

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 24, 2020, commencing at 11:00 a.m.

Present for the meeting were Board Members: Sam Dyck, Chairperson; Ken Crush, Vice Chairperson; Dawne Badrock; Kimberly Greyeyes; Bonnie Hope; Bernie Howe (joined via teleconference at 11:00 a.m.; left at 2:42 p.m. due to technical difficulties); George Janzen; Trina Miller and Pam Wieler.

Also in attendance: Lori Jeschke, Director of Education; Bob Bayles, Deputy Director of People and Finance, CFO; Noel Roche, Deputy Director of Education; Brenda Erickson, Communication Manager; and Nadine Meister, Assistant to the Director.

Guests in attendance: Diane Kendell, Coordinator, and Heather Wegren, Mental Health Counsellor (both joined at 11:00 a.m.; both left at 12:05 p.m.).

Sam Dyck called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and acknowledged the meeting is being held on Treaty Six Territory.

Diane Kendall, Coordinator, and Heather Wegren, Mental Health Counsellor, joined the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Bonnie Hope requested the agenda be revised by removing the item titled "Annual Resolution of the Sole Member of the Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation".

1. THAT the agenda be adopted as revised.

Agenda
Wieler

Carried.

2. THAT the Minutes of January 20, 2020, be adopted as presented.

Minutes
Miller

Carried.

3. THAT the Minutes of February 11, 2020, be adopted as presented.

Minutes
Wieler

Carried.

Diane Kendall and Heather Wegren presented an update on the actualization of mental health integration in the Division.

Diane Kendall and Heather Wegren left the meeting at 12:05 p.m. The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:05 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 12:58 p.m. Jake Buhler joined the meeting at 12:58 p.m.

Jake Buhler made a presentation to the Board requesting the Board review AP-605 Spiritual, Religious and Cultural Aspects of Education for conflictual statements regarding Christmas concerts and

address the matter of a perceived lack of consultation prior to revision to that policy.

Jake Buhler left at 1:23 p.m.

After considerable dialogue, the Board's direction to administration was that no changes should be made to AP-605 at this time with a suggestion that a review take place one full year after implementation. A response to Mr. Buhler will be drafted and shared with the Board at the next Board meeting in March.

Noel Roche presented two decision reports with regard to transportation:

- French Immersion Transportation and Parent Transportation Allowance; and
- GEMS Transportation.

After considerable dialogue, the Board tabled these items to allow Administration an opportunity to meet and discuss options with Saskatoon School Division and Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools.

Lori Jeschke presented the decision report regarding a request from Saskatoon Christian School to partner with Prairie Spirit School Division. The request was originally heard at the January 20, 2020, Board meeting, but no motion was passed at that time. The Board identified distinctive differences between Saskatoon Christian School and the Division and agreed to not enter into a partnership.

4. THAT the Board deny the request to form a partnership with Saskatoon Christian School.

Saskatoon
Christian
School
Crush

Carried.

Lori Jeschke presented the decision report requesting approval to expand the French Immersion program at école Traditions Elementary School to Grade 3 for the 2020/21 school year.

5. THAT the Board approve expansion of the French Immersion program at école Traditions Elementary School to Grade 3 for the 2020/21 school year.

French
Immersion
Program
Expansion
Janzen

Carried.

Lori Jeschke presented the decision report requesting approval in principle of two calendar options for the 2020/21 school year.

6. THAT the Board approve in principle calendar options 1 and 2 for the 2020/21 school year as presented by the Calendar Committee.

2020/21 School
Year Calendar
Options
Howe

Carried.

Noel Roche presented the decision report requesting approval for the Hepburn Volunteer Fire and EMS to serve alcohol at their annual fundraising banquet being held at Hepburn School on March 21, 2020.

7. THAT the Board approve the request from the Hepburn Volunteer Fire and EMS to serve alcohol at their annual fundraising banquet on March 21, 2020, being held at Hepburn School.

Hepburn
Volunteer Fire
& EMS –
Banquet
Janzen

Carried.

Noel Roche presented the decision report requesting approval for the Hepburn Volunteer Fire and EMS to serve alcohol at a beer garden at their annual fundraising banquet being held at Hepburn School on March 21, 2020.

8. THAT the Board approve the request from the Hepburn Volunteer Fire and EMS to serve alcohol at a beer garden at their annual fundraising banquet on March 21, 2020, being held at Hepburn School.

Hepburn
Volunteer Fire
& EMS – Beer
Garden
Janzen

Bernie Howe left the meeting at 2:42 p.m. due to technical difficulties.

Noel Roche presented the decision report requesting approval to award standing offer contracts for electrical contracting services to:

- AIM Electric
- Alliance Energy
- Humboldt Electric

9. THAT the Board approve awarding standing offer contracts for electrical services to:

Standing Offer
Contracts –
Electrical
Crush

- AIM Electric
- Alliance Energy
- Humboldt Electric

Carried.

Noel Roche presented the decision report requesting approval to award standing offer contracts for mechanical contracting services to:

- AquaTemp
- Pro Service Mechanical
- Nexgen Mechanical

10. THAT the Board approve awarding standing offer contracts for mechanical services to:

- AquaTemp
- Pro Service Mechanical
- Nexgen Mechanical

Standing Offer
Contracts –
Mechanical
Badrock

Carried.

Noel Roche presented the decision report requesting approval to submit three Major Capital Project Applications to the Ministry of Education prioritized as follows:

1. Blaine Lake Composite School – replacement school.
2. Langham Elementary and Walter W. Brown School – replacement school; consolidation of two schools.
3. Clavet Composite School – addition and renovation.

11. THAT the Board approve submission of the proposed Major Capital Project Applications, including the priority proposed for each project, to the Ministry of Education, as follows:

1. Blaine Lake Composite School – replacement school.
2. Langham Elementary and Walter W. Brown School – replacement school; consolidation of two schools.
3. Clavet Composite School – addition and renovation.

Major Capital
Project
Applications
Wieler

Carried.

Bob Bayles presented the Accounts Receivable Report as at January 31, 2020.

12. THAT the Board accept the Accounts Receivable Report as at January 31, 2020, as presented by Administration.

Accounts
Receivable
Report
Wieler

Carried.

Sam Dyck presented two recommendations from the Governance Committee for Board approval:

- Board review of existing Board policies and SSBA Governance Handbook for School Board Members as an exercise to improve understanding of roles and relationships.
- Revision to Board Policy BO-5 Agenda Control.

In light of recent new information regarding Committee of the Whole meetings, the revision to BO-5 was referred back to the Governance Committee for further dialogue.

13. THAT the Board conduct a review of existing Board policies along with the SSBA Governance Handbook for School Board Members as an exercise to improve understanding of roles and relationships.

Board Policy
Review
Exercise
Crush

Carried.

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

14. THAT the meeting be adjourned at 3:22 p.m. The next meeting to be held on Monday, March 16, 2020, at 11:00 a.m., at the Prairie Spirit School Division Office, in Warman.

Adjournment
Wieler

Carried.

Chairperson

Secretary to the Board