

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

MINUTES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

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

Other: L. Leffler . HR Consultant, B. Wickens . DREAMS Project, D. Miller and T. Rayner . Parkside School

Absent: B. Volkman . Assistant Superintendent

Media: R. Sanchez . Prairie Post, J. Rieger . Cypress Courier, S. Krusak . The Lounge, M. Waterhouse . CHAT TV

1. Call to Order - M. Peers

M. Peers called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

1.1 Approval of the Agenda

Additions to the Agenda

7.1 Communications Award

7.2 Letter . County of 40 Mile

Moved by G. Dennis to approve the June 23, 2009, Regular Agenda as amended.

CARRIED (2009-71)

2. Approval of the Minutes

2.1 Regular Board Meeting . June 9, 2009

Correct the spelling of the name Manyberries.

Moved by A. Frank to approve the June 9, 2009, Regular Board Meeting Minutes as amended.

CARRIED (2009-72)

3. Monitoring

3.1 Trustee Reports

S. Angle reported on various activities scheduled to take place during the final week of school at Bow Island Elementary, Burdett and Senator Gershaw.

G. Dennis reported that CFB Suffield is prepared for the Board tour and meeting which is taking place on June 30, 2009.

A. Frank reported on the construction progress at IF Cox School. The parents are excited about the outdoor learning area. The project is expected to be complete before the start of the 2009-2010 school year.

P. Heller explained that she would be attending various awards day ceremonies at Irvine and Schuler. She also recently attended a pancake breakfast for bus drivers at Irvine School.

K. Cooper provided an update on the farewell activities planned for the end of the year at Foremost and Manyberries.

G. Westgard reported on various trustee duties she had taken part in during the past month. She also attended the Warren Peers farewell ceremony this year.

M. Peers reported that Bindloss will be holding a big playground opening celebration on Thursday June 25th.

M. Waterhouse joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

4. Action Items

4.1 2009-2012 Three-Year Education Plan

D. Nicholls presented the 2009-2012 Three-Year Education Plan to the Board for approval. A new goal has been added to the plan this year by Alberta Education that focuses around FNMI students. Priorities laid out within the plan include continued efforts to support and enhance the Fine Arts, additional videoconferencing opportunities for students, increased opportunities for off-campus programming, promotion of citizenship+ activities and the tracking of money and time spent following these strategies, school participation and implementation of healthy living models, and continued emphasis on professional development provisions for teachers.

S. Angle asked whether it would be a good idea to include the future exploration of social network opportunities. The item will be added under Goal Four.

K. Cooper suggested that additional wording be added under Goal Four to encourage School Council professional development opportunities.

Moved by A. Frank that the 2009-12 Three-Year Education Plan be approved as amended.

CARRIED (2009-73)

Moved by S. Angle that a Three-Year Plan Education update be scheduled for the August 19, 2009, Board General Committee Meeting to determine if a revised plan should be approved in the fall.

CARRIED (2009-74)

B. Andjelic joined the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

4.2 AISI Cycle 4

B. Andjelic asked for the Board to approve the AISI Cycle 4 Plan as presented at the June 9, 2009, General Committee Meeting.

Moved by P. Heller that the AISI Cycle 4 projects be approved as presented.

CARRIED (2009-75)

5. Superintendents' Reports

5.1 BP Canada Energy Award . Kendra Johnston-Oxamitny- IF Cox School

D. Nicholls congratulated Kendra Johnston-Oxamitny on successfully being chosen to receive the BP Canada Energy Award. The successful IF Cox School project is called "Kick the Bag+."

5.2 SuperintendentsqReports

D. Nicholls reported that all the schools have been very busy with Achievement and Diploma testing, in addition to other end of the year school events. K. Cooper asked whether time could be set aside to present achievement awards to colony school students at the end of the year. The item was referred to administration.

6. Other Reports

6.1 Setting the Direction

G. Westgard and B. Andjelic reported on the *Setting the Direction* meeting they both attended. More information can be found on the Prairie Rose website under the Special Education page.

D. Miller and T. Rayner joined the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

4. Action Items

4.3 Parkside School Review

L. Leffler presented the Parkside School Review to the Board for information. The numbers were based on 9 teacher responses, 91 parent responses and all students responding. Other contributors were support staff and bus contractors.

Commendations include a wide offering of extra curricular activities, good school communication both in-house and with the public, good effort towards student inclusion, and positive support staff.

Recommendations include regular review of the school plan with staff, finding a better balance between activities and staff available to help out, more communication between administration and teachers in regards to discipline and continued efforts to encourage parent participation at school council meetings.

Moved by A. Frank that the Parkside School Review be accepted as presented.

CARRIED (2009-76)

D. Miller and T. Rayner left the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

7. Emergent Items

7.1 Communications Award

A. Baron was congratulated for winning an Award of Excellence from the NSPRA. The award was presented for the production of marketing materials designed to recruit international students to the Division.

8. Correspondence

P. Cocks provided the following items as information:

- 8.1 Annual Report . Medicine Hat Public Library
- 8.2 Town of Redcliff . Northside Area Structure Plan

B. Wickens joined the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

3. Monitoring

- 3.2 DREAMS Project

B. Wickens explained that the DREAMS team has been very busy this year with 122 referrals. In comparison to last year, most of those referrals have come from parents instead of students. Projects in the works for next year include a boys program to match the %Go Girls+program that already exists in the community, nutrition programs, continued work alongside community partners, and %Play Therapy+training for Family School Liaison Workers.

10. Recess

M. Peers recessed the meeting at 11:52 a.m.

M. Peers reconvened the meeting at 5:20 p.m. on June 23, 2009.

7. Emergent Items

- 7.2 Irvine Track

The Board requested clarification on the future cost to irrigate and maintain the grassed soccer field in the centre of the proposed running track. The trustees indicated that a loan for \$40,000 would be possible, pending further information on the final cost of the project. The item was referred to the August 19, 2009, Board General Committee Meeting.

- 7.3 Transportation Request . Bindloss Area to Warren Peers School

A request for transportation from the Bindloss School attendance area to Warren Peers School, commencing with the 2009-2010 school year, was referred to the August 19, 2009, Board General Committee Meeting.

7.4 Transportation Request . Foremost Area to Burdett School

A request was received to provide a bus pickup point in the Foremost attendance area for students enrolled in Burdett School.

Moved by S. Angle that transportation services to Burdett School be provided from a stop located at NW33-7-11-W4, commencing with the 2009-2010 school year.

CARRIED (2009-77)

Discussion on providing Mennonite Liaison Worker service at Foremost and Senator Gershaw School (senior high program) in the future was referred to the August 19, 2009, Board General Committee Meeting.

10. Recess

M. Peers recessed the June 23, 2009, Regular Board Meeting at 5:40 p.m. to be reconvened at the call of the chair.

Marian Peers, Board Chair

Pat Cocks, Secretary-Treasurer