

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Prairie Spirit School Division No. 206 held in the Prairie Spirit School Division Office, on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Present for the meeting were Board Members: Andrew Bergen; Sam Dyck; Joan Heath; Bonnie Hope; Louis LeDoux; Larry Pavloff; Cathy Taylor; Keith Wagner; Pam Wieler; Gerald Yausie; Evelyn Novak, Director of Education; and Nadine Meister, Assistant to the Director.

Absent: Lorraine Greyeyes; Bernie Howe; Brenda Erickson, Communications Consultant

Andrew Bergen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Agenda
Wieler

Carried.

2. THAT the February 1, 2010, minutes be adopted as presented.

Minutes
Dyck

Carried.

Discussion with respect to the format of the public meeting in Martensville on February 24, 2010, followed. Bonnie Hope will chair.

A brief discussion followed regarding the First Nations School Division and what effect it may have on Prairie Spirit School Division.

With respect to SSBA business, Andrew Bergen, Sam Dyck and Evelyn Novak will be attending the Members' Council on February 25-26, 2010. Larry Pavloff advised the Provincial Panel on Student Achievement has submitted its report and recommendations to the Ministry of Education.

3. THAT the Board amend the Board of Education Policy GP-8 – Code of Conduct by replacing "...employees of the Director" with "...employees of the Division" in Section 6.3.

Policy GP-8
Wagner
Wagner

6.3 Except for participation in Board deliberation about whether the Director of Education has achieved reasonable interpretation of Board policy, Board Members will not express individual judgments of performance of employees of the Division.

Carried.

4. THAT the Board affirm Board of Education Policy GP-9 – Investment in Governance as written.

Policy GP-9
Hope

Carried.

Discussion with respect to the format of the Annual General Meeting in Warman on March 23, 2010, followed. Gerald Yausie will chair.

6. THAT the Board set a third meeting in March for Monday, March 29, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. Additional Board Meeting Date Dyck

Carried.

7. THAT the Board reschedule its first meeting in April from April 6 to Monday, April 12, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. Board Meeting Date Change Bergen

Carried.

8. THAT the Board amend Section 3 of the Board of Education Policy BMD-2 – Accountability of the Director of Education by: Policy BMD-2 Taylor

- replacing “...School Division performance” in the first sentence with “...achieving outcomes the board has set in its Ends Policies”; and
- adding a third sentence, “Reasonable interpretations in all cases are those accepted by the board.”

3. The board will view Director performance as identical to achieving outcomes the board has set in its Ends Policies. Therefore, accomplishment of a reasonable interpretation of Ends and compliance with a reasonable interpretation of Executive Limitations will be viewed as successful Director performance. Reasonable interpretations in all cases are those accepted by the board.

Carried.

Evelyn Novak led the Board through the EL10 – Transportation Monitoring Report and answered questions.

Grant Drever, Conveyance Manager, joined the meeting at 11:15 a.m.
Grant Drever left the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

9. THAT the Board accepts that the EL-10 Transportation Monitoring Report demonstrates compliance in all areas, other than those indicated as non-compliant. Compliance will be demonstrated as indicated by dates in report. EL-10 Monitoring Report Pavloff

Carried.

Report of Board performance in relation to Policy GP-10 – Board Linkage with Ownership, was presented by Joan Heath. Joan reported that the Board demonstrates regularly the understanding that they represent all students within the division, not just the students from their areas. She stated the Board is doing good work in gathering data from the diverse ownership by way of meetings with Rural Municipalities, Town Councils, student forums, business community, parents and community representations. There was a concern expressed regarding whether more could be done for teachers in Hutterite Colony schools and the Board agreed to discuss this further at the Board Retreat.

Report of Board performance in relation to Policy GP-11 – Board Linkage with Other Ownership was presented by Cathy Taylor. Cathy reported that the Board has started to build some good relationships with other organizations, but felt possibly more could be done. Cathy stated that the Board tended to plan meetings on a “knee-jerk” basis and would like to see the Board become more proactive in their planning. The Board discussed membership or attendance at various meetings that are not normally reported back to the

Board on a regular basis. It was suggested that Board members should prepare a brief summary of these meetings (i.e. 3-4 bullets) and submit them to Nadine Meister. Nadine will post to the Board agenda. The Board agreed to discuss further the merits of meeting with organizations on an annual basis at the upcoming Board Retreat.

Cathy Taylor provided a brief update on the recent tragedy in Clavet.

10. THAT the meeting be adjourned at 12:00 p.m. The next meeting to be held on Monday, March 1, 2010, at 9:00 a.m., at the Prairie Spirit School Division Office, in Warman.

Adjourn
Bergen

Carried.

Chairperson

Superintendent of Finance,
Administration and Planning