

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 November 1, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

Attendance: Ms. C. Christopherson-Cote; Mr. D. Crabbe; 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; 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

Delegations: None

Presentations: Higher Literacy & Achievement (1:00 p.m.)

Motions:

11/01/11 – 1621 That the meeting be called to order at 10:00 a.m. Carried
- Christopherson-Cote

11/01/11 – 1622 The following items were added to the agenda:
5.5 Premier's Board of Education Award
5.6 Voting Delegations for SSBA
6.1 Board Retreat Follow-Up
6.2 SCC Engagement Dates
6.3 Premier Wall's Announcement re: School Start Date after Labour Day Long Weekend
That the Board adopt the agenda as amended. Carried
- Swanson

11/01/11 – 1623 That the Board adopt the Minutes of the regular meeting of October 4, 2011 as presented. Carried
- Stewart

11/01/11 – 1624 That policy #303 (Central Administrative Council) be revised to: Carried
1. make explicitly clear that any and all vacancies in the Central Administrative Council be filled by an open and competitive hiring process;
2. ensure that any variance from an open and competitive hiring process for vacancies in the Central Administrative Council require a motion of the Board.
- Swanson

Swanson requested motion 11/01/11 – 1624 be a recorded vote:

In favour of motion: Gleim, Young, Swanson, Davidson, Christopherson-Cote, Jelinski, Stewart, Crabbe, Kessler, McMaster

Opposed to motion: None

- 11/01/11 – 1625 That the Prairie South School Division IT department prepare, for presentation to the Prairie South School Division Board, a proposal outlining options for live-streaming and storage of Prairie South School Division Board Meetings on the Prairie South School Division website.
- Swanson Carried
- 11/01/11 – 1626 That the board contract SELU in January 2012 to review the existing alternative school year/school day arrangements in Prairie South.
- Jelinski Carried
- 11/01/11 – 1627 That the code of conduct policy be adopted as amended.
- McMaster Carried
- 11/01/11 – 1628 That the board go into closed session at 10:35 a.m.
- Davidson Carried
- 11/01/11 – 1629 That the board reconvene in open session at 10:52 a.m.
- McMaster Carried
- 11/01/11 – 1630 That the board approve administration to make a request to have the Fire Inspector for the Town of Gravelbourg make recommendations on enhanced fire safety at Gravelbourg Elementary School given the circumstance that the school will be vacated in 3 to 5 years.
- Gleim Carried
- Stewart requested motion 11/01/11 – 1630 be a recorded vote:
In favour of motion: Gleim, Young, Davidson, Christopherson-Cote, Jelinski, Stewart, Crabbe, Kessler, McMaster
Opposed to motion: Swanson
- 11/01/11 – 1631 That the board approve submission of the Premier’s Board of Education Award as presented.
- McMaster Carried
- 11/01/11 – 1632 In regards to the 2011 SSBA Fall General Assembly, voting ballots be divided equally by trustees attending and that Colleen Christopherson-Cote, Board Chair, be the designated member to pick up the ballots.
- McMaster Carried
- That the board break at 11:03 a.m.
- That the board reconvene at 11:10 a.m.

- 11/01/11 – 1633 That the board establish an Ad Hoc Committee to improve the Annual General Meeting consisting of Joan McMaster, Jackie Jelinski, Darrell Crabbe, Barbara Compton and Bernie Girardin with one of Colleen Christopherson-Cote or Shawn Davidson.
- Jelinski Carried
- 11/01/11 – 1634 That the Board receive the consent items and approve the recommendations contained therein, as presented.
- Young Carried

Committee Reports

Standing Committees:

Higher Literacy & Achievement

- Meetings with all schools to discuss the CLF developments to date and intention going forward. Responses will be gathered from each teacher and administrator.
- A Lead Committee of 11 stakeholders met. Their role is to edit the CLF document for publication, make recommendations for direction and analyze data from the schools.
- CLF document – first four sections are ready to publish. We are working on the webpage design and hope to have this first group of sections posted soon.

Equitable Opportunities

- SCC Engagement will be expanded to include urban communities and communities of more than one school this year. All rural schools were visited last year. A tentative schedule for visits will be drawn up – keeping winter travel in mind – meetings with out-of-town schools will hopefully take place before Christmas.
- As part of the board’s 2011-2012 Action Plan, Guidelines and Practices for Small Schools will be developed. Data will be used to determine the definition of a “small school” as well as a rationale. This document will help to strengthen small schools, for example, by setting a standard for the minimum number of staff.

Smooth Transitions

- On November 15 there is a Board Planning Meeting. Board members will spend the first part of the meeting touring the Early Learning centre at Palliser Heights and the Prek program at Empire. Check email for more information.
- Next meeting is November 15 following the Planning Meeting.

Strong System-Wide Accountability and Governance

- Reviewed transportation policies and buffer zone. Recommendations regarding these policies will be forthcoming.
- Next meeting is November 1 following the board meeting.

Advocacy and Networking

- No report given.

Rural Catchment Review

- No report given.

Adhoc Committees:

South Hill

- South Hill schools are keeping busy with a variety of activities.

That the Board break at 12:00 p.m.

That the Board reconvene at 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

11/01/11 – 1635

That the meeting be adjourned at 1:55 p.m.
- Stewart

Carried

C. Christopherson-Cote
Chair

B. Girardin
Superintendent of Business and Operations

Next Regular Board Meeting:

Date: December 13, 2011
Location: Central Office, Moose Jaw