

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, May 3, 2010, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Present for the meeting were Board Members: Andrew Bergen; Sam Dyck; Joan Heath; Bonnie Hope; Bernie Howe (left at 12:15 p.m.); Larry Pavloff; Cathy Taylor; Keith Wagner; Pam Wieler; Gerald Yausie; Jolayne Rempel, Principal, and Marc Normand, Vice Principal, Delisle Elementary School (both left at 12:35 p.m.); Char Elder, Principal, South Corman Park School (left at 12:35 p.m.); Evelyn Novak, Director of Education; Brenda Erickson, Communications Consultant; and Nadine Meister, Assistant to the Director.

Absent: Lorraine Greyeyes; Louis LeDoux

Andrew Bergen called the meeting to order at 8:59 a.m.

1. THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Agenda
Howe

Carried.

2. THAT the April 16, 2010, minutes be adopted with the following amendment:

- Remove the following from "Present:"
"Larry Pavloff (arrived at 11:14 a.m.)"

Minutes
Taylor

Carried.

3. THAT the Board work with Administration to devise a certificate of appreciation for retiring School Community Council members.

SCC Member
Recognition
Pavloff

Joan Heath led the Board in a professional development activity involving the Continuous Improvement Framework Report.

Karen Campbell, Superintendent of Schools and Learning, and Heather Shockey, Superintendent of Schools and Learning, joined the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

Char Elder presented to the Board some highlights of South Corman Park School's focus on literacy. A library assessment was undertaken and shortfalls and areas for improvement were identified. Specifically, a shortfall in fictional material for grade 5-6 boys was identified and remedied. The school is happy to report there is now more grade 5-6 boys enjoying reading and, in fact, there is a waiting list of grade 5-6 boys requesting specific reading material. A library website was also designed just two short weeks ago and a "hot picks" area was created where students (and parents) can list books they are reading and enjoying. As well, a Library Legacy Program has been developed. SCC members have donated their favourite children's books and Grade 6 students are now encouraged to donate their favourite book as a "legacy" as they finish their last year at South Corman Park.

Jolayne Rempel and Marc Normand thanked the Board for the invitation to attend the meeting and stated appreciation for being able to learn more about the Board's perspective on student learning. Jolayne highlighted Delisle Elementary School's focus on healthy body, healthy minds. They offer a breakfast snack program on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and, due in large part to the support of the community, have been able to

expand that program to include a monthly multi-cultural theme in which foods from different countries are offered to help students learn more about their global community. Marc explained some technology improvements, including the installation of 4 ceiling projectors and the continued use of the Wynn Reader Program and Word Q and Speak Q programs. The school is focusing on student engagement and encourages students to be involved in decisions about what extra-curricular activities are done at the school. Delisle Elementary's SCC continues to work diligently toward the purchase of a new playground structure.

Karen Campbell and Heather Shockey left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

With respect to SSBA business, Larry Pavloff advised that the AGM will include displays by students from different divisions to highlight their work. Asked Board members to consider what three areas we might like students to highlight. As well, the Public Engagement Advisory group will next meet on May 19, 2010. Gerald Yausie reported that the Public Section is going ahead with their branding exercise, which will be led by the Phoenix Group.

4. THAT the Board approve Board of Education Policy GP-14 – Special Rules of Order with the following amendments:

Policy GP-14
Wagner

- Remove the last sentence in section 6 – “Motions require a second to proceed to discussion and subsequent vote.”; and
- Add the following to section 11 – “However, any individual member may request that their vote be recorded.”

Carried.

5. THAT the Board affirm Board of Education Policy GP-15 – Handling of Operational Complaints.

Policy GP-15
Dyck

Carried.

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

Bernie Howe left the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Jolayne Rempel, Marc Normand, and Char Elder left the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 12:43 p.m.

6. THAT the Board go into closed session at 12:43 p.m.

Closed Session
Hope

Carried.

7. THAT the Board return from closed session at 1:15 p.m.

Closed Session
Wieler

Carried.

8. THAT the Board approve Board of Education Policy GP-12 – Board Planning Cycle and Agenda Control with the following amendments:

Policy GP-12
Taylor

- Add a new section 4 as follows:

“4. Regular closed sessions will be held with the following guidelines:

- 4.1 At the first board meeting of every month, the first portion of the meeting following lunch will be a closed session for trustees.
- 4.2 Any trustee can request or make a motion for a closed session of trustees at any time.”

Carried.

Committee Reports:

HBE Liaison Committee – Pam Wieler reported on the AGM held on April 29, 2010.

LINC – Larry Pavloff reported that the agreement has gone to the Prairie Spirit Teachers Association for ratification.

Partnership Committee – Evelyn Novak and Andrew Bergen will be meeting with representatives from Muskeg Lake on May 6, 2010.

Warman Middle Years School Building Project – Sam Dyck reported on the first meeting and stated it will be an interesting process with lots of partnerships.

9. THAT the Board grant permission to the Director of Education to postpone the Ends Monitoring Report until June 2010.

Ends
Monitoring
Report
Wagner

Carried.

Joan Heath provided a self-monitoring report on GP-16 – Handling of Apparent Policy Violations and reported that the Board is in compliance.

Keith Wagner provided a self-monitoring report on GP-17 – Requests for Presentations to the Board and reported that the Board is in compliance.

11. THAT the meeting be adjourned at 2:31 p.m. The next meeting to be held on Monday, May 17, 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