

MINUTES – PRAIRIE ROSE SCHOOL DIVISION

June 6, 2011

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Prairie Rose School Division was held at the Division Office in Carman on Monday, June 6, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present:	Ward I	Trustee Donna Cox
	Ward II	Trustee Karen Tjaden
	Ward III	Trustee Jim Hay
	Ward III	Trustee Colleen Claggett Woods
	Ward V	Trustee Jack Foote
	Ward VI	Trustee Rik Skelton
	Ward VII	Trustee Claude Lachance
	Ward VIII	Trustee Frank Bruce

Administration Bruce Wood, Superintendent
Wilma Ritzer, Assistant Superintendent
Agnes Gaultier, Secretary-Treasurer

Also present: Reporter Glenn Hallick from the Valley Leader.

Regrets: Ward IV Trustee Elaine L. Owen

222/11 Tajden/Foote: **THAT** the minutes of the May 16th regular meeting be approved as circulated. -CARRIED-

223/11 Bruce/Skelton: **THAT**, with the addition of item 4.9 – Graduation dates, the circulated agenda be approved for this meeting. -CARRIED-

224/11 Skelton/Foote: **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:

- Admin Action Report;
- Student Suspension Report;
- Sale of former Elie Board Office;
- Superintendent Staffing Report;
- PRTA request;
- MSBA update;
- St. Francois Xavier Country Kids Learning Centre request update.

225/11 Foote/Bruce: **THAT** the Committee of the Whole rise and report. -CARRIED-

Presentation: Teacher Use of Network Applications: Alvin Gross, Debbie Russell, Verna Clemis, and Trevor Boehm presented on use of the division network by teachers for sharing and storing resources for daily teaching. Use of sharepoint software and a moodle server has provided useful tools for sharing resources and providing students access to those resources for homework assignments.

Superintendent's Report

Colony School Calendar: The Colony School Calendar, allowing for a closer alignment with the community schools' calendar while still respecting the colony members' religious holidays was presented for approval.

Regional Career and Technology Studies (CTS) Report: The draft "Central and Southwest Regional Collaboration CTS Summary Report" to the Department of Education was presented.

Flood update: Conditions in the St. Laurent area continue to cause concerns in the community, although the school itself is not currently at risk.

Education Manitoba Newsletter: The provincial newsletter was presented as information.

May Enrolment Report: The Report shows enrolment continues to be stable this year.

Graduation dates: The high school graduation dates are as follows:

St. Laurent School	June 24
St. Paul's Collegiate	June 24
Midland Adult Education Centre	June 24
Elm Creek School	June 27
Carman Collegiate	June 28
Miami School	June 29
Skyview Colony School	June 22
Clearview Colony School	June 23
Lakeside Colony School	June 23
James Valley Colony School	June 27
Iberville Colony School	June 28
Waldheim Colony School	June 29

226/11 Cox/Foote: **THAT** the 2011-2012 School Calendar for the Colony School be approved as presented.

-CARRIED-

Operations

A request from a non-resident family for division transportation service to St. Laurent School was presented. St. Laurent project update: The plans are being developed, with the goal that construction start late this fall. Automatic External Defibrillators (AED's) in schools: The Division will proceed with purchasing and installing these units in the schools and other Division buildings that don't already have them.

227/11 Bruce/Hay: **THAT** the Division provide transportation to St. Laurent School to a non-resident family living at ne 7-18-4 in the Oak Point area, and that this service be provided to June 30, 2011 only.

-CARRIED-

Personnel

228/11 Foote/Skelton: **THAT** the Superintendent Staffing Report be approved as presented.

-CARRIED-

229/11 Tjaden/Foote: **THAT** the request from the Prairie Rose Teachers' Association for up to .25 FTE release time for their President for the 2011-2012 school year be approved as per the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole Board.

-CARRIED-

Board Policy

Minutes of the May 12th and June 1st Committee meetings: Trustee Tjaden presented the reports and the resulting Notice Of Motions for revisions to policies.

NOTICE OF MOTION was presented by Trustee Tjaden to present Policies BD – Public Participation at Board Meetings, and BCA-R Board Meeting Procedures, as proposed by the Board Policy Committee.

NOTICE OF MOTION was presented by Trustee Tjaden to rescind Motion 17/03, originally approved January 20, 2003, which motion had placed a moratorium on all student international travel.

NOTICE OF MOTION was presented by Trustee Tjaden to present revisions to Policy IGH – Extra-Curricular Trips, Field Trips and Extended Field Trips, as proposed by the Board Policy Committee.

General Review of Policy Manual: The Board approved the recommendation of the Committee that a general review should be delayed pending a study of the best format for the Policy Manual.

Environmental impact of travel: The Board approved by consensus the request by the Policy Manual Committee to review Policy IGH on Extra-Curricular Travel specifically regarding the environmental impact of extended trips.

General

230/11 Tjaden/Skelton: **THAT** the Board approve the Division’s participation in the Universal Student Accident Insurance Policy No. 10005613 for 2011-2012. -CARRIED-

231/11 Bruce/Lachance: **THAT** Policy KDD – Alcohol on School Property-Public, be suspended for the purpose of the Graysville School Reunion to be held on Saturday, July 30, 2011, subject to all municipal and provincial regulations having been met. -CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY-

Employee Recognition lunches: Trustees will attend these lunches where employees who are retiring are recognized, and employees achieving specific milestone years of service are presented with awards on behalf of the Division.

National Gathering Workshop: This was received as information.

Meeting with MLA Blaine Pedersen: This was confirmed for the June 20th Board meeting.

Request to review Bus Ridership Policy Guidelines: The Operations/Finance Committee was directed to review these guidelines.

School Survey: The Board discussed the possibility of conducting a survey with parents and other stakeholders to assist schools and the Board with planning. This matter will be discussed in greater detail during the Board long-term planning process.

Envirothon Report: Trustee Tjaden reported on attending this regional event at Stephenfield Park. This day involved soil testing, use of GPS equipment and other activities relating to environmental issues. A number of the divisions participating in the regional CTS project participated in this event.

Correspondence

St. Paul’s Collegiate re: CATT competition. Received as information.
MAEC Grad Invitation. Trustee Tjaden will attend as the Board representative.
MSBA to Brandon School Division re: bargaining. Received as information.

MEETING REMINDERS

Regular Board meeting	June 20	7:00 p.m.
Regular Board meeting	July 4	7:00 p.m.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Colleen Claggett Woods, Chair

Agnes Gaultier, Secretary-Treasurer