

MINUTES – PRAIRIE ROSE SCHOOL DIVISION

October 3, 2011

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Prairie Rose School Division was held at the Division Office in Carman on Monday, October 3, 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 IV Trustee Elaine L. Owen
 Ward V Trustee Jack Foote
 Ward VI Trustee Rik Skelton
 Ward VII Trustee Claude Lachance
 Ward VIII Trustee Frank Bruce

Administration Bruce Wood, Superintendent
 Agnes Gaultier, Secretary-Treasurer
 Ron Sugden, Assistant Superintendent
 Wilma Ritzer, Student Services Administrator

293/11 Cox/Bruce: **THAT** the minutes of the September 19th regular meeting, corrected to include M. Benner, President of the Prairie Rose Teachers' Association as also present, be approved. -CARRIED-

294/11 Tjaden/Hay: **THAT** the circulated agenda be approved for this meeting. -CARRIED-

295/11 Owen/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 matters were discussed:

- Admin Action Report;
- Superintendent's Report;
- Bill 13 – *The Preparing Students for Success Act*;
- Student Suspension Report;
- Secretary-Treasurer's Report;
- 2010-2011 Financial Statement.

296/11 Bruce/Owen: **THAT** the Committee of the Whole rise and report. -CARRIED-

Presentation by N. Ingram, Divisional French Coordinator: Mrs. Ingram presented an update report on the program and budget for past year and the new year.

Superintendent's Report

Road Safety near Schools: MASS met with MPI with regard to student safety near schools and MPI has now renewed its efforts to educate drivers on safety in school zones.

Bill 13 – The Preparing Students for Success Act: The Board reviewed this new legislation and discussed the requirements to develop policies and procedures and to submit them to the Deputy Minister for approval.

Long term planning: The Board will discuss this further at the October 17th meeting.

Professional Development update: Assistant Superintendent Ron Sugden presented a report on the September 30th inservice and some of the upcoming training for new teachers and sessions on Threat Assessment and Early Numeracy.

Finance

297/11 Foote/Skelton: **THAT** we transfer \$25,000 into the Bus Reserve Fund, \$155,000 into the Building Upgrade Reserve Fund, and \$149,000 into the Technology Upgrade Reserve Fund, effective June 30, 2011. -CARRIED-

Preliminary 2010-2011 Financial Statement: The Audited Financial Statement will be presented by the auditors at the October 17th regular meeting.

Board Policy

298/11 Tjaden/Hay: **THAT** Policy IGH – Extra Curricular Trips, Field, Extended Field Trips, be revised by including the following statement in the “Out of Country” section: “Provide a calculation of the carbon footprint for the trip and include the students’ implementation plan for offsetting it’s environmental impact.” -CARRIED-

299/11 Bruce/Owen: **THAT** based on a petition signed by the parents or guardians of at least 75% of the pupils in the school, we approve the conduct of religious exercises in Roland School for the remainder of the 2011/2012 school year. -CARRIED-

Educational Programming/Public Relations

300/11 Tjaden/Skelton: **THAT** we approve the request from S. Dutson to attend the annual Association for School Curriculum Development Conference from October 28-30, 2011. -CARRIED-
Trustee Lachance requested his vote against this motion be recorded in the minutes.

General

Report on September 30 MSBA/MASS Program for International Student Assessment Session: Trustees Cox, Foote and Tjaden reported on this very informative session.

School Zone Safety Campaign: MPI has launched a campaign to improve driver awareness in school zones in order to reduce accidents and increase student safety.

Correspondence

MSBA to Ontario Public Schools Boards Association re: congratulations. Received as information.

A 10-minute recess was called at 9:40 p.m.

301/11 Bruce/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:

- Superintendent’s Staffing Report;
- Personnel matters update;
- MSBA update.

302/11 Lachance/Foote: **THAT** the Committee of the Whole rise and report. -CARRIED-

Personnel

303/11 Skelton/Tjaden: **THAT** the Superintendent Staffing Report be approved as presented.

-CARRIED-

The Board agreed by consensus that the review of the impact of recent changes to bus routes be referred to the Operations/Finance Committee.

MEETING REMINDERS

Next Regular Board meeting	Oct 17	7:00 p.m.
Personnel Committee meeting	Oct 17	9:30 a.m.
Board Policy Committee meeting	Nov 10	9:30 a.m.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Colleen Claggett Woods, Chair

Agnes Gaultier, Secretary-Treasurer