

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 December 13, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

Attendance: Ms. C. Christopherson-Cote (via conference call); 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: Central Butte Concerned Families and Students (1:00 p.m.)

Presentations: Auditor's Report and Financial Statement: Terri Olfert, Stark and Marsh and Jason Shaw, Provincial Auditors Office (10:30 a.m.)
Smooth Transitions Monitoring Report (1:45 p.m.)

Motions:

12/13/11 – 1636 That the meeting be called to order at 10:04 a.m. Carried
- Davidson

12/13/11 – 1637 The following items were added to the agenda:
4. In Camera Session
5.6 June Board Meeting Date
That the Board adopt the agenda as amended. Carried
- McMaster

12/13/11 – 1638 That the Board adopt the Minutes of the regular meeting Carried
of November 1, 2011 as presented.
- Young

12/13/11 – 1639 That the board go into closed session at 10:07 a.m. Carried
- Christopherson-Cote

12/13/11 – 1640 That the board reconvene in open session at 10:30 a.m. Carried
- Gleim

12/13/11 – 1641 That the board go into closed session at 11:41 a.m. Carried
- Kessler

Note: As part of the Board's oversight responsibilities, they met with the auditors without management present.

12/13/11 – 1642 That the board reconvene in open session at 12:00 p.m. Carried
- McMaster

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

That the board reconvene at 1:03 p.m.

That the board break at 1:40 p.m.

That the board reconvene at 1:50 p.m.

12/13/11 – 1643

That the Board approve the following option from the conceptual analysis study that was conducted on the Gravelbourg Schools:

K to 12 consolidated into existing High School with an addition to the west of the High School and linking to the daycare at a cost of 4.8 to 5.5 million which includes renovations to the existing High School.

- Young

12/13/11 – 1644

That we amend motion 12/13/11 – 1643 to include potential demolition costs of Gravelbourg Elementary School in the event that the school is not sold or taken over by another organization.

- Swanson

Amendment
Carried

12/13/11 – 1645

That the Board approve the following option from the conceptual analysis study that was conducted on the Gravelbourg Schools:

Prek to 12 consolidated into existing High School with an addition to the west of the High School and linking to the daycare at a cost of 4.8 to 5.5 million including renovations to the existing High School plus costs of demolition.

- Young

Amended
Motion
Carried

12/13/11 – 1646

That the Board approve the Auditor's Report, Financial Statements and Public Accounts for the 2010-11 fiscal year as submitted.

- Gleim

Carried

12/13/11 – 1647

That the Board accept the Communication/Engagement Plan as presented.

- Gleim

Carried

12/13/11 – 1648

That the Board adopt the revisions to Administrative Policy No. 303 to include:

1(c) Unless waived by the Board through a board motion, the vacancy shall be advertised and an open competition shall take place.

The former 1(c) will become 1(d) and former 1(d) will become 1(e).

- Swanson

Carried

- 12/13/11 – 1649 That the Board appoint the following people as directors of the Moose Jaw School District No. 1 Bursary Fund Inc. for the year 2012:
 Dick Stephenson, Greg Veillard, Dale Clarke,
 Roy Dickenson, Darleen Stewart, John
 Livingston, George Patterson, Claude Duke, Pam
 Ludwar, Darrell Crabbe and Ron Purdy.
- Stewart Carried
- 12/13/11 – 1650 That the board change the June 5, 2012 board meeting to June 12, 2012.
- McMaster Carried
- 12/13/11 – 1651 That the board refer the matter regarding cessation of transportation from Tugaska to Central Butte to the Rural Catchment Review Standing Committee.
- Swanson Carried
- 12/13/11 – 1652 That the Board receive the consent items and approve the recommendations contained therein, as presented.
- Young Carried

Committee Reports

Adhoc Committees:

South Hill

- Darrell Crabbe reported that our South Hill students are working together and have become a cohesive group. The latest issue of Riverview's award winning Bull Dog Post was recently delivered to 1500 South Hill homes. One of the stories featured in the Bull Dog is about the RVC/CCS soccer program receiving the Saskatchewan High Schools Athletic Association Sportsmanship Award. Riverview has also been in the national news on CBC TV lately with their hockey program.

