

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 2, 2013 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; Mr. T. McLeod; Mr. J. Radwanski; Mr. B. Swanson; J. Finell, Director of Education; B. Girardin, Superintendent of Business and Operations; L. Meyer, Superintendent of Learning; B. Compton, Superintendent of School Operations; D. Huschi, Superintendent of School Operations; K. Novak, Superintendent of School Operations; D. Briggs, Communications Coordinator; H. Boese, Executive Assistant

Regrets: Mr. Lew Young, Trustee
Mr. Ryan Boughen, Superintendent of Human Resources

Motions:

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| 04/02/13 – 1892 | That the meeting be called to order at 10:46 a.m.
- Christopherson-Cote | Carried |
| 04/02/13 – 1893 | The following items were added to the agenda:
5.6 CUPE Invitation to Attend “Meet & Greet”
5.7 Inquiry: Non-Instructional Days in Other School Divisions (12.1.1)
5.8 Inquiry: Purchase Card Program (12.1.2)
5.9 Inquiry: Next Phase of Engagement Plan (12.1.3)
5.10 Annual Review of Board-Director
That the Board adopt the agenda as amended.
- Swanson | Carried |
| 04/02/13 – 1894 | That the Board adopt the Minutes of the regular meeting of March 5, 2013 as presented.
- Jelinski | Carried |
| 04/02/13 – 1895 | That the practice of splitting shifts for custodians/janitors in Moose Jaw schools whereby schools are without custodial/janitorial staff during parts of the school day other than scheduled lunch breaks, be discontinued.
- Swanson | Tabled |
| 04/02/13 – 1896 | That anyone in the gallery who wishes to speak be allowed to do so.
- Radwanski | Carried |
| 04/02/13 – 1897 | That the Board table motion 04/02/13 – 1895 until the next Board Meeting in order to collect more data.
- Kessler | Withdrawn |
| 04/02/13 – 1898 | That the Board table motion 04/02/13 – 1895 until the next Board Meeting in order to collect more data.
- Kessler | Carried |

04/02/13 – 1899	That the Board make the Reading strategic goal the priority of the Higher Literacy & Achievement Standing Committee. - Christopherson-Cote	Carried
04/02/13 – 1900	That the Facilities Utilization strategic priority be assigned to a Committee of the Whole with two working groups to delegate rural and urban. - Christopherson-Cote	Carried
04/02/13 – 1901	That the Rural Catchment Review Committee be dissolved. - Christopherson-Cote	Carried
04/02/13 – 1902	That the Strong System-Wide Accountability and Governance Standing Committee develop and present at the next Board Meeting, a comprehensive policy regarding subcommittees of our board. - Christopherson-Cote	Tabled
04/02/13 – 1903	That the Board table motion 04/02/13 – 1902 until after the Planning Meetings with Leroy Sloan. - Davidson	Carried
04/02/13 – 1904	That any surplus yearbooks found in the archives that would otherwise be destroyed, be returned to the community to which they belong. - Gleim	Carried
04/02/13 – 1905	That the Board approve the disposal of records as per the attached schedule, by shredding or transfer to the Saskatchewan Archives. - Radwanski	Carried
04/02/13 – 1906	That the Board approve changes to Policy #801 and Policy #805 with revisions presented. - Gleim That the Board break at 12:05 p.m. That the Board reconvene at 12:45 p.m.	Carried
04/02/13 – 1907	That the Board under Policy 109 approve funding in 2013-14 for the Coronach School – Gymnasium upgrade (score clock) project to a maximum of \$3,000. The school’s fundraising portion must be received prior to the commencement of the project. Further, the Board’s portion will be paid in the 2013-14 fiscal year. - Gleim	Carried

04/02/13 – 1908	That anyone in the gallery who wishes to speak be allowed to do so. - Radwanski	Carried
04/02/13 – 1909	That the Board waive the requirement for a Director-Board Review for this year. - Kessler	Carried
04/02/13 – 1910	That the Board receive the consent items and approve the recommendations contained therein, as presented. - Jelinski	Carried

Committee Reports

Standing Committees:

Higher Literacy & Achievement

- The committee is working diligently towards the reading improvement goal, creating work plans and a draft budget to further the Board priority.
- They have worked on an FAQ to accompany the display booth at the upcoming Annual Meeting based on feedback received from parents, staff and community members.
- Work on the CLf review continues, with an April survey to staff going out to find volunteers for the review committee.

Equitable Opportunities

- On March 20 and 21, the committee hosted Practical and Applied Arts Professional Learning Days. Staff from across the Division was invited to learn about the exciting opportunities offered by the PAA program, and to hear from industry experts on Communications, Agriculture, Natural Resources and Trades. A highlight of the program was the signing of a partnership with the Information and Communications Technology Council (ICTC). Prairie South is the first School Division in Saskatchewan to integrate the Focus on Information Technology (FIT) program in high schools. The program provides the necessary building blocks for an innovative learning experience and encourages students to acquire 21st Century business, technology and communications skills.

Smooth Transitions

- The committee is focused on the Prekindergarten expansion and the implications of possible budget restrictions. They are busy setting up parameters for schools that are interested in offering a Prek program, including reviewing information such as the number of potential students, staff, and space availability.

Strong System-Wide Accountability and Governance

- The committee reviewed the second quarter report, worked on the Coronach School Gym upgrade submission, and has been looking into the mileage and travel expense claims for Division staff.

Advocacy, Networking and Marketing

- The committee reported on the upcoming Annual Meeting of Electors on April 16, including confirming guest speaker Christine Boyzcuk with Five Hills Health Region.

Rural Catchment Review

- No report given as the committee has been dissolved.

Adhoc Committees:

South Hill

- The committee will meet again on April 15 and will have recommendations for the next board planning meeting.

Inquiries

Can an addition be created for Policy 418 to address severe weather/road conditions for extra-curricular, day trips, overnight excursions, outdoor education exercises and high risk activities.

- Radwanski

In 2012, Ms. Penny Wallace, a 39 year employee retired but was not invited to the 2012 Service Recognition Banquet. Will Ms. Wallace be invited to the 2013 Service Recognition Banquet to recognize her service to the Division as per Policy 506?

- Radwanski

Professional Sharing/Roundtable

The Board commends the Mortlach SCC for their presentation at Rural Congress and Ron Purdy for his hard work in helping to organize Rural Congress.

Adjournment

04/02/13 – 1911

That the meeting be adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Carried

- Kessler

Colleen Christopherson-Cote
Chair

Bernie Girardin
Superintendent of Business and Operations

Next Regular Board Meeting:

Date: May 7, 2013

Location: Central Office, Moose Jaw