

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE PRAIRIE SOUTH SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 210 BOARD OF EDUCATION held at Central Office, 15 Thatcher Drive East, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan on February 7, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.**

Attendance: Ms. C. Christopherson-Cote; Mr. S. Davidson; Mr. R. Gleim; Ms. J. Jelinski; Mr. A. Kessler; Mrs. J. McMaster; Mr. G. Stewart; Mr. B. Swanson; J. Finell, Director of Education; B. Girardin, Superintendent of Business and Operations; R. Boughen, Superintendent of Human Resources; L. Meyer, Superintendent of Learning; B. Compton, Superintendent of School Operations; S. Kitts, Superintendent of School Operations; D. Huschi, Superintendent of School Operations; J. Thoroughgood, Communications Coordinator; H. Boese, Executive Assistant

Regrets: Mr. L. Young, Trustee; Mr. D. Crabbe, Trustee

Presentations: Learning Department (1:00 p.m.)

Motions:

02/07/12 – 1666 That the meeting be called to order at 11:25 a.m. Carried  
- Christopherson-Cote

02/07/12 – 1667 The following items were added to the agenda: Carried  
6.5 Rural Catchment Review Committee  
Principles  
That the Board adopt the agenda as amended.  
- Swanson

02/07/12 – 1668 That the Board adopt the Minutes of the regular meeting Carried  
of January 10, 2012 as presented.  
- McMaster

02/07/12 – 1669 That a hiring freeze at the Central Administrative Council (CAC) level be implemented effective immediately and remain in place until 2012-13 Operating Budget discussions are concluded. Defeated  
- Swanson

McMaster requested motion 02/07/12 – 1669 be a recorded vote.

In favour of motion: Swanson, Davidson, Gleim, Kessler

Opposed to motion: McMaster, Christopherson-Cote, Jelinski, Stewart

02/07/12 – 1670 That the Board amend the B5 – Five Year Proposed Construction Plan as follows: Carried

- Reduce the Central Collegiate *Sidewalk/paving/curb* amount to \$10,000 in 2012-2013 and move the remaining \$190,000 to the 2015-2016 year to coincide with the majority of the concrete projects.

- Swanson

02/07/12 – 1671	<p>That the Board amend the B5 – Five Year Proposed Construction Plan as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Move A.E. Peacock <i>Humidifier for the Gym</i> so it is included with the <i>HVAC Upgrade</i>.</li></ul> <p>- Davidson</p>	Carried
02/07/12 – 1672	<p>That the board approve the B5 – Five Year Proposed Construction Plan as amended.</p> <p>- Kessler</p>	Carried
02/07/12 – 1673	<p>That we proceed with a request for proposal to address the Chaplin School roof issue as recommended by Roof Management &amp; Inspection Services which includes installation of fall protection anchors as required by legislation and that the cost for this project be funded from general surplus.</p> <p>- McMaster</p>	
02/07/12 – 1674	<p>That we amend motion 02/07/12 – 1673 to include in the tender for replacement a clause for salvage of the existing roof to the school division.</p> <p>- Davidson</p>	Carried
02/07/12 – 1675	<p>That we proceed with a request for proposal to address the Chaplin School roof issue as recommended by Roof Management &amp; Inspection Services which includes installation of fall protection anchors as required by legislation and that the cost for this project be funded from general surplus. The tender for replacement will include a clause for salvage of the existing roof to the school division.</p> <p>- McMaster</p> <p>That the board break at 12:20 p.m.</p> <p>That the board reconvene at 1:05 p.m.</p> <p>That the board break at 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>That the board reconvene at 3:07 p.m.</p>	Amended Motion Carried
02/07/12 – 1676	<p>That the Board receive the consent items and approve the recommendations contained therein, as presented.</p> <p>- Stewart</p>	Carried

**Committee Reports**

Standing Committees:

*Higher Literacy & Achievement*

- Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the Comprehensive Learning framework (CLf) have been posted to the Prairie South intranet for vetting and input by Prairie South teachers and administrators.
- A mid-year review is currently being done for each school's Learning Improvement Plans (LIPs) by our Superintendents of Operations. LIP plans are created by school administrators annually indicating one academic and one support goal. Staff and SCCs are involved, and teachers work on the goals throughout the school year.
- Learning Improvement Teams (LITs) started January 9 in our nine CLf pilot schools. Each school has several LITs with their school. A focus in math, reading or writing is chosen for improving student achievement. A team of four learning support staff is also in the schools to address student learning and support the LIT process.

*Equitable Opportunities*

- No report given.

*Smooth Transitions*

- The committee followed up on the John Chisholm Alternate Program that is working very hard, and is successful, in keeping at-risk students engaged and connected with school.
- Lafleche and Lindale schools have been identified as potential locations to establish new prek programs. Some work is required to meeting prek classroom guidelines; however, the key consideration is sustainability of the program. There are currently 12 prek programs that are funded by Prairie South and 8 prek programs funded by the province.
- The second draft of an attendance policy for Prairie South was discussed and is currently being reviewed by administrators.

*Strong System-Wide Accountability and Governance*

- The committee presented the draft of an innovation fund for discussion to the board to spend some of the division's surplus money.
- The committee also has several policies under review that will be brought forward once sufficient information is available.
- The 5 Year Capital Plan was also presented to the board at this meeting.

*Advocacy and Networking*

- Meeting with Ministry regarding the Funding Distribution Model.

*Rural Catchment Review*

- As this is a newly struck committee, a draft of guiding principles was prepared for review by the board.

Adhoc Committees:

*South Hill*

- Riverview, Westmount and Empire have a variety of activities planned for the second semester. One of the highlights is a Wildlife Expo on February 29 – 300 students will be attending.

*Annual General Meeting of Electors Improvement*

- The Annual General Meeting of Electors will be held at Riverview Collegiate and SCCs have received a package outlining their involvement. Neal Hughes will be the guest speaker. Childcare will be provided and beef on a bun will be served. RSVPs are being requested.

**Notice of Motions**

02/07/12 – 1677 That Prairie South School Division administration develop a policy for presentation to the Board whereby Prairie South School Division schools can receive seed funding to facilitate organization of celebrations commemorating significant school history milestones.  
- Swanson

02/07/12 – 1678 That school administration be engaged with the viability of providing Polycom access to the public for the live broadcast of public board meetings.  
- Davidson

**Professional Sharing/Round Table**

National Congress on Rural Education is coming up on March 25-27, 2012:

- Students from Mortlach, Rouleau and John Chisholm will be e-journalists
- Rouleau School Community Council is presenting
- Career Development Consultants are presenting.

**Adjournment**

02/07/12 – 1679 That the meeting be adjourned at 3:50 p.m.  
- Stewart

Carried

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Colleen Christopherson-Cote  
Chair

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B. Girardin  
Superintendent of Business and Operations

**Next Regular Board Meeting:**

Date: March 6, 2012  
Location: Central Office, Moose Jaw