Cocks reported that a copy of the ASBA Governance Handbook is now available online.

10. Adjournment

Moved by K. Cooper at 1:00 p.m. that the January 12, 2011 Regular Board Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED (2011-113)

Marian Peers, Board Chair

Pat Cocks, Secretary-Treasurer