

**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 APRIL 5, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.**

Attendance: Mr. D. Crabbe; 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; Mr. L. Young; J. Finell, Director of Education; B. Girardin, Superintendent of Business and Operations; R. Boughen, Superintendent of Human Resources; B. Compton, Superintendent of School Services; L. Meyer, Superintendent of Student Support Services; S. Kitts, Superintendent of Curriculum & Learning; J. Thoroughgood, Communications Coordinator; H. Boese, Executive Assistant

Delegations: None

Presentations: Smooth Transitions Committee, Investing in the Early Years (11:30 a.m.)

Motions:

04/05/11 – 1464 That the meeting be called to order at 10:05 a.m. Carried  
- Gleim

04/05/11 – 1465 The following items were added to the agenda:  
6.5 Joint Meeting with Chinook School Division  
6.6 Stantec Contract  
7.9 2011-2012 Alternative & Hutterian School Year Calendars  
That the Board adopt the agenda as amended. Carried  
- McMaster

04/05/11 – 1466 That the Board adopt the Minutes of the regular meeting of March 8, 2011 as presented. Carried  
- Kessler

04/05/11 – 1467 That the Board accept the 2011-2012 proposed staffing allocation as presented. Carried  
- Young

04/05/11 – 1468 That the Board approve Policy 902.6, Roof Level Fall Protection as presented. Carried  
- Young

Shawn Davidson arrived at 10:50 a.m.

04/05/11 – 1469 That the Board approve the B5 – Five Year Proposed Construction Plan as presented. Carried  
- Young

04/05/11 – 1470	That the Board approve the potential 2010-2011 capital projects as presented to be paid with surplus funds. - Christopherson-Cote	Carried
04/05/11 – 1471	That the Board approve submitted B-1 forms to the Ministry for capital funding assistance for the following projects: 1) Prekindergarten renovations at Empire Community School 2) Prekindergarten renovations at Assiniboia 7 <sup>th</sup> Avenue School 3) Partial roof replacement at Lindale School. - McMaster	Carried
	That the Board break at 11:00 a.m.	
	That the Board reconvene at 11:05 a.m.	
04/05/11 – 1472	That the Board, under Policy 109, approve funding for the Peacock Collegiate Gym Floor project to a maximum of \$125,000 and the Gravelbourg High School Weatherbug project to a maximum of \$5,000. Further, that these projects can commence as soon as the participants' portion of funds are in place. - Swanson	Carried
04/05/11 – 1473	That the Board establish a one-time school sign program with schools invited to participate in a group tender. Schools not wishing to participate in a group tender could receive the per school allocation (based on the tender) for a new sign to be approved by the Prairie South School Division Board with a source of funds being the unallocated surplus. - Swanson	Carried
04/05/11 – 1474	That the revised version of Administrative Policy No. 303 be approved as presented. - Kessler	
04/05/11 – 1475	That motion 04/05/11 – 1474 be amended to read that 1a. <i>The Director shall report vacancies in the Central Administrative Council at a scheduled Board Meeting.</i> - Swanson	Amendment Carried
04/05/11 – 1476	That the revised version of Administrative Policy No. 303 be approved as amended to read that 1a. <i>The Director shall report vacancies in the Central Administrative Council at a scheduled Board Meeting.</i> - Kessler	Amended Motion Carried

04/05/11 – 1477 That the Board go into closed session at 11:26 a.m. Carried  
- Davidson

04/05/11 – 1478 That the Board reconvene in open session at 11:30 a.m. Carried  
- Davidson

That the Board break at 11:30 a.m.

That the Board reconvene at 11:34 a.m.

Smooth Transitions Committee Presentation: Investing in the Early Years

That the Board break for lunch at 12:10 p.m.

That the Board reconvene at 1:05 p.m.

