



## PRAIRIE ROSE SCHOOL DIVISION

Board Meeting Minutes  
February 22, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Prairie Rose School Division was held at the Board Office in Carman on Monday, February 22, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Secretary-Treasurer at 7:00 p.m.

Present:	Ward I	Trustee Donna Cox (via video conferencing)
	Ward II	Trustee Natalie Bargaen (via video conferencing)
	Ward III	Trustee Theresa Cronin (via video conferencing)
	Ward III	Trustee Marilyn North (via video conferencing)
	Ward IV	Trustee Elaine L. Owen
	Ward V	Trustee Jack Foote
	Ward VI	Trustee David Cloutier (via video conferencing)
	Ward VII	Trustee Ashley Lachance
	Ward VIII	Trustee Evi Bruce (via video conferencing)

Administration:	Terry Osiowy, Superintendent/CEO
	Rhonda Smith, Secretary-Treasurer
	Ron Sugden, Assistant Superintendent (via video conferencing)
	Louise Duncan, Director of Student Services (via video conferencing)
	Joanne Johnston, Human Resources Manager (via video conferencing)
	Claude Plante, Facilities Supervisor (via video conferencing)
	Tyler Oakes, Information Technology Supervisor (via video conferencing)
	Trevor Ryan, Transportation Supervisor (via video conferencing)
	Arli Cruikshank, Senior Executive Assistant (via video conferencing)

The Secretary-Treasurer acknowledged that Prairie Rose School Division is in Treaty 1 territory and that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, and the homeland of the Métis Nation. We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

### BOARD REORGANIZATION

Re-organization of the Board was held, as per Section 29 (2) of the Public Schools Act. Secretary-Treasurer Rhonda Smith presided over this section of the meeting.

018/21 Foote/Lachance: **THAT** Terry Osiowy and Arli Cruikshank be appointed scrutineers for elections at this board re-organization meeting. -CARRIED-

019/21 Foote/Lachance: **THAT** ballots be destroyed. -CARRIED-

### DECLARATION OF THE BOARD CHAIR

Following the results of the Board Chair survey as presented and discussed at the February 22, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting, Trustee Owen was offered the Chair of the Board position. Trustee Owen accepted and was declared as duly elected Chair of the Board effective February 22, 2021 for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

**ELECTION OF BOARD VICE-CHAIR**

Secretary-Treasurer Rhonda Smith called for first nominations for Vice Chair of the Board.

Trustee North nominated Trustee Foote,  
Trustee Cronin nominated Trustee Lachance

Secretary-Treasurer Rhonda Smith invited second nominations for Vice Chair of the Board.  
Secretary-Treasurer Rhonda Smith invited third and final nominations for Vice Chair of the Board.  
Secretary-Treasurer Rhonda Smith closed nominations for Vice Chair of the Board.

Electronic ballots were distributed and counted.

Trustee Foote was declared as duly elected Vice Chair of the Board effective February 22, 2021 for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

020/21 Foote/Bargen: **THAT** as per Administrative Procedure #601: Authorized Signatures, the Board signing officers shall be one of Board Chair Owen, Vice-Chair Foote or Trustee North, and the Secretary-Treasurer, or in his/her absence, the Superintendent/CEO. -CARRIED-

021/21 Foote/North: **THAT** the Board signing officers for the Prairie Rose School Division general account, US funds account, and charitable organization account held at Access Credit Union shall be one of; Board Chair Owen, Vice-Chair Foote, or Trustee North, and one of; the Secretary-Treasurer, the Superintendent/CEO, or the Assistant Superintendent. -CARRIED-

Board Chair Owen assumed the Chair of the meeting.

**REGULAR SESSION**

022/21 North/Cronin: **THAT**, with the additions of REORGANIZATION, and 2.03.4: Graduation Rates - correction to attachments, the agenda for this meeting be approved as circulated. -CARRIED-

023/21 Foote/Bruce: **THAT** the minutes of the February 8, 2021 regular meeting be approved. -CARRIED-

**Administration**

The personnel staffing report was provided in Committee-of-the-Whole. Board was provided with an update on the PRSD/PRTA Literacy Initiative 2021. The 2021-2022 Kindergarten registrations as of February 19, 2021 was provided as information. Graduation rates, as posted on the Manitoba Education website, were attached. Board was provided with an overview of upcoming high school student team presentations to the Board at regular Board meetings. The updated Director of Student Services job description was attached for information. The January 2021 accounts were attached.

024/21 Foote/Bargen: **THAT** the Superintendent’s Staffing Report be received as presented. -CARRIED-

025/21 Bargen/North: **THAT** the January 2021 accounts showing total general expenditures of \$1,539,821.85 be approved as submitted. -CARRIED-

026/21 North/Bruce: **THAT** the Report from Senior Administration be received as presented. -CARRIED-

**Business Arising (from Previous Delegation/Board Meetings)**

027/21 Bargen/North: **THAT** Trustee Owen and Trustee Foote be authorized as the representative to cast the board ballots for the 2021 Virtual Manitoba School Boards Association Annual Convention. -CARRIED-

**New Business**

An email and inquiry from the Carman Dufferin Standard was attached regarding school anniversaries for Carman Elementary and Carman Collegiate. The Board agreed to offer the project to PRSD high school students to research history for all PRSD schools.

**Administrative Information**

Canada Learning Bond – Call for Proposals – Received as information  
MSBA E-Bulletin, February 17, 2021 – Received as information  
MSBA Convention Plenary Session – Bill 45 Consultation – Received as information  
Manitoba Teachers’ Society – Collective Bargaining – Received as information

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

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Elaine Owen, Board Chair

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Rhonda Smith, Secretary-Treasurer