

MINUTES – PRAIRIE ROSE SCHOOL DIVISION

October 19, 2009

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Prairie Rose School Division was held at the Division Office in Carman on Monday, October 19, 2009, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Ward I Trustee Hugh Greaves
 Ward II Trustee Colleen Claggett Woods
 Ward III Trustee Robin Cox
 Ward III Trustee Dennis Rinn
 Ward IV Trustee Larry Jeffers
 Ward V Trustee Jack Foote
 Ward VI Trustee Rik Skelton
 Ward VII Trustee Virginia Beckwith

Administration Fred Colvin, Superintendent
 Bruce Wood, Assistant Superintendent
 Agnes Gaultier, Secretary-Treasurer
 Richard Whitbread, Human Resource Manager
 Wilma Ritzer, Student Services Administrator

Regrets: Ward VIII Trustee Frank Bruce

- 244/09 Jeffers/Rinn: **THAT** the minutes of the October 5, 2009 regular meeting be approved as circulated. -CARRIED-
- 245/09 Cox/Beckwith: **THAT**, with the addition of items 4.10 Central Office vacant position and 10.8 St. Eustache School, and the deletion of items 4. 2- Student suspension report and 7.1 – Superintendent Staffing Report, the circulated agenda be approved for this meeting. -CARRIED-
- 246/09 Jeffers/Skelton: **THAT** the Board do now resolve itself into a closed session, Committee of the Whole Board, for discussion of matters covered under Policy BD. -CARRIED-

The following items were discussed:

- Admin Action report;
- October 22nd Board planning meeting;
- Board/Admin Council meeting on November 12th;
- Central Office vacant position;
- Transportation policy;
- Secretary-Treasurer's Report.

- 247/09 Cox/Woods: **THAT** the Committee of the Whole rise and report. -CARRIED-

Superintendent's Report

A report on the October 15-16 administration professional development/planning session was presented. The MECY *School and School Division Planning and Priorities 2007/2008 and 2008/2009 Provincial Report* was presented for information. Information on the book signing by Susanne Alexander-Heaton at Miami School on November 6th was presented. Information on the new *Health and Radiation Physics Resource Guide* authored by Elm Creek principal Tanis Thiessen was presented.

Operations

A report was presented on the current capital projects.

School Bus Safety Week will be held from October 19-23. Students are invited to participate in the safety poster contest.

Transportation Policy EKA – Transportation Services Guidelines was referred to the Operations/Finance Committee for review.

Finance

248/09 Woods/Skelton: **THAT** the September accounts showing total general expenditures of \$1,791,771.47 be approved as presented. -CARRIED

249/09 Beckwith/Foote: **THAT** the proceeds from the sale of the Miami Elementary School playground lots totaling \$2,400 be designated for the Miami School for use for future projects such as playgrounds equipment and other improvements. -CARRIED-

Board Policy

The report of the October 7th Committee meeting was presented.

Educational Programming/Public Relations

250/09 Woods/Skelton: **THAT** the request from D. Halldorson to attend the November 1-6, 2009 training session in Ottawa on *The Aboriginal Shield Program* be approved. -CARRIED-

General

251/09 Jeffers/Foote: **THAT** all trustees be approved for attendance at the November 5, 2009 MSBA Regional meeting in Carman. -CARRIED-

MSBA/MTS Joint Statement re: H1N1. Received as information.

MECY re: Divisional requirement to report absenteeism. Processes have been put in place to meet this new requirement.

T. Sandmoen re: religious exercises. Board response was approved by consensus.

MSBA Call for Workshop Proposals. Administration will follow up on proposed topics.

MSBA re: *The Superintendency* Resource Document. Received as information.

252/09 Jeffers/Beckwith: **THAT** based on a petition signed by the parents or guardians of at least 60 of the pupils in Carman Elementary School, we approve the conduct of religious exercises in Carman Elementary School for the remainder of the 2009/2010 school year. -CARRIED-

CORRESPONDENCE

CSBA InfoPicks, September 21 and October 2, 2009. Received as information.

R. Lemieux, Minister, Infrastructure and Transportation to MSBA re: use of hand-held radios. Received as information.

MSBA to MECY re: changes to Public Schools Act. Received as information.

Winnipeg School Division re: Medical Careers Exploration Program. Received as information.

Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba re: Learning Centre for Treaty Education and Awareness. Received as information.

G. Selinger response to MSBA questions. Received as information.

R. M. of Cartier re: St. Paul's Collegiate. Received as information.

MECY re: Assessment. Received as information.

MECY re: curriculum updates. Received as information.

A 10-minute recess was called at 9:00 p.m.

253/09 Foote/Cox: **THAT** the Board do now resolve itself into a closed session, Committee of the Whole Board, for discussion of matters covered under Policy BD. -CARRIED-

The following matters were discussed:

- Draft 2008-2009 Financial Statement;
- Secretary-Treasurer’s Report: advertising in schools;
- Personnel matter;
- St. Eustache School – referred to next regular meeting.

254/09 Woods/Cox: **THAT** the Committee of the Whole rise and report. -CARRIED-

Policy on advertising in schools: Referred to the Board Policy Committee for review.

MEETING REMINDERS

Next regular meetings	Nov 2	7:00 p.m.
Operations/Finance Committee meeting	Oct 21	5:15 p.m.
Board Policy Committee meeting	Oct 26	5:00 p.m.
Board/Administration Planning meeting	Nov 12	9:00 a.m.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Hugh Greaves, Board Chair

Agnes Gaultier, Secretary-Treasurer