

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, June 7, 2010, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Present for the meeting were Board Members: Andrew Bergen; Sam Dyck; Joan Heath; Bonnie Hope; Bernie Howe; Louis LeDoux; Larry Pavloff; Cathy Taylor; Keith Wagner; Pam Wieler; Gerald Yausie (arrived @ 12:50 p.m.); Garth Harrison, Principal, and Joyce Bowers, Vice Principal, Hague Elementary School; Scott Dyck, Principal, and Orlando Pauls, Vice Principal, Warman Elementary School; Karen Campbell, Superintendent of Schools and Learning; Noel Roche, Superintendent of Schools and Learning; Evelyn Novak, Director of Education; Brenda Erickson, Communications Consultant; and Nadine Meister, Assistant to the Director.

Absent: Lorraine Greyeyes

Andrew Bergen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

It was requested that the agenda be amended by removing item 7.2 (2010/11 Final Budget Plan) from Required Approvals Agenda to allow for discussion.

1. THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

Agenda
Wagner

Carried.

2. THAT the May 17, 2010, minutes be adopted as presented.

Minutes
Dyck

Carried.

Noel Roche, Mike Halgrimson, Kelly Bararuk and Ed Brockman made a presentation to the Board with respect to Career Development and Work Exploration.

The Board was provided with a “big picture” overview of the Career Development and Work Exploration program. Students can experience several positive impacts from this program, including increased engagement, improved graduation rates, career preparedness and increased self-esteem and development of leadership skills. Mike and Kelly advised that employers are becoming more familiar with the process for this program as well. Forms are now distributed which outline what exactly is expected of an employer participating in this program.

There is a focus on what kind of program can be produced for future years and how it can be made sustainable. Parent engagement is a key goal. Additional resources will be required as transportation is important to this program and is a large budget item. They are also working with Middle Years and assisting them with implementation of the new Career Education curriculum.

Mike Halgrimson, Kelly Bararuk and Ed Brockman left the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

Committee Reports:

- **Warman Middle Years School Building Project** – Consultation meetings are starting with students, community and staff.

- **Advocacy Committee** – several attempts to connect with the RM coalition have gone unanswered. Efforts to connect with the City of Martensville regarding Joint Use Agreement have not yet resulted in an agreed upon signing date.

Regarding the SSBA, Pam Wieler highlighted items from the Public Section meeting agenda of June 3 and 4th, including a presentation on BC schools data collection, Deputy Minister of Education’s presentation regarding CIF implementation and Directors’ panel.

Garth Harrison and Joyce Bowers then spoke about Hague Elementary School. Garth commented on the low staff turnover rate for the upcoming school year. He also indicated the school continues to lose some students to Valley Christian Academy. They are looking forward to improving playground equipment. Garth and Joyce highlighted a local initiative in which community members volunteered to teach students about curling. Pam Wieler also commended the staff at Hague Elementary for their hard work and dedication.

Scott Dyck and Orlando Pauls passed around a student assembled scrapbook of the 2009/10 school year. Scott spoke of the growth that Warman Elementary is experiencing and expressed appreciation to the Board for their recognition of that growth and their advocacy efforts with the provincial government. Scott thanked Sam Dyck for his support and advocacy efforts. Scott and Orlando are looking forward to the arrival of the new relocatables and have contingency plans in place until they do arrive. Scott acknowledged their vibrant SCC Committee and commented how WES has always enjoyed a full SCC committee and recognized WES parents’ engagement. Scott also spoke briefly about their character education program and the Pre-K program, which was well received after its first full year.

Noel Roche left the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Student Advisory Council (including Lauren Sawatzky and Jesse Fehr (both from Hague High), and Ally Fehr, Sean Denis and Connor Heusdens (all from Aberdeen Composite)), Russ Dyck (Principal, Hague High), Kim Beaulieu (Coordinator) and Holly Stasiuk (Teacher, Hague High) joined the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

The students took turns addressing the Board and informing them how they have gone about gathering “student voice” and how it was decided what to bring to the Board. Some of their key messages for the Board included student assessment and students’ lack of connection to the process, the need for an adult in the building that cares for them, more hands-on learning and more group learning. The students were commended for their efforts in bringing their message to the Board. The Advisory Council acknowledged that students would like to see change happen quickly, but that the students are learning that these things will take time.

The Board adjourned for lunch at 11:57 a.m.

Student Advisory Committee, Karen Campbell, Russ Dyck, Kim Beaulieu, and Holly Stasiuk left the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Gerald Yausie joined the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 12:50 p.m.

3. THAT the Board go into closed session at 1:00 p.m.

Closed
Session
Wieler

Carried.

4. THAT the Board return from closed session at 2:38 p.m.

Closed
Session
Wagner

Carried.

Jim Shields, Superintendent of Finance, Administration and Planning joined the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

5. THAT the Board approve the final budget plan for the period of September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2011, as presented.

2010/11
Final Budget
Yausie

Carried.

6. THAT the Board affirm Board of Education Policy GP-16 – Handling of Apparent Policy Violations.

Policy GP-16
Dyck

Carried.

7. THAT the Board affirm Board of Education Policy GP-17 – Requests for Presentations to the Board.

Policy GP-17
Howe

Carried.

8. THAT the Board affirm Board of Education Policy EL-7 – Communication and Support to the Board.

Policy EL-7
Dyck

Carried.

9. THAT the Board approve the 2010/11 Board of Education meetings schedule as presented.

2010/11
Meeting Schedule
Howe

Carried.

10. THAT the Board invite City of Martensville Council to attend June 21, 2010, Board of Education meeting to sign Joint Use Agreement.

Martensville
Joint Use
Agreement
Hope

Carried.

11. THAT the Board approve the required approvals agenda as presented.

Required
Approvals
Taylor

Carried.

12. THAT the meeting be adjourned at 4:01 p.m. The next meeting to be held on Monday, June 21, 2010, at 9:00 a.m., at the Prairie Spirit School Division Office, in Warman.

Adjourn
Dyck

Carried.

Chairperson

Superintendent of Finance,
Administration and Planning