

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, April 11, 2022, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

Present for the meeting were Board Members: Bernie Howe; Chairperson; Kate Kading, Vice Chairperson; Dawne Badrock; Angela Bothner (joined at 11:26 a.m.; left at 2:21 p.m.); Ken Crush; Adin Dereniwski; Kimberly Greyeyes; Bonnie Hope; Pam Wieler (left at 2:13 p.m.); Christa-Ann Willems; and Grace Wudrick.

Also in attendance: Darryl Bazylak, Director of Education; Tracey Young, Deputy Director of Education; Bob Bayles, Deputy Director of Division Services, CFO, CHRO; Brenda Erickson, Communication Manager; and Nadine Meister, Assistant to the Director.

Guests in attendance: Jon Yellowlees, HR Superintendent (joined at 10:43 a.m.; left at 11:13 a.m.).

Bernie Howe called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and acknowledged that the meeting was being held on Treaty Six Territory.

Bernie Howe requested the addition of "Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation dialogue" to the Closed Session agenda.

1. THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

Agenda
Wudrick

Carried.

2. THAT the minutes of March 28, 2022, be adopted as presented.

Minutes
Dereniwski

Carried.

Darryl Bazylak presented the Director's Report.

3. THAT the Board accept the Director's Report as presented.

Director's Report
Dereniwski

Carried.

4. THAT the Board move into closed session at 10:19 a.m. to receive a personnel update and discuss Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation.

Closed Session
Wieler

Carried.

Jon Yellowlees, HR Superintendent, joined the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

5. THAT the Board return from closed session at 10:57 a.m.

Closed Session
Kading

Carried.

Jon Yellowlees presented the Staffing Report as at February 28, 2022.

6. THAT the Board accept the Staffing Report as at February 28, 2022, as presented by Administration.

Staffing Report
Greyeyes

Carried.

Jon Yellowlees left the meeting 11:13 a.m.

Bob Bayles presented the Decision Report requesting review the Division's travel rate as per Section 8.3.1. of Board Policy BO-8 Board and Committee Expenses.

The Division's current travel rate is \$0.47/km. As per Board Policy BO-8, the Division travel rate should be within 5% of the Public Service Commission's rate, which means the Division's travel rate should now be between \$0.48 and \$0.53/km.

7. THAT the Board approve revising Section 8.3.1. of BO-8 Board and Committee Expenses to reflect a Division travel rate of \$0.50/km effective April 1, 2022.

BO-8 Division
Travel Rate
Crush

Carried.

Bob Bayles presented the Decision Report regarding the recommendation from the Audit & Finance Committee that the Board approve extending the appointment of the external auditor, MNP, for two more years.

8. THAT the Board appoint MNP as the external auditor for the fiscal years ending August 31, 2022, and August 31, 2023.

External
Auditor
Wieler

Carried.

Angela Bothner joined the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

Tracey Young presented the Decision Report requesting approval of the use \$1.27 million of Education Sector Strategic Plan (ESSP) Reserve for additional supports for mental health and wellbeing, learning response, response to pandemic and implementation of Provincial Education Plan (PEP) and Board Strategic Plan.

The Board agreed to table this discussion until after lunch. The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:24 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

After careful consideration of the ESSP Reserve request, the Board agreed to table the decision until April 25, 2022, to allow Administration to bring forward additional details about the supports to be funded.

9. THAT the Board table the decision regarding the request for use of ESSP Reserve until the next meeting being held on April 25, 2022.

ESSP Reserve
Wieler

Carried.

Tracey Young presented the Decision Report requesting approval of the 2022/23 School Year Calendar.

Staff were presented with two options to vote on during the week of March 28-31. 573 staff voted and 319 (56%) voted in favour of Option A.

10. THAT the Board approve Option A as the 2022/23 school year calendar as presented by Administration and attached to form part of these minutes.

2022/23 School
Year Calendar
Wudrick

Carried.

Pam Wieler left the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

Darryl Bazylak presented a Strategic Plan update. All surveys have now been sent to staff, parents, businesses and First Nations. Additional work is being done to obtain Hutterian voice.

The Board reported on other activities and meetings attended since the last meeting.

11. THAT the meeting be adjourned at 3:09 p.m. The next meeting to be held on Monday, April 25, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment
Badrock

Carried.

Chairperson

Secretary to the Board

AUGUST

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August 1: Civic Holiday
 August 24: First day for teachers
 August 24-26 & 30-31: Teacher Prep (non-instructional)
 August 29: PSTA General Assembly

SEPTEMBER

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September 1: First day for students
 September 5: Labour Day
 September 30: National Truth & Reconciliation Day

OCTOBER

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October 7: Teacher Prep/PD (non-instructional)
 October 10: Thanksgiving Day

NOVEMBER

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November 7-8: Exams (block calendar)
 November 9: Teacher Prep (non-instructional)
 November 10: School holiday
 November 11: Remembrance Day

DECEMBER

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December 23-January 6: School holiday
 December 26: Boxing Day
 December 27: Holiday in recognition of Christmas Day

JANUARY

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December 23-January 6: school holiday
 January 2: Holiday in recognition of New Year's Day
 Jan. 24-27: Exams (semester); Jan. 26-27 - Exams (block)
 January 30: Teacher Prep (non-instructional)

FEBRUARY

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February 20: Family Day
 February 21-24: School holiday

MARCH

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March 13: Teacher Prep (non-instructional)

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April 7: Good Friday
 April 10: Easter Monday
 April 11-14: School holiday
 April 20-21: Exams (block calendar)
 April 24: Teacher Prep/PD (non-instructional)

MAY

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May 12: Teacher Prep (non-instructional)
 May 22: Victoria Day

JUNE

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June 5: Teacher Prep/PD (non-instructional)
 June 26-29: Exams (semester); June 28-29 - Exams (block)
 June 29: Last day for students
 June 30: Teacher Prep/last day for teachers (non-instructional)

JULY

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July 3: Holiday in recognition of Canada Day

Code	Description	Days
White	School year begins/ends for students	
Light Green	School year begins/ends for staff	
Orange	Statutory Holidays (no classes)	
Light Blue	School Holidays (no classes)	
Light Green	Preparation Time (no classes)	11.0
Purple	PSTA General Assembly (no classes)	1.0
Yellow	Professional Development (no classes)	1.5
Pink	School Op Day - school can choose date by must be prior to Sept 1	0.5
Light Blue	Summative Evidence Collection (Exams) for schools on semestered calendars	
Purple	Summative Evidence Collection (Exams) for schools on block calendars	

Block Schedule

Code	Block Schedule
Q1	September 1 - November 4
Q2	November 14 - January 25
Q3	January 31 - April 18
Q4	April 24 - June 26

Instructional Days = 181 (89 days in Semester 1; 92 days in Semester 2)
Operational Days = 195 (98 days in Semester 1; 97 days in Semester 2)