- 12/13/11 – 1653 That we extend the board meeting until 4:15 p.m.
- Master Carried

Annual General Meeting Improvement

- The mandate of the AGM committee is to investigate options to make our AGM more engaging. In order to engage people, the AGM needs to benefit our stakeholders. The committee's recommendation is to involve SCCs through a celebration of their work and include our formal partners. Neal Hughes has been suggested as a potential guest speaker – his suggested topic is community engagement. Door prizes and food would also be included in the evening event. The committee includes Bernie Girardin, Colleen Christopherson-Cote, Jackie Jelinski, Joan McMaster, Darrell Crabbe, Barb Compton and Janice Thoroughgood. Darrell Crabbe reported.

Darrell Crabbe left the meeting at 4:07 p.m.

Standing Committees:

Higher Literacy & Achievement

- Lew Young and Sandi Kitts handed out sections 1-4 of the Comprehensive Learning framework document. This is a living document that has been in development for the last year by a team of stakeholders. Feedback has been gathered following face-to-face presentations in the schools, as well as with 5 Hutterian administrators. The document is being posted onto our intranet where it will be available for all teachers to review and provide feedback. Once feedback has been received, and edits are complete, the document will be posted onto our public website. The nine pilot CLF schools will begin 1-hour early dismissals in January every 2nd week so that teachers may work in Learning Improvement Team (LIT) groups to address teaching and learning specific to their students.

Equitable Opportunities

- Jackie Jelinski reported that the committee is looking into a variety of options, and the feasibility of those options, in regard to supporting our small and remote schools.

Smooth Transitions

- During the board meeting, staff at John Chisholm alternate school reported on Smooth Transitions Into and Through the System. The reports were very informative and although goals weren't totally met, progress and success in the program was very evident. In addition the committee is looking at our attendance policy, and prek in rural schools. All prek is on hold until funding is determined with the new funding formula that comes out in the New Year. Trustees were also informed to hold May 9-11 to attend the National Early Years Conference, which is being hosted in Moose Jaw. There are some notable keynote speakers attending including Nobel Prize Recipient, Professor James J. Heckman.

Strong System-Wide Accountability and Governance

- The main discussion at the last SSWAG meeting Tugaske and the transportation policy review where the main points of discussion. The committee is looking to create clarity around our Transportation buffer zones.

Advocacy and Networking

- At the SSBA convention in November Colleen and Shawn advocated that Prairie South needs flexibility with school calendars especially for schools following an alternate calendar. This has become even more important with the ruling that Saskatchewan schools will not start until after the Labour Day weekend.

12/13/11 – 1654

That we extend the board meeting until 4:30 p.m.
- Stewart

Carried

Rural Catchment Review

- No Report Given

Notice of Motions

12/13/11 – 1655

That motion 10/04/11-1600:

That Eyebrow School west boundary be moved one mile west in order to move Tugaske out of the buffer zone effective the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year

be rescinded.

- Stewart

Inquiries

In the draft Auditor’s Report, it shows that Prairie South School Division No. 210 paid \$1,097,628 to the Saskatchewan School Boards Association. What is the detailed breakdown of that total expenditure?

- Swanson

With respect to the Early Years Conference to be held in Moose Jaw in May 2012, what role (financial, organizational, etc.) is Prairie South School Division No. 210 playing?

- Swanson

Adjournment

12/13/11 – 1656

That the meeting be adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Carried

- McMaster

Shawn Davidson
Vice-Chair

B. Girardin
Superintendent of Business and Operations

Next Regular Board Meeting:

Date: January 10, 2012

Location: Central Office, Moose Jaw