

Minutes of the 4th Annual Meeting of the Board of Education of the Prairie Spirit School Division No. 206 held in the Prairie Spirit School Division Office, on Tuesday, March 23, 2010, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

1. Call or Order

Evelyn Novak called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Election of Chair

Evelyn Novak called for nominations for Chair of the Meeting. Sam Dyck nominated Gerald Yausie as Chair. Keith Wagner moved nominations cease.

Carried.

3. Secretary for Meeting

Gerald Yausie called for nominations for Secretary of the Meeting. Larry Pavloff nominated Nadine Meister. Andrew Bergen moved nominations cease.

Carried.

4. Adoption of Agenda

Bonnie Hope moved adoption of agenda.

Carried.

5. Adoption of Minutes of 2009 Annual General Meeting

Cathy Taylor moved adoption of the minutes of the 2009 Annual General Meeting.

Carried.

6. Reports

Board Chair – Andrew Bergen

- One-third of Board of Education are new members and, those in attendance, were introduced.
- Board of Education now consists of 12 members. Mistawasis forms the 12th subdivision.
- Thanked the coalition for their work and acknowledged their work in relieving the property tax burden.
- Recognized advocacy efforts resulting in the government's recent announcement of the new Warman Middle Years School.
- Larry Pavloff sits on SSBA committee that is making recommendations to the government regarding capital funding. Recognized the work and thanked Larry for his contribution.
- Expressed concern about the possibility of a "hold the line" provincial budget for 2010/11 and hopeful that Prairie Spirit will be recognized as a growing school division.
- Acknowledged Student Advisory Council's participation in board meetings.

Director of Education Report – Evelyn Novak

- Proud of being director in part because of the work of the Board of Education. Thanked the board for their visionary leadership.
- Commended exemplary staff that go above and beyond to support the Division's students.
- Students are a wonderful part of this Division and why we are here.
- Student enrolment has increased by 500 students since amalgamation – almost 6% increase
- Focus continues around literacy, math and student engagement. Continuous Improvement Framework (CIF) Report will be presented to Board for approval in April 2010.
- Commented on student engagement and proud of the students' involvement with the Board. Students who are engaged in the student forum are intellectually involved and it is

- trickling down to the classroom.
- Commended Prairie Spirit students for being global citizens for their many charitable donations, i.e. support to Haiti following earthquake, Kinsmen Telemiracle, Terry Fox Run, elementary school environmental project which resulted in an idle free zone at their school
 - Assessment and collection of student data continues to be a challenge, not just for Prairie Spirit, but around the province; work continues on the implementation of a Student Information System (SIS)
 - Recognized work of SCC's who continue to find their way in their new roles; commended volunteers; a very important connect to schools and trying to find ways to engage the parents in their schools.
 - Education is the key to our province.

2008/09 Audited Financial Reports – Evelyn Novak

- Audited by C.S. Skrupski, Certified General Accountant Professional Corporation.
- Completed the fiscal year with a consolidated surplus of \$315,761.
- Division had an increase of over \$9.8 million in revenues over projected revenues due to two factors: (1) a change in the provincial funding model; and (2) the new Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) requirements. As required by PSAB, all money raised at the school level is now accounted for through the Division Office and in the Division's financial records.
- Total expenditures came in over \$2 million over projections due to the new PSAB requirement that the Division include school-generated funds in this total.

7. Adoption of Reports

Keith Wagner moved adoption of reports.

Carried.

8. Adjourn

Gerald Yausie moved the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Carried.