Al Kessler left the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

04/05/11 – 1479 That Prairie South School Division send a letter to the Carried  
SSBA to lobby the provincial government to fund the  
cost of implementing roof changes to OH&S fall  
protection requirements.  
- Christopherson-Cote

04/05/11 – 1480 That Prairie South School Division send a letter to the Carried  
Minister of Education asking the provincial government  
to fund the cost of implementing roof changes to OH&S  
fall protection requirements.  
- Christopherson-Cote

04/05/11 – 1481 That the Board go into closed session at 1:25 p.m. Carried  
- Davidson

Al Kessler returned to the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

04/05/11 – 1482 That the Board reconvene in open session at 2:50 p.m. Carried  
- Christopherson-Cote

That the Board break at 2:50 p.m.

That the Board reconvene at 2:58 p.m.

04/05/11 – 1483 That the Addendum No. 2 to the existing Memorandum Carried  
of Agreement for Long Range Facilities Plan Services be  
accepted as presented which concludes the contractual  
obligations with Stantec.  
- Davidson

04/05/11 – 1484 That the Board receive the consent items and approve the Carried  
recommendations contained therein, as presented.  
- Crabbe

**Committee Reports**

Standing Committees:

*Higher Literacy & Achievement*

- The Continuous Learning Framework committee that is made up of staff, parents and School Community Council members has broken into subcommittees. The subcommittees create shared leadership and ensure that everyone has a lot of input. Each subcommittee can focus on one area of the framework, which creates a more collaborative piece upon completion.
- A video was shown from the last two-day session held on March 21 and 22. The video highlights individual subcommittee discussions explaining how the CLF will involve students in their own learning process, as well evaluation and professional growth enhancements.

*Equitable Opportunities*

- The committee had a planning session, including talking to Prairie Valley, to investigate options to expand Practical and Applied Arts in the rural schools. The committee is still in the exploratory part of the process, and strong interest has been received from the School Community Councils.

*Smooth Transitions*

- Smooth Transitions is currently following up on registration and they are working on developing a policy for pre-school. More research is required at this time.
- The committee also did a presentation that reinforced the importance of Prekindergarten for vulnerable children. Prairie South is currently working collaboratively with many partners on a 5-year action plan to reduce the overall vulnerability rates in our region from 21% to 18%. We know that children in some areas of our region are doing better than others and we will focus on those areas to understand how to apply that positive deviance. Our primary areas of concern are in pro-social and helping behaviours as well as Early Literacy. Implementing universal access to quality early learning is one key element of action that we have taken to reduce these areas of vulnerability.
- Site visits of a prek classroom are planned for Board members on April 19. Options for rural prek programs are also in discussion for Mossbank, Rouleau and Mortlach.

04/05/11 – 1485

That the Board send a letter to the SSBA as read.  
- Stewart

Carried

*Strong System-Wide Accountability and Governance*

- The provincial budget was announced in March, and the impact for Prairie South is a net increase of \$60,245.00
- Occupational Health and Safety Fall Protection requires Lafleche School to have a roof hook installed. The installation is required to meet OH&S daycare standards. The roof fall protection for Rouleau School is estimated to cost \$73,000.

*Advocacy and Networking*

- A letter will be written to set up a meeting with the Town of Gravelbourg regarding the elementary school.

Adhoc Committees:

*South Hill*

- The next meeting for the committee is April 12 at 11:30 a.m.

*Office Relocation*

- Background information is being compiled. It was suggested that the office relocation be put on hold until the organizational review is complete.

**Inquiries**

I would like to be provided the actual research article by Leithwood (2009) cited in the AIMS report and previously referenced that schools only contribute 20% to student learning.

- Davidson

**Professional Sharing/Round Table**

04/05/11 – 1486	That the Board express their appreciation to all the staff and volunteers who helped make Hoopla a success. - McMaster	Carried
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**Adjournment**

04/05/11 – 1487	That the meeting be adjourned at 4:05 p.m. - Stewart	Carried
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R. Gleim  
Chair

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B. Girardin  
Superintendent of Business and Operations

**Next Regular Board Meeting:**

Date: May 3, 2011  
Location: Central Office