

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Prairie Spirit School Division No. 206 held in the Prairie Spirit School Division Office, on Monday, December 6, 2010, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Present for the meeting were Board Members: Andrew Bergen (arrived at 9:07 a.m.; left at 3:07 p.m.); Sam Dyck; Lorraine Greyeyes (left at 1:30 p.m.); Joan Heath; Bonnie Hope; Bernie Howe; Louis LeDoux; Larry Pavloff; Cathy Taylor; Keith Wagner; Pam Wieler; Gerald Yausie; Clay Kirby, Principal, Delisle Composite School; Jeff Chilibeck, Principal, Perdue School; Lorraine Martin-Fitzgerald, Vice Principal, Rosthern High School; Karen LaPointe and Noel Roche, Superintendents of Learning and Leadership; Evelyn Novak, Director of Education; Brenda Erickson, Communications Consultant; and Nadine Meister, Secretary to the Board.

Larry Pavloff, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Two requests for amendments to the agenda were made:

- Move item 10.3 into discussion, if time permits; and
- Cathy Taylor requested time to speak about the South Corman Park grade extension request.

1. THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

Agenda
Wagner

Carried.

2. THAT the minutes of November 22, 2010, be adopted as presented.

Minutes
Howe

Carried.

Committee Reports:

- LINC – met last Thursday and provided new member orientation
- Partnership – have been informed of Beardy's and Okemasis Band's desire to become a subdivision within Prairie Spirit School Division
- Stobart – Dominion is on-site every two weeks to ensure things get back on schedule and stay on schedule.

The Board will hold its annual winter retreat on January 31-February 1, 2011, at the Radisson Hotel in Saskatoon, SK. The Policy Governance Health-Check Workshop will be held on January 5, 2011, at Wanuskewin Heritage Park, in Saskatoon, SK.

Larry Pavloff advised the Saskatoon Public School Board has extended an invitation to the Prairie Spirit School Board for a meeting. The Director of Education was asked to coordinate the meeting for some time in February or March 2011.

Evelyn Novak reviewed the Monitoring Report for EL9 – Student Accommodation. Discussion took place regarding *The Education Act* changes and a need to amend Prairie Spirit's administrative policy 108 to reflect changes in *The Education Act* and address grade extension requests. The Board directed the Evelyn Novak to prepare and bring back to the Board at their next meeting a plan for next steps with regard to communicating numbers to schools and SCCs

at the same time. Brenda Erickson was asked to draft a script to ensure a consistent message is also presented. Board members and Administrators will be part of these meetings with SCCs. It was suggested the SCCs be asked what kind of community engagement they would prefer. Board members can assist with decisions along the way regarding what kind of support is required in their schools and communities.

3. THAT the Board accepts that the EL9 – Student Accommodation Monitoring Report demonstrates compliance in all areas, other than those indicated as non-compliant. Compliance will be demonstrated as stated in the report.

EL-9
Monitoring
Report
Wieler

Carried.

The Board then heard from the Administrators:

- Perdue – Jeff Chilibeck commented on the positive attitude around Perdue School and how they promote student voice in the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Survey and regular monthly meetings with Grade 7-12 students. Elementary goal is guided reading and increased reading comprehension. High school math goal is to improve student attitudes toward math and are using more technology to increase student positivity.
- Rosthern High School – Lorraine Martin-Fitzgerald commented on the impact the gym roof work has had on the school. She commended staff and students on adapting to the situation and finding ways to make do without a gymnasium. In addition to Kevin Foss, Maintenance Supervisor, Lorraine also thanked Rosthern Elementary School and Rosthern Junior College for their support during this project. Lorraine advised their SCC is quite active and come up with innovative ideas to engage parents and community. School goals are focused around the Student Success Model.
- Delisle Composite School – Clay Kirby advised their big goal is student engagement. TTFM results indicated students want more technology in the classroom, so the school brought in three smartboards and have two connected classrooms where students can bring in laptops. Clay also commented that the Student Success Model has been a huge part of student success within their school.

Noel Roche, Lorraine Martin-Fitzgerald and Jeff Chilibeck left the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

Kim Beaulieu, Russell Dyck and Paul McTavish and the Student Advisory Council joined the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

The Student Advisory Council made a presentation to the Board which focused on students' preparedness for after graduation. Some ideas and suggestions put forward by the students included:

- Career counselling should begin in grade 9
- A website designed for after graduation plans, i.e. links to scholarship pages, "life 101" classes, etc.

- An opportunity for Grade 10-12 students to speak with first- and second-year University students to find out what they might do differently in high school now that they have University experience
- Incorporate more technology in the schools

The students commended the Division on the development of the Student Forum allowing them an opportunity and a voice to express themselves.

The Board adjourned for lunch at 12:04 p.m.

Karen LaPointe, Clay Kirby, Kim Beaulieu, Russell Dyck, Paul McTavish and the Student Advisory Council left the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 12:48 p.m.

Beardy’s and Okemasis Band Chief and Council joined the meeting at 12:48 p.m.

Chief Rick Gamble confirmed their desire for Beardy’s and Okemasis to become a new subdivision within Prairie Spirit School Division. He also spoke about revising the Educational Services Agreement, tuition billing and funding difficulties they are experiencing. A suggestion was made that perhaps a Memorandum of Understanding with Stobart School could be developed to allow Beardy’s educational staff to participate in Prairie Spirit professional development opportunities.

Beardy’s and Okemasis Band Chief and Council left the meeting at 1:28 p.m.

Lorraine Greyeyes left the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Sherri Stephanson, Human Resources Superintendent, joined the meeting at 1:37 p.m.

4. THAT the Board go into closed session at 1:38 p.m.

Closed
Session
Wagner

Carried.

5. THAT the Board return from closed session at 2:23 p.m.

Closed
Session
Bergen

Carried.

Sherri Stephanson left the meeting at 2:23 p.m.

6. THAT the Board direct Administration to change question 5 on the Staff Satisfaction Survey to a two-part question separating (a) Administration and (b) Board on the Staff Satisfaction Survey.

Staff
Satisfaction
Survey
Taylor

Carried.

Jim Shields, Superintendent of Finance, Administration and Planning, joined the meeting at 2:31 p.m.

Jim Shields reviewed the Information Report – Draft Audited Financial Statement and Reserve Allocation.

Andrew Bergen left the meeting at 3:04 p.m.

7. THAT the Board approve accepts the recommendation as presented by Administration to approve the reserves and unrestricted surplus.

Information
Report –
Financial
Statements and
Reserves
Howe

Carried.

The Board commended Jim Shields on the time and effort spent in meeting the new financial requirements as set out by the Ministry of Education.

Jim Shields reviewed the Decision Report – Warman Middle Years School.

8. THAT the Board approve the use of a construction manager for the Warman Middle Years School project.

Decision
Report – Warman
Middle Years
School
Dyck

Carried.

Jim Shields left the meeting at 3:41 p.m.

The Board would like to express appreciation to school staff at Hepburn School, Stobart School, and Rosthern High School for their patience and understanding during maintenance and construction projects.

Joan Heath left the meeting at 3:54 p.m.

9. THAT the meeting be adjourned at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting to be held on Monday, December 20, 2010, at 9:00 a.m., at the Prairie Spirit School Division Office, in Warman.

Adjourn
Wagner

Carried.

Chairperson

Secretary to the Board