

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, June 3, 2013, commencing at 11:00 a.m.

Present for the meeting were Board Members: Larry Pavloff; Sam Dyck; Ken Crush; Deanna Greyeyes; Bonnie Hope; Cathy Taylor; Keith Wagner; and Pam Wieler.

Also in attendance: John Kuzbik, Director of Education; Jim Shields, Chief Financial Officer; and Nadine Meister, Secretary to the Board.

Guests in attendance: Kerry Donst, Facilities Planner (joined at 11:11 a.m.; left at 1:53 p.m.); Charles Olfert and Mitch Strocen, AODBT Architecture + Design (joined at 11:11 a.m.; left at 12:45 p.m.); Darin McKay, Principal, Vanscoy School (joined at 11:11 a.m.; left at 12:18 p.m.); Michael Neufeld, Principal, and Janice Kozun, Vice Principal, Walter W. Brown School (joined at 11:11 a.m.; left at 12:18 p.m.); Kim Beaulieu, Learning Superintendent (joined at 11:11 a.m.; left at 12:18 p.m.); Lori Jeschke, Learning Superintendent (joined at 11:11 a.m.; left at 12:18 p.m.); Sharon Compton, Learning Superintendent (joined at 12:53 p.m.; left at 1:13 p.m.)

Absent: Joanne Brochu; George Janzen; Bernie Howe; and Shantelle Watson.

The Board met as a Committee of the Whole from 9:00 until 11:10 a.m.

Kerry Donst, Facilities Planner; Charles Olfert and Mitch Strocen, AODBT Architecture + Design; Darin McKay, Principal, Vanscoy School; Michael Neufeld, Principal, and Janice Kozun, Vice Principal, Walter W. Brown School; Kim Beaulieu, Learning Superintendent; and Lori Jeschke, Learning Superintendent, joined the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

Larry Pavloff called the public meeting to order at 11:14 a.m.

1. THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Agenda
Wagner

Carried.

2. THAT the minutes of May 21, 2013, be adopted as presented.

Minutes
Crush

Carried.

3. THAT the Board grant excused absences for this meeting to Joanne Brochu, George Janzen and Bernie Howe.

Excused Absences
Wieler

Carried.

Charles Olfert and Mitch Strocen of AODBT Architecture + Design reviewed the feasibility study for new elementary schools in Warman and Martensville. Osler is included in many joint planning studies for this region, so the Osler growth and facilities were examined as well.

Given that both the cities of Warman and Martensville are experiencing growth rates of nearly 7-10% per year over the last 5 years, the feasibility study recommends that planning begin immediately on an elementary school for Martensville with a design enrolment of 750 students.

With the opening of the Warman Community Middle School in 2013, the existing facilities in Warman currently are at, but not over, capacity. It is anticipated that an elementary school for Warman would be required in the 2018 timeframe, built to an opening day enrolment of 400 students and with a core designed for 600 students.

Osler's projected growth rate is slower and therefore no new school is being recommended at this time.

The feasibility study was funded by the Ministry of Education and the results will be submitted to them.

Charles Olfert then reviewed the Martensville High School (MHS) Renovation Project. Twenty-first century learning concepts have been largely considered in planning and much work has been done to develop partnership and joint use agreements with the City of Martensville. The partnership will give MHS access to three gyms and a running track, as well as an access road and shared parking lot.

Darin McKay made a presentation about Vanscoy School:

- Identified two goals: (1) Numeracy and Engagement (three-year goal); and (2) Reader Intervention.
 - Applied for Athletics program and Vanscoy became a feature school in all ads for the Athletics program. Culminated in World Education Games kick-off (international online game). Minister of Education attended Vanscoy's kick-off.
 - Grades 4-8 competed against each other in a game show format. Involved lots of interaction and participation and was well received by students.
 - A survey at the end of the three years will be conducted to gauge success in improving students' attitude toward math.
 - Reader intervention included getting parents involved and utilizing technology. Focusing on creating excitement so children want to read.
- Finished second year of cyber ethics course for grade 7-8 students. Staff developed the course on their own to teach students how to properly use technology and social media and the consequences when you do not. The older grades make presentations on a variety of topics to the younger grades.
- Teacher on staff taking Masters in Environmental Education has been successful in obtaining funding for an outdoor learning environment. Currently in the process of determining what it will look like and developing the physical space.

Michael Neufeld made a presentation on Walter W. Brown School:

- Developing a reciprocal agreement between schools and Town of Langham for shared use of facilities as a result of the demise of the Town of Langham's curling rink.
- Both school and Town are considering improvements in facilities in consideration of possible shared use opportunities and the school will be excited to bring a proposal forward to the Board for approval when plans are finalized.
- Many benefits being recognized due to the Da Vinci Practical and Applied Arts (PAA) Project:
 - Potential for 800-900 apprenticeship hours
 - In negotiations with SIAST regarding articulation agreements around Construction 10, 20 and 30
 - Grade 7-8 student will have access to construction projects utilizing scrap materials from Habitat for Humanity build
 - PAA B30 course will be turned into a cabinet-making course and, working with Habitat for Humanity, students will build cabinets and vanities for some of the Habitat homes
- Janice Kozun highlighted how engagement and relationship are foundational pieces in engaging students and commented on the high commitment of staff to extra-curricular activities.

