

**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: Val Miller – Transportation Supervisor, Melissa Gogolinski – I.F. Cox Principal, R. Sanchez – Prairie Post, L. Roberts – Technology Supervisor

1. Call to Order

M. Peers called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

1.1 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by G. Dennis that the agenda of the Tuesday, May 11 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED (2010-36)

2. Approval of the Minutes

2.1 Regular Board Meeting – April 13, 2010

Corrections:

A. Frank is listed as both absent and present in the minutes. He was absent.

Moved by G. Westgard to approve the minutes as amended.

CARRIED (2010-37)

3. Monitoring

3.1 Trustee Reports

G. Westgard reported on some of the weather-related challenges facing the northern schools recently.

S. Angle reported on Burdett working through year-end staffing issues and on Gershaw's badminton team that recently competed.

G. Dennis reported on Ralston's recent school council meeting. Seven Persons is having a pink t-shirt day coming up to bring awareness to bullying prevention.

A. Frank reported on construction being completed at I.F. Cox, with some furniture being donated by school council.

L. Roberts joined the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

P. Heller reported on Eagle Butte's upcoming grad on Friday, May 14. Eagle Butte's drama production is also coming soon. Also, an Eagle Butte student recently won a provincial award for a work safety video he submitted to a contest. He won \$1,000. The video was viewed.

K. Cooper reported on Foremost's school play that was recently held. The Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra will also be visiting Foremost soon.

D. Nicholls joined the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

M. Peers reported on two students from Oyen who will be attending the provincial skills competition. She also said the ECS parents at OPS are conducting a survey regarding increasing the number of ECS school days.

3.2 Technology Report

L. Roberts presented the technology report, which included a technology plan for 2010-2011. He said the technology plan reflects the changes in budgeting as a result of the board's previous decision to defer technology purchases for one year.

He also reported on one technology technician who is no longer employed with Prairie Rose and another one who has applied for long-term disability leave. L. Roberts reported that the long-term disability leave employee, if approved, would likely be replaced in fall 2010.

Also, there is currently a plan in place to allow staff and students to bring their personal laptops to school and allow them to access all the resources available on school computers.

L. Roberts left the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

4. Action Items

4.1 Policy GP#6 – Board Agenda / Monitoring

P. Cocks presented Policy GP#6 – Board Agenda/Monitoring Schedule. There are some changes to some meeting dates because of the election coming in the fall.

A board planning session to be held in January was added.

Moved by G. Dennis that the Board approve Governance Policy GP#6 – Board Agenda and Monitoring Schedule, as amended.

CARRIED (2010-38)

4.2 Policy GP#14 - Trustee Remuneration

This policy is adjusted to reflect the 2009-2010 instructional grants as amended by Alberta Education on March 22, 2010.

Moved by A. Frank that the Board approve Governance Policy GP#14 – Trustee Honoraria and Expense Reimbursement, as presented.

CARRIED (2010-39)

V. Miller joined the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

4.3 Transportation Request – Redcliff

V. Miller presented background on the transportation request from Redcliff, which asked for transportation to Margaret Wooding School from an area of Redcliff where there is currently no bussing to that school.

The administrative recommendation was to deny the bussing request but launch a study into Redcliff bussing during the 2010-2011 school year.

Moved by G. Westgard that the request for changes to the busing zone for Margaret Wooding School be denied.

CARRIED (2010-40)

The timing of a potential transportation review in Redcliff was discussed. K. Cooper said it would be more beneficial to have a review before the next school year so families could plan based on the transportation plan for the town. A. Frank noted that it could take many months to get all the information and process it and it was more important to be accurate and thorough rather than fast.

Moved by G. Westgard that transportation services within the Town of Redcliff be reviewed during the 2010-2011 school year.

CARRIED (2010-41)

4.4 Appointment of a Returning Officer

V. Miler has agreed to be Returning Officer for the October 2010 Trustee elections.

Moved by S. Angle that the Board appoint Val Miller to be Returning Officer in accordance with *Section 13(1) of the Local Authorities Election Act*.

5. Superintendents' Reports

5.1 Superintendents' Reports

D. Nicholls spoke about international students from Mexico potentially arriving to study at Prairie Rose for one of the upcoming school years. He also spoke about Education Week 2010.

B. Andjelic reported on a Setting the Direction conference he attended recently and also a special education conference he attended in Saskatchewan.

6. Other Reports

6.1 ASBA

A. Frank reported on the elections for an ASBA Zone 6 Director to be held on Wednesday, May 12, 2010.

M. Gogolinski joined the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

3.3 Isabel F. Cox School Review Report.

B. Volkman reported on the recently completed I.F. Cox School Review which included surveys of students, parents and staff.

M. Gogolinski said some of the recommendations have already been implemented. She said it was beneficial to hear of some of the recommendations since it's not always obvious on a day-to-day what it is that people want for the school and also to receive objective feedback.

M. Gogolinski left the meeting at 12:18 p.m.

6.2 PSBAA

K. Cooper said the ad-hoc recommendation committee of which she was chair has completed their work but recruiting is still occurring for a new director of the PSBAA.

7. Emergent Items

7.1 Kaleidoscope

D. Nicholls gave an update on a donation given to Kaleidoscope from Heller Ranching and Hargrave Ranching. P. Heller gave an update on the new patron of the arts program for Kaleidoscope. G. Dennis said Ralston School's scholastic fund will contribute \$500 to Kaleidoscope as well.

10. Adjournment

Moved by G. Westgard to adjourn the May 11 Regular meeting of the board.

CARRIED (2010-42)

M. Peers, Board Chair

P. Cocks, Secretary Treasurer