

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Prairie Spirit School Division No. 206 held in the Prairie Spirit School Division Office, on Monday, December 7, 2009, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Present for the meeting were Board Members: Andrew Bergen; Sam Dyck; Lorraine Greyeyes; Bonnie Hope (arrived at 9:06 a.m.); Bernie Howe; Louis LeDoux; Cathy Taylor; Keith Wagner; Pam Wieler; Gerald Yausie; Karen Campbell, Superintendent of Schools and Learning; Brian Matisz, Principal, Paul McTavish, Vice Principal, and Kathy Maki, Vice Principal, Clavet Composite School; Evelyn Novak, Director of Education; Brenda Erickson, Communications Consultant; and Nadine Meister, Assistant to the Director.

Absent: Joan Heath; Larry Pavloff

Andrew Bergen called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Bonnie Hope joined the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

1. THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Agenda
Wagner

Carried.

2. THAT the November 16, 2009, minutes be adopted as presented.

Minutes
Dyck

Carried.

Committee Reports:

- Sam Dyck will provide information to Evelyn Novak for the Calendar Committee regarding the Prairie Valley report at SSBA.
- Gerald Yausie briefly reported on legal action background report from SSBA at the Public Section Meeting.
- Keith Wagner provided a brief update on the Stobart Community School project.

Discussion surrounding Board PD and budget ensued. The Board agreed that the suggested approved list of PD events was a good starting point. Board members are asked to bring other opportunities to the Board prior to registering. Further discussion of the CSBA Convention will take place at the January 4, 2010, meeting. It was suggested that every other Board meeting begin with a PD or team-building session, including an intensive session at the February 2010 retreat. Louis LeDoux agreed to look into finding someone to lead a cross-cultural training session.

3. THAT the required approvals agenda be approved as presented.

Required
Approvals
Howe

Carried.

Board policy monitoring was finalized. Board Chair will remind members when their policy is due for review.

Brian, Paul and Kathy provided an in-depth and enthusiastic report about Clavet Composite School. Brian stated that they encourage their staff and students to strive for excellence in everything they do. Hosting the 4A Provincial Girls Volleyball Championships was a very

successful weekend. Paul highlighted the concern regarding space limitations. German immigration is a large contributor to the student population in and around Clavet. Paul acknowledged Cheryl Redekopp’s assistance in transitioning the German students into the school and classes. Kathy expanded on the school achievements. She stated Clavet is a well-rounded school with a focus on arts, academics and wellness. Also acknowledged EA, Tracey Bentley, and the work of the students, staff, which lead to the Clavet SRC winning the provincial award for top SRC in the province. Appreciation for Board member, Cathy Taylor’s, time and effort was expressed.

Pat Atkinson, Opposition Education Critic and Cam Broten, Opposition Critic for Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration joined the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

A good discussion followed regarding a variety of important topics, including the role of the opposition critics, concerns regarding funding for capital projects, advocacy process, space limitations in some Prairie Spirit schools, early learning and child care opportunities, and the increasing numbers of immigrant students in Prairie Spirit School Division.

The Board adjourned for lunch at 11:58 a.m.

Brian Matisz, Paul McTavish and Kathy Maki left the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:03 p.m.

Karen LaPointe joined the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

4. THAT the Board go into closed session at 1:04 p.m.

Closed
Session
Taylor

Carried.

Cathy Taylor left the meeting at 1:27 p.m.

5. THAT the Board return from closed session at 1:52 p.m.

Closed
Session
Wieler

Carried.

Karen LaPointe and Karen Campbell left the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

6. THAT the meeting be adjourned at 2:02 p.m. The next meeting to be held on Monday, January 4, 2010, at 9:00 a.m., at the Prairie Spirit School Division Office, in Warman.

Adjourn
Bergen

Carried.

Chairperson

Superintendent of Finance,
Administration and Planning