

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, March 7, 2016, commencing at 11:00 a.m.

Present for the meeting were Board Members: Sam Dyck, Vice Chairperson; Dawne Badrock; Joanne Brochu; Ken Crush; Bonnie Hope; Bernie Howe (left at 11:59 a.m.); George Janzen; Keith Wagner; and Pam Wieler (via teleconference).

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

Guests in attendance: Ron Biberdorf, Principal, and Nicole Lacoursiere, Vice Principal; Tanya Robertson and Meagen Mitchell, Teachers; Charma McIntyre and Katie McKay, Parent Committee Members; all from Venture Heights Elementary School; Tracey Young, Learning Superintendent (all arrived at 11:03 a.m.; all left at 12:30 p.m.).

Absent: Deanna Greyeyes; Larry Pavloff; and Shantelle Watson.

Sam Dyck assumed the role of Chairperson and called the public meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

Ron Biberdorf, Principal, and Nicole Lacoursiere, Vice Principal; Tanya Robertson and Meagen Mitchell, Teachers; Charma McIntyre and Katie McKay-Argyriou, Parent Committee Members; all from Venture Heights Elementary School in Martensville, SK; and Tracey Young, Learning Superintendent; all joined the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

1. THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Agenda
Wagner

Carried.

2. THAT the minutes of February 8, 2016, be adopted as presented.

Minutes
Brochu

Carried.

3. THAT the Board approve an excused absence for Larry Pavloff for today's meeting.

Excused
Absence
Howe

Carried.

John Kuzbik presented the decision report regarding setting a date for the Division's Annual Meeting of Electors, which will be held at Martensville High School.

4. THAT the Board set the Annual Meeting date as Tuesday, May 17, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., at Martensville High School, 150 Mike Sands Boulevard, Martensville, SK.

Annual
Meeting
Wagner

Carried.

John Kuzbik presented the information report regarding a request from the Town of Dundurn for a follow-up meeting to continue discussing the viability of a new school in Dundurn. The following will represent the Board at the follow-up meeting: Dawne Badrock, Joanne Brochu, Bernie Howe, Pam Wieler, Larry Pavloff and John Kuzbik.

Tracey Young outlined some of the Division’s support for new Prairie Spirit teachers in the first two years of their employment, including relationship building with each other and Division Office staff, identifying Prairie Spirit expectations, support from Learning Superintendents and Learning Facilitators. Tanya Robertson and Meagen Mitchell, new teachers from Venture Heights Elementary School, highlighted their appreciation for this support including ability to have subject- and grade-alike conversations with other teachers across the Division, opportunity for letters of introduction to superintendents prior to meeting, workshops and school-level mentorship.

Ron Biberdorf introduced Katie McKay-Argyriou and Charma McIntyre from Venture Heights Parent Committee and they presented the work done to increase parent involvement in the school by formalizing their parent volunteer structure.

The Board adjourned for lunch at 12:07 p.m.

All guests left at 12:30 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 12:39 p.m.

- 5. THAT the Board return to Committee of the Whole at 12:40 p.m.

Committee of the Whole
Howe

Carried.

- 6. THAT the Board come out of Committee of the Whole at 3:24 p.m.

Committee of the Whole
Wieler

Carried.

Jim Shields had presented the decision report requesting approval to sign the Accountability Agreement in Committee of the Whole.

- 7. THAT the Board approve the signing of the Accountability Agreement with the Province of Saskatchewan.

Accountability Agreement
Hope

Carried.

Jim Shields had presented the Accounts Receivable Report as at February 29, 2016, in Committee of the Whole.

- 8. THAT the Board accept the Accounts Receivable Report as at February 29, 2016, as presented by Administration.

Accounts
Receivable
Report
Brochu

Carried.

John Kuzbik presented the decision report requesting approval in principle of the two school year calendar options for 2016/17 as developed by the Calendar Committee.

- 9. THAT the Board approve in principle the two calendar options for the 2016/17 school year as developed by the Calendar Committee.

2016/17
Calendar
Options
Brochu

Carried.

The letter from the Public Section requesting Board support in the form of a letter to the Minister of Education requesting financial support for litigation costs was reviewed in Committee of the Whole.

- 10. THAT the Board approve Public Section’s request for submission of a letter to the Minister of Education requesting financial support for litigation costs.

Public Section
Letter to
Minister
Hope

Carried.

John Kuzbik had reviewed the letter from the Ministry of Education informing the Division of the decision to not allocate relocatables to Warman and Martensville for the 2016/17 school year in Committee of the Whole.

- 11. THAT the Board respond to the letter from the Minister of Education regarding relocatables for 2016/17.

Relocatables
Letter to
Minister
Hope

Carried.

Sam Dyck recused himself from the meeting at 3:29 p.m. due to a conflict of interest regarding naming of the P3 schools. Ken Crush assumed the role of Chairperson.

The decision reports for naming the P3 schools in Martensville and Warman had been reviewed in Committee of the Whole. It is to be noted that Sam Dyck recused himself from Committee of the Whole from 1:15 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and that no documentation regarding naming of the P3 schools was shared with the Board prior to Sam Dyck recusing himself. It is also to be noted that Sam Dyck had withdrawn his name from the Naming Committee for Warman.

12. THAT the Board confirm the school name for the new school in Warman as Traditions Elementary School.

Warman
School
Name
Janzen

Carried.

13. THAT the Board confirm the name for the library in the Traditions Elementary School as Sam Dyck Library.

Traditions
Elem. School
Library
Wagner

Carried.

14. THAT the Board confirm the school name for the new school in Martensville as Lake Vista Public School.

Martensville
School
Name
Hope

Carried.

Sam Dyck returned to the meeting at 3:32 p.m. and resumed the role of Chair. He humbly acknowledged the honour of having the library at Traditions Elementary School named after him. He stated his goal has always been to improve educational opportunities for the next generation.

15. THAT the Board approve an excused absence for Deanna Greyeyes for today's meeting.

Excused
Absence
Janzen

Carried.

16. THAT the meeting be adjourned at 3:42 p.m. The next meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2016, at 4:30 p.m., at the Prairie Spirit School Division Office, in Warman.

Adjourn
Dyck

Carried.

Chairperson

Secretary to the Board