

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

MINUTES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

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Present: 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: M. Peers

Other: CJCY Radio, Rose Sanchez – Prairie Post,

1. Call to Order - Board Chair

G. Westgard called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

1.1 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by A. Frank that the agenda of the Tuesday, September 14 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED (2010-65)

2. Approval of the Minutes

2.1 Regular Board Meeting – June 15, 2010

2.2 Regular Board Meeting Reconvened – June 22, 2010

2.3 Regular Board Meeting Reconvened – August 18, 2010

G. Dennis said on item 1 of the Tuesday, June 22, 2010 meeting, he did not make a statement about additional funds for Ralston, but rather asked a question.

Moved by S. Angle that the minutes of the June 15, 2010 Regular Board Meeting, and the reconvening of the meeting on June 22, 2010 and August 18, 2010 be approved as amended.

CARRIED (2010-66)

3. Monitoring

3.1 Trustee Reports

S. Angle reported that things went well at Burdett's pancake breakfast; Burdett is also having a welcome back evening on Wednesday, September 15. Enrollments are higher than predicted at Burdett, Gershaw and Bow Island.

G. Dennis reported on happenings at Seven Persons and Ralston.

A. Frank attended Parkside's school council meeting. Also, Margaret Wooding had a meet-and-greet and held their election of school council members.

P. Heller reported on back to school events at Schuler, Irvine and Eagle Butte.

K. Cooper reported that she has received many phone calls regarding bussing.

G. Westgard reported that South Central High School awards were a great event. She also reported on the Oyen Q91 radio show and pancake breakfast held on September 3rd at Oyen Public School.

3.2 Enrollment Update

P. Cocks reported on enrollment figures for Prairie Rose. 45 fewer students had been anticipated at September 30th 2010 from September 30th 2009. However, as of September 13 there were actually only 15 fewer students enrolled than had been the previous year meaning 30 more students enrolled than anticipated.

P. Cocks noted the enrollment figures are not official until September 30, so there still could be some movement in the numbers, though likely not much.

The figures do not include private ECS students.

4. Action Items

4.1 Eagle Butte Cross Country Trip – Havre, MT

The Eagle Butte High Cross Country team is requesting approval to attend an event in Havre, Montana on Saturday, October 2, 2010. Although this is not an overnight trip, it requires Board approval as a "Level 3" trip since it is out of the country.

Moved by P. Heller that the Board approve the Eagle Butte High School cross country team sports trip to Havre, Montana on October 2, 2010 as presented.

CARRIED (2010-67)

4.2 ASBA Special Ballot – Tripartite Discussions

P. Cocks presented the ASBA Special Ballot request to allow the ASBA to represent Prairie Rose for preliminary discussions on transforming the K-12 Education system in Alberta.

A. Frank said he supported the motion to ensure Prairie Rose would be included in these discussions.

Moved by A. Frank that the Board authorize the ASBA to represent the interests of school boards in the "Tripartite Discussions on Sustaining Workforce Stability and Enabling Continued Collaboration on Transformation in the K-12 Education System."

CARRIED (2010-68)

4.3 South Central Alberta Resource Centre (SCARC)

Moved by K. Cooper that the Board give notice to SCARC that Prairie Rose would be withdrawing from SCARC and instead joining SALRC

CARRIED (2010-69)

4.4 Approval of Banking Services

P. Cocks presented that ATB Financial Services requires a "Borrowing Resolution" to be passed annually. The maximum amount, by legislation, that could be borrowed is \$1,841,859. The borrowing resolution would authorize \$750,000 to meet current expenditures. She said it is not anticipated having to borrow funds in the next fiscal year, so the resolution is mostly a formality.

Moved by S. Angle that the Board approve the ATB Financial Services agreement as presented.

CARRIED (2010-70)

4.5 Policy GP#6 – Board Monitoring Cycle – Revised

P. Cocks reported that the monitoring schedule has been revised with which schools would be reviewed for the 2010-2011 year and when exactly those reviews would occur.

