

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, September 8, 2014, commencing at 11:00 a.m.

Present for the meeting were Board Members: Larry Pavloff, Chairperson; Joanne Brochu; Ken Crush; Bonnie Hope; Bernie Howe; George Janzen; Cathy Taylor (via teleconference; left at 12:24 p.m.); Keith Wagner and Pam Wieler.

Also in attendance: John Kuzbik, Director of Education; Jim Shields, Chief Financial Officer; Bob Bayles, Superintendent of Human Resources; and Nadine Meister, Assistant to the Director.

Guests in attendance: Nadine and Norman Bemis (joined at 11:21 a.m.; left at 11:33 a.m.); Clint Reddekopp, Learning Superintendent (joined at 11:55 a.m.; left at 12:21 p.m.); Deb Donaldson, Executive Director, Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation (joined at 12:55 p.m.; left at 1:18 p.m.); David Wipf, Learning Superintendent (joined at 12:55 p.m.; left at 1:18 p.m.); and Kerry Donst, Facilities Planner (joined at 12:55 p.m.; left at 2:00 p.m.).

Absent: Sam Dyck; Deanna Greyeyes; and Shantelle Watson.

Larry Pavloff called the public meeting to order at 11:06 a.m.

1. THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Agenda
Wagner

Carried.

2. THAT the minutes of August 18, 2014, be adopted as presented.

Minutes
Crush

Carried.

3. THAT the Board grant excused absences to Sam Dyck and Deanna Greyeyes for today's meeting.

Excused
Absences
Howe

Carried.

The following motion arose from Committee of the Whole:

4. THAT the Board will provide a letter of support for Saskatoon Public Schools to proceed with the extension of their school division boundaries to include Whitecap Indian Reserve No. 94.

SPSD and
Whitecap
Taylor

Carried.

John Kuzbik presented the Decision Report regarding the approval of a Joint Use Agreement with the Town of Rosthern and a request from the Ukrainian Cultural Association to hold a community event in the Rosthern High School gymnasium.

5. THAT the Board approve the Joint Use Agreement with the Town of Rosthern.

Rosthern
Joint Use
Agreement
Wagner

Carried.

- 6. THAT the Board approve the request from the Ukrainian Cultural Association to host a community event in the Rosthern High School Gymnasium on January 16, 2015.

Ukrainian
Cultural
Association
Wagner

Carried.

Nadine and Norman Bemis joined the meeting at 11:21 a.m. Ms. Bemis read her personal letter to the Board requesting that the Board reconsider their decision to deny the request from Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools to provide transportation to the Bemis family’s children from Osler to Catholic French Immersion programming (école St. Paul) in the City of Saskatoon.

Nadine and Norman Bemis left the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

After careful consideration, the Board agreed they are meeting their mandate to provide access to French Immersion programming by providing transportation from Osler to public French Immersion programming (école River Heights) in the City of Saskatoon.

- 7. THAT the Board deny the Bemis family’s appeal to overturn the transportation decision made at the August 18, 2014, Board meeting in response to a request from Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools.

Bemis
Family
Appeal
Janzen

Carried.

The Board discussed possible Division initiatives to nominate for The Premier’s Board of Education Award for Innovation and Excellence in Education. If time allows, the Board would like to submit Stobart Community School’s initiative for improving graduation rates.

Clint Reddekopp, Learning Superintendent, joined the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Clint presented an update to the strategic directions report on technology, highlighting improved access to wi-fi in schools for students, increased bandwidth throughout the Division, the functionality of PowerSchool and a multi-year plan with respect to creating personal learning networks (PLN), as well as the development of spiritsds.ca (a way for students and staff to work together online).

John Kuzbik acknowledged Clint for his leadership and knowledge, not only in the Division, but provincially.

The Board adjourned for lunch at 12:23 p.m.

Cathy Taylor disconnected from the meeting at 12:24 p.m.

Deb Donaldson, Executive Director, Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation; David Wipf, Learning Superintendent; and Kerry Donst, Facilities Planner, all joined the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 12:55 p.m.

Larry Pavloff, Ken Crush and Joanne Brochu expressed interest in the We Day tickets for November 7, 2014.

Deb Donaldson, Executive Director of the Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation, was introduced to the Board by Foundation Board Chair, Bonnie Hope. Deb made a brief presentation to the Board highlighting the initial work being undertaken, including the development of the Foundation’s vision, mission statement and mandate.

Deb Donaldson and David Wipf left the meeting at 1:18 p.m.

Kerry Donst presented the Decision Report requesting the Board’s approval and prioritization of three Major Capital Project Applications to be submitted to the Ministry of Education.

- 8. THAT the Board approve the following Major Capital Request Applications for submission to the Ministry of Education for the following projects prioritized as follows:
 - a. Rosthern Elementary and High Schools Extensive Repairs and Renovation - \$10,850,000
 - b. Colonsay School Structural Renovation - \$2,210,000
 - c. Hague High School Structural Renovation - \$1,500,000

Major Capital Request Applications
Wagner

Carried.

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

- 9. THAT the meeting be adjourned at 2:16 p.m. The next meeting to be held on Monday, September 22, at 4:30 p.m., at the Prairie Spirit School Division Office, in Warman.

Adjourn
Pavloff

Carried.

Chairperson

Secretary to the Board