

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, February 6, 2012, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

Present for the meeting were Board Members: Larry Pavloff; Sam Dyck; Joan Heath; Bonnie Hope; Bernie Howe; George Janzen; Louis LeDoux; Cathy Taylor; Keith Wagner; Pam Wieler (left at 2:05 p.m.); and Gerald Yausie.

Also in attendance: John Kuzbik, Director of Education; Jim Shields; Superintendent of Finance, Administration and Planning; Bob Bayles, Superintendent of Human Resources; Noel Roche, Karen Campbell and Karen LaPointe, Learning Superintendents; Brenda Erickson, Communications Consultant; and Nadine Meister, Secretary to the Board.

Guests also in attendance: Leslie Anderson, Director, Communication Services, Saskatchewan School Boards Association (arrived at 10:10 a.m.; left at 12:50 p.m.); Minister Donna Harpauer, MLA Humboldt; Ken Legge, Principal, Eagle Creek Hutterite Colony School; Vern Lepp, Principal, and Mike Wollman, German School Teacher, Hillcrest Colony School (all arrived at 11:08 a.m.; all left at 12:50 p.m.); Nancy Heppner, MLA Martensville (arrived at 11:15 a.m.; left at 12:50 p.m.).

Absent: Lorraine Greyeyes.

The Board met as a Committee of the Whole from 9:00 a.m. until 10:10 a.m.

Larry Pavloff, Board Chair, called the public meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Leslie Anderson, Director, Communication Services, with the Saskatchewan School Boards Association joined the meeting at 10:10 a.m. Leslie engaged Board members in a presentation regarding government advocacy.

The Honorable Donna Harpauer, Minister of Education and MLA for Humboldt; Ken Legge, Principal, Eagle Creek Hutterite Colony School; Vern Lepp, Principal, and Mike Wollman, German School Teacher, Hillcrest Colony School; joined the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

Nancy Heppner, MLA for Martensville, joined the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

The Board provided information to the MLA's regarding positive feedback received for Prairie Spirit's Continuous Improvement Framework (CIF) Report, the new school facility in Duck Lake, and the commencement of construction on a new school in Warman. The Board also discussed a few issues of concern to Prairie Spirit, including the new provincial education funding model, relocatable classroom allocation and adequate funding for growing school divisions.

After listening to the Board's concerns, Minister Harpauer asked for input from the Board on a variety of topics.

Following the conversation with MLA's, the Administrators were invited to make their presentations highlighting activities at their respective schools:

Ken Legge, Principal, Eagle Creek Hutterite Colony School

- Thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the meeting and expressed appreciation for being able to hear the Minister's presentation.

- School opened with 10 students and enrolment is now up to 26 students.
- Working on Math goal, which is tied to the Professional Learning Community (PLC) with other Colony schools.
- As well as working toward improving levelled reading skills for students. All students are bilingual – they start school able to speak German and English.

Vern Lepp, Principal, Hillcrest Hutterite Colony School

- Hillcrest is the large Colony school in the Division with an enrolment of 30 students.
- Increased staffing has led to academic and behavioural improvements.
- Colony will split in June to form Lost River Hutterite Colony. There will be a need for a new school.
- Mike Wollman, German School Teacher, expressed appreciation for Vern Lepp's leadership and expertise and acknowledged Prairie Spirit's support for the school and staff.

The Board adjourned for lunch at 12:15 p.m.

Minister Harpauer, Nancy Heppner, Leslie Anderson, Ken Legge, Vern Lepp and Mike Wollman left the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:03 p.m.

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| 1. THAT the agenda be adopted with an amendment to add a decision item to determine the date of the next Board meeting. | Carried. | <u>Agenda</u>
Janzen |
| 2. THAT the minutes of January 16, 2012, be adopted with an amendment on page three to change Keith "Walker" to Keith "Wagner". | Carried. | <u>Minutes</u>
Dyck |
| 3. THAT the Annual General Meeting of Prairie Spirit School Division be held at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, March 28, 2012, at Prairie Spirit School Division Office, in Warman. | Carried. | Annual
General
<u>Meeting</u>
Wagner |
| After a brief discussion, the Board tabled the Service Award Recognition Program for Staff item until the first Board meeting in March. | | |
| The Board reviewed the Decision Report regarding the appointment of an Attendance Officer. | | |
| 4. THAT the Board appoint Dave Carter as Attendance Officer for Prairie Spirit School Division. | Carried. | <u>Attendance
Officer</u>
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| 5. THAT the Board agrees to support Brenda Erickson's attendance at the National Congress on Rural Education, in Saskatoon, on March 25-27, 2012. | PD
<u>Request</u>
Heath |
| Carried. | |
| 6. THAT the Board will not become a member of the Western Central Municipal Government Committee for 2012/13. | WCMGC
<u>Membership</u>
Howe |
| Carried. | |
| 7. THAT the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on February 21, 2012, be cancelled. | Meeting
<u>Cancellation</u>
Dyck |
| Carried. | |

Catherine Costa, Learning Support Facilitator, and Trish Reeve, Coordinator of Schools and Learning, joined the meeting at 1:34 p.m.

Catherine Costa led a presentation to the Board about English as an Additional Language (EAL) students. There are approximately 26 languages represented by 562 EAL students throughout the Division. Prairie Spirit is focusing its EAL supports on the following critical areas: Reception and Orientation; Initial Assessment; Placement and Support; and Monitoring and Reporting.

Catherine Costa and Trish Reeve left the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

The Board reviewed the organizational charts for Division Office staff as prepared by Administration.

Pam Wieler left the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Committee Reports:

- **Professional Support (Calendar) Committee** – no changes in *The Education Act* to affect the Christmas break and Easter break for 2012/13.
- **Career Development Action Team** – Gerald Yausie reported on the Committee meeting held on February 3, including updates on use of FutureChoice website and analysis of use, Practical and Applied Arts (PAA) program grant applications and career development templates.
- **Stobart School Building Project** – Keith Wagner advised high school students are now also in the new building.

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| 8. THAT the Board approve the Consent Items Agenda as presented. | Consent
Items
<u>Agenda</u>
Wagner |
| Carried. | |

9. THAT the public meeting be adjourned at 2:46 p.m. The next meeting to be held on Monday, March 5, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., at the Prairie Spirit School Division Office, in Warman.

Adjourn
Taylor

Carried.

Chairperson

Secretary to the Board