

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 7, 2022, commencing at 10:00 a.m., via Microsoft Teams

Present for the meeting were Board Members: Bernie Howe; Chairperson; Kate Kading, Vice Chairperson; Dawne Badrock (left at 3:28 p.m.); Angela Bothner (joined at 11:14 a.m.); Ken Crush; Adin Dereniowski; Kimberly Greyeyes (joined at 11:57 a.m.; left at 2:42 p.m.; joined at 3:05 p.m.); Bonnie Hope; Pam Wieler; Christa-Ann Willems (left at 3:07 p.m.); and Grace Wudrick (left at 12:02 p.m.).

Also in attendance: Darryl Bazylak, Director of Education; Bob Bayles, Deputy Director of Division Services, CFO, CHRO; Tracey Young, Deputy Director of Education; Brenda Erickson, Communication Manager; and Nadine Meister, Assistant to the Director (Bayles, Young, Erickson & Meister left the meeting at 1:58 p.m.; joined at 2:20 p.m.).

Guests in attendance: Clint Reddekopp, Learning Superintendent (joined at 10:57 a.m.; left at 11:50 a.m.); Andrew MacKenzie, Data Systems Manager; Jeff Piper, Learning Technology Manager (both joined at 10:57 a.m.; both left at 11:41 a.m.); and Jon Yellowlees, HR Superintendent, (joined at 12:47 p.m.; left at 1:16 p.m.).

Bernie Howe called the meeting to order at 9:59 a.m. and acknowledged that the meeting was being held on Treaty Six Territory.

In recognition of Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week, Bernie Howe acknowledged the work undertaken by the Director and his staff during these past two years and expressed appreciation for keeping the Board well informed.

1. THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Agenda
Wieler

Carried.

Bonnie Hope requested the following revision to the January 10, 2022, minutes regarding the review of the draft Board Policy Manual (pg. 3):

Replace "Bonnie Hope requested direction from the Board regarding reviewing the feedback on the first section of the draft policy manual presented at the December 13, 2021, Board meeting" with "The process agreed upon by the Governance Committee regarding reviewing the feedback on the first section of the draft Board Policy Manual was presented to the Board. Following discussion about said process, Bonnie Hope requested direction on how to proceed."

2. THAT the minutes of January 10, 2022, be adopted as revised.

Minutes
Crush

Carried.

3. THAT excused absences for the morning portion of the meeting be granted to Kimberly Greyeyes and the afternoon portion of the meeting to Grace Wudrick.

Excused
Absences
Kading

Carried.

Bernie Howe presented his Board Chair's Report highlighting Minister of Education Dustin Duncan's presence at Board Chairs Council meetings and interim Provincial Education Plan being extended until 2023.

Darryl Bazylak presented his Report from the Director.

Bob Bayles presented the Student Transportation Agreement for students in the GEMS area being transported by Prairie Spirit to Saskatoon area schools. This agreement involving both Saskatoon Public and Saskatoon Catholic school divisions will cover the costs incurred by Prairie Spirit for providing this transportation service, which are not funded by the Ministry.

4. THAT the Board approve the GEMS Student Transportation Agreement, pending any minor changes, with Saskatoon School Division and St. Paul's Roman Catholic School Division commencing August 31, 2021.

GEMS Student
Transportation
Agreement
Badrock

Carried.

Clint Reddekopp, Learning Superintendent; Andrew MacKenzie, Data Systems Manager; and Jeff Piper, Learning Technology Manager, joined the meeting at 10:57 a.m., to present the Technology Update. Items highlighted included technology rollout and learning innovation budget in schools, improvements to bandwidth, data warehousing and rollout for MySchoolSask/Edsby, and ongoing online security improvements.

Angela Bothner joined the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

Andrew MacKenzie and Jeff Piper left the meeting at 11:41 a.m.

Clint Reddekopp reviewed the Prairie Spirit shredding guide, which will support procedures in the Division's AP-708 Student Records regarding disposal of records.

Clint Reddekopp left the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Bernie Howe presented the email from the Saskatchewan School Boards Association regarding an update from the Class Size and Composition Committee. After some discussion, Board direction to administration was to prepare brief speaking notes for Bernie Howe to present to the Committee for February 8.

Kimberly Greyeyes joined the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

Grace Wudrick left the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:02 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 12:47 p.m. Jon Yellowlees, HR Superintendent, joined the meeting at 12:47 p.m.

Jon Yellowlees presented the 2020/21 Exit Survey Response Summary highlighting a 50% completion rate with 94% saying they were satisfied (76% very satisfied; 18% somewhat satisfied) and 79% of respondents saying the Division could not have done something to prevent them from leaving.

Jon Yellowlees left the meeting at 1:16 p.m.

5. THAT the Board move into closed session at 1:16 p.m. for the Information Report – Facilities Update on Major Capital Projects and the Director of Education’s six-month written review.

Closed Session
Dereniowski

Carried.

Bob Bayles, Tracey Young, Brenda Erickson and Nadine Meister left the meeting at 1:58 p.m.

6. THAT the Board return from closed session at 2:20 p.m.

Closed session
Crush

Carried.

Bob Bayles, Tracey Young, Brenda Erickson, and Nadine Meister joined the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

The following motion arose from the closed session:

7. THAT the Board acknowledges receipt of the Information Report – Facilities Update on Major Capital Projects and agrees to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with St. Paul’s Roman Catholic School Division, City of Martensville, City of Warman, and the RM of Corman Park.

MOU – Joint
Use School
Dereniowski
Hope

Carried.

Darryl Bazylak presented the Strategic Plan draft consultation process as prepared by Laura Soparlo Consulting Inc. and reviewed by the Strategic Planning Committee for the Board’s review and comment. Next steps for the committee will include drafting the survey questions with the Board’s input and in consultation with Laura Soparlo.

Kimberly Greyeyes left the meeting at 2:42 p.m. and joined at 3:05 p.m.

Christa-Ann Willems left the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

Dawne Badrock left the meeting at 3:28 p.m.

8. THAT the meeting be adjourned at 3:36 p.m. The next meeting to be held on Monday, February 28, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment
Howe

Carried.

Chairperson

Secretary to the Board