The Board adjourned for lunch at 12:18 p.m.

Kim Beaulieu, Lori Jeschke, Michael Neufeld, Janice Kozun and Darin McKay left the meeting at 12:18 p.m. Charles Olfert and Mitch Strocen left the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Sharon Compton, Learning Superintendent, joined the meeting at 12:53 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 12:53 p.m.

The Board further considered the Decision Report regarding the use of 15-passenger vans tabled from the May 21, 2013, Board meeting. After some dialogue, the Board would like policy developed, is interested in the different safety features of 15-passenger vans, 12-passenger vans and minivans. Board directed Sharon to begin developing policy around van use.

Sharon Compton left the meeting at 1:13 p.m.

John Kuzbik reviewed the Decision Report with respect to setting regular Board meeting dates for the 2013/14 school year. Regarding the Board's Strategic Planning Retreat in January 2014, a two-person committee (Pam Wieler and Keith Wagner) was struck to work with John to find a suitable location.

4. THAT the Board set their regular meeting schedule for the first and third Mondays of each month or as specified below:

August 2013

- August 19

September 2013

- September 9
- September 23

October 2013

- October 7
- October 21

November 2013

- November 4
- November 18

December 2013

- December 2
- December 16

January 2014

- January 13
- January 26-27 – Strategic Planning Retreat

February 2014

- February 10

March 2014

- March 3
- March 17

April 2014

- April 7
- April 22

May 2014

- May 5
- May 20

June 2014

- June 2
- June 16

Carried.

Kerry Donst reviewed the Decision Report regarding the request for approval in principle of the Funding agreement, Land Lease Agreement and amendments to the Joint Use Agreement with the City of Martensville.

5. THAT the Board approve in principle the Funding Agreement with the City of Martensville as per AODBT’s letter dated May 30, 2013, for submission to the City of Martensville.

Martensville
Funding Agt
Hope

Carried.

6. THAT the Board approve in principle the proposed Land Lease Agreement with the City of Martensville.

Martensville
Land Lease
Agreement
Hope

Carried.

7. THAT the Board approve in principle the proposed amendments to the Joint Use Agreement with the City of Martensville.

Martensville
Joint Use Agt
Hope

Carried.

Kerry Donst left the meeting at 1:53 p.m.

Jim Shields reviewed the Decision Report regarding a family’s request for financial assistance for transporting their child to École Henry Kelsey in the City of Saskatoon for Late French Immersion.

The Division currently provides bus transportation from the Town of Osler and Cities of Warman and Martensville to a select number of elementary schools and high schools offering French Immersion programs in the City of Saskatoon, not including École Henry Kelsey. Where busing to a French Immersion program is not provided, parents are eligible to receive a travel allowance from the Division.

After careful consideration, the Board agreed to uphold current policy.

- 8. THAT the Board deny the request from Mr. and Mrs. Lewis and Erin Halliwell.

Late French
Immersion
Dyck

Carried.

With respect to the presentation of Board retirement gifts to staff, the Board directed Nadine Meister to have all retirement gifts assembled for the next Board meeting on June 17 and the Board members would then distribute them to staff at the schools.

Bonnie Hope requested and received Board support for the Board to be involved in Martensville’s Business Expo on June 18 at 6:00 p.m.

The Board accepted the draft resolution to submit to the Public Section General Meeting on June 6-7, 2013, and is attached to form part of these minutes.

The Board directed John Kuzbik to invite Leslie Anderson, Director, Communication Services, with Saskatchewan School Boards Association, to a meeting on June 20, 2013, to assist with the development of a Board communication strategic plan. The Board directed John Kuzbik to ask Brenda Erickson to assist with this project.

The Board reviewed the Information Report regarding a parent’s concerns about Wi-Fi in schools and accepted Clint Reddekopp’s, Learning Superintendent, opinions that provision of Wi-Fi in Prairie Spirit schools does not provide a health hazard to staff and students.

The Board highlighted activities and meetings attended since the last Board meeting.

- 9. THAT the meeting be adjourned at 3:48 p.m. The next meeting to be held on Monday, June 17, 2013, at 11:00 a.m., at the Prairie Spirit School Division Office, in Warman.

Adjourn
Pavloff

Carried.

Chairperson

Secretary to the Board

Resolution to Public Section General Meeting June 2013

Whereas the provincial funding model was developed to achieve equitable opportunities for student learning and because the funding model is not fully implemented; funding equity cannot be achieved at the provincial level...

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Saskatchewan provide transition funding to those school divisions who are negatively impacted by funding levels that are significantly below provincial average teacher costs per school division.

(The transition funding should be no less than the funding levels prior to it being reduced and eliminated. To achieve equity, the transition funding should reflect a minimal variance in average funding per teacher in school divisions. The current variance is \$10,000 per teacher from the lowest to the average and \$18,000 per teacher from the lowest to the highest. Most of these costs are the result of differences in the Locally Determined Terms and Conditions of Employment for Teachers (LDTC).)