

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 Wednesday, September 7, 2011, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Present for the meeting were Board Members: Larry Pavloff; Sam Dyck; Joan Heath; Bonnie Hope; Louis LeDoux; Cathy Taylor; Keith Wagner; Pam Wieler (arrived at 11:43 a.m.); John Kuzbik, Director of Education; Brenda Erickson, Communications Consultant; and Nadine Meister, Secretary to the Board.

Also in attendance: Bob Bayles, Superintendent of Human Resources; Jim Shields, Superintendent of Finance, Administration and Planning; Noel Roche, Superintendent of Leadership and Learning (left at 11:38 a.m.); Kerry Donst, Facilities Planner (left at 10:45 a.m.); and Warman High School Administrators, Michael Collins, Principal; Russell Dyck, Vice Principal; and Garry Philipchuk, Vice Principal (all left at 12:25 p.m.).

Absent: Bernie Howe; Lorraine Greyeyes; Gerald Yausie.

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

1. THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Agenda  
Wagner

**Carried.**

2. THAT the minutes of August 15, 2011, be adopted as presented.

Minutes  
Wagner

**Carried.**

The Board provided feedback on the Opening Day Staff Gathering held on September 6, 2011.

Committees:

- **Advocacy Committee** – Brenda Erickson provided Board members with information received from Leslie Anderson, SSBA, regarding linkage with MLAs and Ministry.
- **Board Education Committee** – Joan Heath advised this committee work will begin again following governance training workshops.
- **Martensville High School Renovation Project** – Bonnie hope advised additional partnership meeting took place.
- **Partnership Committee** – Louis LeDoux advised an academic coach has been hired and will work at Leask Community School supporting students transitioning from Mistawasis First Nation to Leask Community School and from Leask Community School to post-secondary education.
- **Warman Middle Years School Building Project** – Kerry Donst advised that a mechanical system issue was identified and a solution has been agreed upon resulting in no impact on school cost.
- **Stobart Schools Building Project** – Kerry Donst advised classroom space for all staff and students and parking space available for staff at the beginning of the school year. Gymnasium will be ready by end of September in time for scheduled tournament.

3. THAT the Board amend Board meeting start time from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 am.

Meeting  
Start Time  
Heath

**Carried.**

Kerry Donst left the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

The Board reviewed Administrative Policy No. 905 – Name of Schools, Board Buildings and Rooms.

Jim Shields provided clarification on the impact of corporate donations to schools.

**Warman High School** (Michael Collins, Principal, Russell Dyck, Vice Principal, and Gary Philipchuk, Vice Principal)

- In spring 2010, reviewed the math program with support of Noel Roche and Karen Campbell looking to provide better math outcomes for students.
- Encouraged staff to think outside the box regarding program delivery in middle years math
- New program provided opportunity for:
  - pre-testing and post-testing of students to allow matching students with a teacher that best suits their needs
  - students to work with various teachers
  - teachers to become aware of student learning styles
  - student ownership
- The following grade 6 teachers are to be congratulated for their work and dedication to this program: Marni Handwork (team leader), Paris Burgess, Corey Fast and Karen Georgecacos.
- Math program is now being done the same way in grades 7 and 8.

Noel Roche left the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

The Board adjourned for lunch at 11:41 a.m.

Pam Wieler joined the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

Joan Heath left the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Michael Collins, Russell Dyck and Gary Philipchuk left the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 12:35 p.m.

4. THAT the Board nominate the Prairie Spirit's Student Forum for SSBA's Premier's Board of Education Award for Innovation and Excellence in Education.

SSBA  
Premier's  
Award  
Dyck

**Carried.**

5. THAT the Board go into closed session at 12:44 p.m.

Closed  
Session  
Wagner

**Carried.**

6. THAT the Board return from closed session at 3:22 p.m.

Closed  
Session  
Dyck

**Carried.**

7. THAT the meeting be adjourned at 3:23 p.m. The next meeting to be held on Monday, September 19, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., at the Prairie Spirit School Division Office, in Warman.

Adjourn  
Pavloff

**Carried.**

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Chairperson

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Secretary to the Board