

MINUTES – PRAIRIE ROSE SCHOOL DIVISION

April 14, 2014

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Prairie Rose School Division was held at the Board Office in Carman on Monday, April 14, 2014. The meeting was called to order by Vice-chair Colleen Claggett Woods

Present: Ward III 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 Terry Osiowy, Superintendent
 Ron Sugden, Assistant Superintendent
 Agnes Gaultier, Secretary-Treasurer

Regrets: Ward II Trustee Karen Tjaden
 Ward I Trustee Donna Cox
 Ward IV Trustee Elaine L. Owen

88/14 Foote/Bruce: **THAT** the agenda for this meeting be approved as circulated. -CARRIED-

89/14 Hay/Skelton: **THAT** the minutes of the March 17, 2014 regular meeting be approved as circulated. -CARRIED-

School/Division Program Presentations

St. Paul's Collegiate administrators Jean François Godbout and Marcel Houde presented a report on projects and events in the school. The St. Paul's/St. Eustache Connection and Transition project aims to strengthen the immersion program in both schools. Some of the other projects mentioned include Artists in the Schools – graphic arts design, Festival des Vidéastes, TED Conference – Free the Children, and Kids with Good Hearts where students volunteer with organizations like the Cartier Hamper Fund, the Christmas Cheer Board and the Winnipeg Humane Society.

Report of Senior Administration

Superintendent Report: The Personnel/Staffing Report was attached. The annual Miami School 5-day outdoor education camping/canoe trip in the Nopiming Provincial Park – Bird System for 12-14 Grades 9-12 students was approved as per Board Policy IGH. Also approved as per Policy was the annual Miami School 3-day outdoor education activity-based camp experience at the Pembina Valley Bible Camp near Darlingford for 31 Grades 5 and 6 students. The Administrative Council will be meeting on April 22nd to begin the drafting of a Division Educational Plan. The following priorities will be considered during the development of the Plan: literacy, numeracy, equity, education for sustainable development, parental communication and high school programs. Senior administration will be meeting with principals regarding 2014-2015 staffing. Correspondence from the Department of Education announcing the provincial assessments and tests schedule for 2014-2015 was attached. The March enrolment was attached. A request to increase the maximum number of exchange students for next year was presented. The 2014-2015 Division School Calendar was presented for approval.

Operations Supervisor Report: Remediation of the ceiling tiles occurred at St. Laurent School over the spring break. All conditions of the Provincial Improvement Order have been met. The Supervisor, along with the two head mechanics, attended the two-day annual technical workshop in Winnipeg hosted by Pupil Transportation. There was an opportunity to view the next generation of propane-powered school buses that are now available to purchase through the provincial tender. Kelsey School Division has ordered one propane bus for the fall on a pilot basis.

Secretary-Treasurer Report: The Miami Parent Advisory Council is undertaking fundraising in order to upgrade the playground equipment at the School. The proceeds from the sale of the Miami Elementary School lots have been set aside for this project, as per the directions from Public Schools Finance Board. Trustee elections will be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2014, at the same time as provincial municipal elections. The provincial FRAME Enrolment Report is now available on line.

Reports of Board Committees

Policy Committee – March 20, 2014 Meeting Report

New Policy EAB – Workplace Safety and Health, was reviewed by the Committee and will be presented for Board consideration. The Committee started the review of Section B – School Board Governance and Operations, and plans to finish this section at its next meeting.

Public Relations/Education Programming Committee – March 17, 2014 Meeting Report

The Committee recommends we contact the Rural Municipality of St. Laurent regarding support for staffing costs to open the school library to the community one evening per week on a trial basis. The development of a Statement of Board Beliefs about Multi-Age Education was deferred to the next meeting.

Communications for Action

PRTA re: Notice to open collective bargaining. Referred to in camera.
MSBA Governance Structure and Possible Review. Referred to motions.
Workshop – Understanding the Role of Secretary-Treasurer. Deferred to the next meeting.

Business Arising from previous delegation/Board meetings

Board agenda format: The Board discussed the new format suggesting a possible change for consideration.

Motions/By-Laws

- 90/14 Foote/Bruce: **THAT** we accept the Superintendent’s Staffing Report as presented. -CARRIED-
- 91/14 Skelton/Lachance: **THAT** we accept the Senior Administration Report as presented. -CARRIED-
- 92/14 Foote/Hay: **THAT** the 2014/2015 Division School Calendar be approved as presented. -CARRIED-
- 93/14 Hay/Bruce: **THAT** the Board approve an increase to the number of exchange students accepted at our high schools as follows for the 2014/2015 school year: Carman Collegiate – 6, St. Paul’s Collegiate – 5, and 4 each at Elm Creek, Miami and St. Laurent Schools. -CARRIED-
- 94/14 Foote/Hay: **THAT** we accept the report of the March 20, 2014 Policy Committee meeting. -CARRIED-
- 95/14 Lachance/Skelton: **THAT** we accept the report of the March 17, 2014 Public Relations/Education Programming Committee, and that we contact the R. M. of St. Laurent for possible financial support for the cost of opening the St. Laurent School library for public use three hours a week after school hours on a pilot basis. -CARRIED-
- 96/14 Bruce/Lachance: **THAT** an Ad Hoc Committee comprised of trustees Foote, Hay and Woods be formed to review the MSBA Governance Review document and prepare a response for consideration by the Board at its April 21st regular meeting. -CARRIED-

NOTICE OF MOTION

Trustee Hay presented Notice to present new Policy EAB – Workplace Safety and Health Policy at the next meeting.

Communication for information

Garden Valley School Division re: pension plan contribution rates.
MSBA to Garden Valley School Division re: pension plan contribution rates.
Ontario Public School Boards’ Association re: Submission regarding Bill C-23, Fair Elections Act.
MSBA School Board Candidate Information Sessions.

Announcements

Next Regular Board meeting	Apr 21	7:00 p.m.
Policy Committee meeting	Apr 29	5:30 p.m.
Board/PRTA Liaison supper meeting	Apr 30	5:30 p.m.

A 10-minute recess was called at 8:25 p.m.

97/14 Bruce/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:

- Notice from PRTA to open collective bargaining;
- Questions arising from Senior Administration reports – questions regarding 2014/2015 staffing were answered.

98/14 Skelton/Hay: **THAT** the Committee of the Whole rise and report. -CARRIED-

The meeting was declared adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Colleen Claggett Woods, Board Vice-Chair

Agnes Gaultier, Secretary-Treasurer