Moved by G. Dennis that the Board approve Policy GP#6 – Annual Board Planning and Monitoring Cycle, as amended.

CARRIED (2010-71)

5. Superintendents' Reports

5.1 Alberta Student Engagement Initiative

D. Nicholls discussed the Alberta Student Engagement Initiative and noted that Jordyn Thomson of Oyen Public School has been named to the Minister's Student Advisory Council for Education for the 2010-2011 school year.

B. Andjelic noted that Parkside is considering running a Speak Out session at their school to promote student engagement and get student feedback.

"Tell Them From Me" Surveys were filled out at Eagle Butte and these surveys divide up results from Eagle Butte's different feeder schools which B. Andjelic reported has proved very useful at that school already, according to the staff.

5.2 Superintendents' Reports

D. Nicholls reported on the Bindloss school students and their transition to Warren Peers school has been going well. He noted there have been some changes to bus routes as a result of the Bindloss closure.

D. Nicholls reported that the technology department is currently understaffed, working with two technicians rather than the usual four.

The Beyond Walls summer program has been active, with the alternative school open three days per week. He said the school has been busy with increased numbers of students so far this fall.

D. Nicholls also reported on a recent orientation/meeting for new administrators in Prairie Rose.

B. Andjelic reported on the Setting the Direction Pilot Project at I.F. Cox. He also reported on DREAMS continuing to build mental health capacity in Redcliff. B. Andjelic also reported briefly on the newly implemented REAL project in Oyen.

He also reported that Moving and Choosing secured another year of funding for the project and noted the challenges and successes of the division-wide Professional Development Day held in late August.

B. Volkman reported that 12 teachers have been hired from June to the end of August. Nine of them made the first induction program day at the end of August. Two of them were hired after the program began and the third wasn't able to attend due to personal commitments. He said it was valuable for the first-year teachers to meet central office staff and administrators. Changes to the induction program include Year Two having its summer session eliminated and the Year Three program has been reduced from three days to one day.

The mentor-first year teacher relationship has also been more clearly defined.

The first-year administrators held a training day to meet with each department head in Prairie Rose to discuss the requirements and role for each new school administrator. The four new administrators are Vice Principal Dave Rozbeda at Eagle Butte High School, Beryl Hamilton, principal at Jenner, Carol Carlson, principal at Ralston and Boyd Craven, vice principal at Ralston.

A new teacher assistant induction day is scheduled for November 2, the first time that will be happening for Prairie Rose. Now, instead of 199 days of work annually for teacher assistants, they will have 201 days of work. The two additional days will be for professional development annually.

The provincial colony educators' conference will be organized by Prairie Rose in June 2011. The four new administrators are Vice Principal Dave Rozbeda at EBHS, Beryl

Hamilton, Principal at Jenner, Carol Carlson at Ralston and Boyd Craven, Vice Principal at Ralston.

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6. Other Reports / Information Items

6.1 CSBA Conference Report

D. Nicholls reported on the Canadian School Board Association Conference in Newfoundland. The keynote speaker was retired Chief of Defense Staff Rick Hillier. D. Nicholls said his address was a highlight of the conference overall.

M. Peers, D. Nicholls and P. Heller all attended the conference.

K. Cooper reported on some of the differences between the education systems in Newfoundland and Labrador and Alberta, including some areas where she feels Prairie Rose can learn and improve from counterparts in Newfoundland and Labrador.

6.2 ASBA

A. Frank said he attended a zone meeting in Cardston, AB and reported on the happenings there including Setting the Direction, health benefits, the importance of school boards, tripartite discussions with the province and school board elections.

6.3 PSBAA

K. Cooper reported on the recent Public School Boards' Association of Alberta meeting.

8. Correspondence

8.1 A letter was received in support of the music program at Oyen Public School.

10. Adjournment

Moved by K. Cooper that the September 14, 2010 Regular Board Meeting be recessed.

CARRIED (2010-72)