

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

**MINUTES**

**Tuesday, May 12, 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, B. Volkman . Assistant Superintendent, P. Cocks . Secretary Treasurer, A. Baron . Administrative Assistant Communications.

**Other:** L. Leffler . HR Consultant, L. Roberts . Director of Technology, S. Haupt, P. Haupt, J. Newton, P. Weiss, T. Robinson, M. Robinson, T. Unreiner

**Media:** R. Sanchez . Prairie Post, J. Rieger . Cypress Courier, J. Hunka . CHAT TV News, M. Waterhouse- Cameraman CHAT TV News, C. Mitchell . The Lounge

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**1. Call to Order**

M. Peers called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

1.1 Approval of the Agenda

Additions to the Agenda

7.1 Graduation 2009

Moved by G. Westgard to approve the May 12, 2009, Regular Board Meeting Agenda as amended.

**CARRIED (2009- 42)**

**2. Approval of the Minutes**

2.1 April 7, 2009 Regular Board Meeting

Moved by S. Angle to approve the April 7, 2009, Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

**CARRIED (2009- 43)**

2.2 April 28, 2009 Special Board Meeting

Moved by K. Cooper to approve the April 28, 2009, Special Board Meeting Minutes as amended to include P. Heller asking for a recorded vote on item.

**CARRIED (2009- 44)**

### 3. Monitoring

#### 3.1 Trustee Reports

M. Peers reported that S. Central High had two students take home medals in the Computer Sciences portion of the skills competition that took place in Medicine Hat.

G. Westgard reported on two separate performance events she attended at both South Central and New Brigden School.

S. Angle was happy to announce that Bow Island held their annual Penny Carnival, which was a huge success. Other notable items include the bike helmet program at Burdett and the skills competition for students at Senator Gershaw.

G. Dennis reported on the Eagle Butte Graduation.

A. Frank provided an overview of the various meetings, events and activities taking place in Redcliff. Some of those include the Parkside School Review, the Missoula Theatre performance at Margaret Wooding School, and the DREAMS program in Redcliff.

P. Heller explained that she had recently visited Bindloss School for an afternoon showcase of events. She also explained that Schuler School had raised over \$2,000 for the annual Terry Fox Run. P. Heller was also asked to speak at the Eagle Butte Graduation Ceremony which took place on May 8, 2009.

K. Cooper reported on the recent Manyberries School Council Meeting and theatre performance she attended at Foremost School.

The CHAT TV crew left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

#### 3.2 Technology Plan

L. Roberts provided an overview of the 2009-2010 Technology Plan. In addition to the plan includes a division based evergreening plan for upgrading photocopiers and the **VoiceOverIP** system. Some current initiatives include the use of school websites, expanded use of the VOIP system, and investigating technology support for students with Special Needs. Future technology initiatives include possible keyless entry for exterior building access, developing a remote backup solution for the servers in Division Office, and exploring various methods of using technology to increase opportunities for educational instruction.

L. Roberts, L. Leffler and D. Nicholls left the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

**4. Action Items**

4.1 Policy GP#6 . 2009-10 Monitoring Schedule

P. Cocks brought the 2009-2010 Monitoring Schedule forward for review.

Moved by K. Cooper that the Board accept Policy GP#6 2009-2010 Monitoring Schedule.

**CARRIED (2009- 45)**

4.2 Policy GP#15 . Trustee Development

P. Cocks brought Policy GP#15 . Trustee Development forward for review.

Moved by G. Westgard that the Board accept Policy GP#15 . Trustee Development.

**CARRIED (2009- 46)**

4.3 Student Transportation Services Contracts

P. Cocks explained that three changes had been made since the Board approved ~~in principle~~the list of contractors who were successful in securing student transportation service contracts. The changes were made based on the fact the size of the buses bid on those particular routes did not meet the specified requirements.

Moved by A. Frank that the Board award contracts for student transportation services, as amended.

**CARRIED (2009- 47)**

4.4 Architectural Services . Bow Island

P. Cocks brought the contract for architectural services forward for approval. G. Dennis inquired whether there was a timeline attached to the contract.

Moved by S. Angle that the Board authorize the signing of a contract with Ferrari, Westwood, Babits Architects as consultants on the Bow Island Elementary / Senator Gershaw Schools project, subject to the project receiving approval from the provincial government.

**CARRIED (2009- 48)**

L. Leffler re-joined the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

**6. Other Reports**

6.1 ASBA Report

A. Frank explained that the Edwin Parr dinner is scheduled for May 13, 2009. Prairie Rose nominee Melissa Willis will be attending along with Administration and several members of the Board. P. Cocks will forward the agenda for the event.

6.2 PSBAA Report

K. Cooper provided a brief overview of the various initiatives taking place at the PSBAA. The process to choose a new executive director is still underway.

D. Nicholls re-joined the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

**7. Emergent Items**

7.1 Graduation

K. Cooper asked if a trustee and member of administration had been designated to attend all graduation and grade 9 farewell ceremonies around the Division.

C. Mitchell, students, teachers and parents of Seven Persons School joined the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

**5. Superintendents' Reports**

5.1 Seven Persons School . Canadian Heritage Tour

T. Unreiner, parents and students of Seven Persons School provided a brief overview to the Board about their recent Canadian Heritage trip back east. Highlights of the trip included touring the Hard Rock Café, The Sugar Shack, the Parliament Buildings, Le Chateau Frontenac, exploring the Toronto harbor, the Bio-Dome, Niagara Falls, and shopping in the various markets. The school would like to offer the trip to students every three years. D. Nicholls suggested that it might be a good idea to have other schools in the Division team up together for future trips.

M. Peers recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:03 p.m.

The media, students, teachers and parents left the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

M. Peers called the meeting back to order at 1:00 p.m.

5.2 SuperintendentsqReports

No report.

**8. Correspondence**

P. Cocks provided the following items as information:

8.1 ASBA re: Bill 44

8.2 ASEBP 2008 Annual Progress Report

8.3 Building a Healthy Community

8.4 University of Lethbridge . Presidential Search

**10. Adjournment**

Moved by K. Cooper at 1:03 p.m. to adjourn the May 12, 2009, Regular Board Meeting.

**CARRIED (2009- 49)**

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Marian Peers, Board Chair

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Pat Cocks, Secretary-Treasurer