

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, January 3, 2011, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Present for the meeting were Board Members: Andrew Bergen; Sam Dyck; Joan Heath; Bonnie Hope (left at 12:30 p.m.); Bernie Howe; Louis LeDoux (arrived at 9:01 a.m.); Larry Pavloff; Cathy Taylor; Keith Wagner; Pam Wieler; Gerald Yausie; Andrew Merryweather, Vice Principal, Colonsay School; Karen Campbell, Superintendent of Learning and Leadership; Karen LaPointe, Superintendent of Schools and Leadership; Evelyn Novak, Director of Education; Brenda Erickson, Communications Consultant; and Nadine Meister, Secretary to the Board.

Absent: Lorraine Greyeyes

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

Louis LeDoux arrived at 9:01 a.m.

1. THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Agenda
Taylor

Carried.

2. THAT the minutes of December 20, 2010, be adopted with the following amendment:

Minutes
Wagner

Replace "MLA Meeting Follow-up – the Board agreed that future meetings should be held in Regina and that they should take place twice a year in the spring and fall (one prior to government budget and one following Prairie Spirit's budget)."

With "MLA Meeting Follow-up – the Board agreed that future meetings should be held in Regina and that they should take place twice a year in the spring and fall (one prior and one following the provincial budget)."

Carried.

Larry Pavloff will prepare a response to the letter from Chief Rick Gamble, Beardy's & Okemasis Band.

Larry Pavloff will contact City of Martensville regarding a meeting date in February and bring back information for the Board at their January 17th meeting.

Committees:

- Stobart Schools Building Project – Site meeting held on December 21st.
- Warman Middle School Building Project – Board made aware of the blog on Prairie Spirit website. Board requested a Committee Report at their February 7th meeting. Larry Pavloff will prepare a follow-up letter to the Minister of Education regarding this project as discussed at the MLA meeting of December 10, 2010. The letter will be sent jointly by Prairie Spirit and the Town of Warman.
- Professional Support (Calendar) Committee – Evelyn Novak requested two Board representatives to sit on the Professional Support (Calendar)

Committee. Bernie Howe and Pam Wieler agreed to be the Board representatives. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of the involvement of SCC's and students in calendar development, as well as calendar approval vote being an agenda item for the PSTA Liaison Meeting.

Grant Drever, Conveyance Manager, joined the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Evelyn Novak presented the EL-10 Transportation Monitoring Report.

3. THAT the Board accepts the EL-10 Transportation Monitoring Report demonstrates compliance in all areas.

EL-10
Monitoring
Report
Yausie

Carried.

4. THAT the Board supports the land transfer of all of Section 8-37-3-W3rd from Aberdeen to Clavet as per Administration's recommendation.

Decision
Report –
Land Transfer
Taylor

Carried.

Grant Drever left the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

Muskeg Lake Cree Nation representatives joined the meeting 11:12 a.m.

Chief Clifford Tawpisin, Jr. spoke to the Board about their children being an asset and the importance of giving them the right opportunities. He spoke of a possible work experience partnership opportunity with Blaine Lake housing developments. Chief Tawpisin hoped that Prairie Spirit might be interested in exploring a partnership for this project in order to involve our students in this work experience opportunity.

Councilor Harry Lafond updated the Board on the partnership and events that may impact the school division. Harry stated the belief that education must not only deal with the head, but include the heart and the body. He spoke of the importance of students recapturing and retaining their language. He advised that the Muskeg school will be celebrating its 20th year of operation.

Andrew Merryweather, Vice Principal of Colonsay School, provided the Board with an update of their activities. He advised that two major projects were completed at the school this past summer: (1) the entire interior of the school was painted; and (2) a technology rollout including a connected classroom and the arrival of several laptop computers to be used with a smartboard and for a variety of other purposes. Andrew commended their co-host, Allan Composite School, on the successful hosting of the Provincial Boys Volleyball Tournament. Andrew advised they continue to work on assessment and evaluation, as well as a math goal to have all students reaching proficiency by grade 9. Gerald Yausie expressed appreciation on behalf of the community of Colonsay for the positive atmosphere in the school which is a reflection on its administration.

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

Muskeg Lake Cree Nation representatives, Andrew Merryweather, Karen Campbell, and Bonnie Hope left the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Noel Roche, Superintendent of Schools and Learning, joined the meeting at 12:43 p.m.

Clavet SCC representatives, Colleen Beresh and Helen Crowther, joined the meeting at 12:45 p.m. South Corman Park SCC representative, Noreen Gregor, was also in attendance.

Colleen Beresh and Helen Crowther spoke to the Board about the importance of considering all information with respect to South Corman Park School SCC's request for grade extension due to how closely intertwined South Corman Park School and Clavet Composite School are.

Colleen Beresh and Helen Crowther left the meeting at 1:13 p.m.

5. THAT the Board deny the South Corman Park School Community Council's application to extend grade levels at South Corman Park beginning fall 2011.

Decision
Report –
SCP Grade
Extension
Howe

Carried.

6. THAT the Board go into closed session at 1:55 p.m.

Closed
Session
Taylor

Carried.

Karen LaPointe and Noel Roche left the meeting at 1:56 p.m.

7. THAT the Board return from closed session at 2:55 p.m.

Closed
Session
Howe

Carried.

The Board requested the Decision Report – 2011/12 Budget be tabled until the next meeting scheduled for January 17, 2011.

8. THAT the meeting be adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next meeting to be held on Monday, January 17, 2011, at 9:00 a.m., at the Prairie Spirit School Division Office, in Warman.

Adjourn
Bergen

Carried.

Chairperson

Secretary to the Board