

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, December 1, 2014, commencing at 11:00 a.m.

Present for the meeting were Board Members: Larry Pavloff, Chairperson; Sam Dyck, Vice Chairperson; Joanne Brochu (left at 1:52 p.m.); Ken Crush; Bonnie Hope; Bernie Howe; George Janzen; Cathy Taylor; Keith Wagner; and Pam Wieler.

Also in attendance: John Kuzbik, Director of Education; Jim Shields, Chief Financial Officer and Conveyance Manager; Bob Bayles, Superintendent of Human Resources; Brenda Erickson, Communications Consultant; and Nadine Meister, Assistant to the Director.

Guests in attendance: Kim Beaulieu, Learning Superintendent (joined at 11:00 a.m.; left at 11:53 a.m.); Chief Clifford Tawpisin, Jr., Harry Lafond, Bonnie Leask, Muskeg Lake Cree Nation (all arrived at 11:00 a.m.; Chief Tawpisin and Ms. Leask left at 11:53 a.m.; Mr. Lafond left at 12:45 p.m.); Dean Broughton, Principal, Borden School; Laura Prefontaine, Principal, Borden School (both joined at 11:00 a.m.; both left at 12:45 p.m.); David Wipf, Learning Superintendent (joined at 11:55 a.m.; left at 12:15 p.m.); Andrew Coutts and Nuttinee Chantrasmis, Deloitte LLP (joined at 1:00 p.m.; left at 1:52 p.m.); Melissa Yanyu, Provincial Auditor's Office (joined via teleconference at 1:00 p.m.; disconnected at 1:52 p.m.).

Absent: Deanna Greyeyes; and Shantelle Watson.

Larry Pavloff called the public meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Kim Beaulieu, Learning Superintendent; Chief Clifford Tawpisin, Jr., Harry Lafond, Bonnie Leask, Muskeg Lake Cree Nation; Dean Broughton, Principal, Borden School; Laura Prefontaine, Principal, Langham Elementary School; all joined the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

1. THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Agenda
Howe

Carried.

2. THAT the minutes of November 24, 2014, be adopted as presented.

Minutes
Crush

Carried.

3. THAT an excused absence be granted to Deanna Greyeyes for today's meeting.

Excused Absences
Brochu

Carried.

Kim Beaulieu presented the strategic plan update report on First Nations and Métis education plan focusing on four areas: (1) adult learning; (2) building resources and supports for teachers; (3) gathering resources; and (4) building relationship with our First Nations/Métis partners. Chief Tawpisin acknowledged the partnership between Muskeg Lake Cree Nation and Prairie Spirit, which has been ongoing for years, and that student success is what's most important.

Kim Beaulieu, Chief Tawpisin and Bonnie Leask left the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

David Wipf, Learning Superintendent, joined the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Dean Broughton spoke about highlights at Borden School, including a high rate of students attending post-secondary education and a plan to pilot an online portfolio program to share student learning with parents.

Laura Prefontaine spoke about Langham Elementary School highlights, including success in their goal to improve reading skills and their new focus on effective writing skills.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:15 p.m.

David Wipf left the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Harry Lafond, Dean Broughton and Laura Prefontaine left the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Andrew Coutts and Nuttinee Chantrasmı, Deloitte LLP, joined the meeting at 1:00 p.m. Melissa Yanyu, Provincial Auditor’s Office, joined the meeting via teleconference at 1:00 p.m.

Andrew Coutts reviewed highlights of the draft audited financial statements for the period ended August 31, 2014. Total revenues were \$118,468,332. Total expenses were \$111,662,461.

- 4. THAT the Board approve the draft audited financial statements for the period ending August 31, 2014, pending minor changes made after Ministry of Education and Ministry of Finance format review and approval.

2013/14
Financial
Statement
Wagner

Carried.

Andrew Coutts, Nuttinee Chantrasmı and Melissa Yanyu left the meeting at 1:52 p.m. Joanne Brochu also left the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

The following motion arose from Committee of the Whole:

- 5. THAT the Board approve the staffing report as at November 30, 2014, as presented by Administration.

Staffing
Report
Taylor

Carried.

- 6. THAT the Board approve the 2013/14 Annual Report pending minor changes made after the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Finance format review and approval.

2013/14
Annual
Report
Howe

Carried.

7. THAT the Board approve for payment Invoice #11005 for 2014/15 Public Section dues in the amount of \$23,319.70.

2014/15
Public Section
Dues
Hope

Carried.

Ken Crush, Bernie Howe and Pam Wieler plan on attending the ALT meeting being held on Tuesday, December 9, 2014.

8. THAT the Board formally thank all staff and Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation representatives that assisted with the Foundation Launch event on November 20, 2014.

PSSD
Foundation
Launch
Hope

Carried.

The Board highlighted activities and meetings attended since the last Board meeting.

9. THAT the meeting be adjourned at 2:28 p.m. The next meeting to be held on Monday, December 15, 2014, at 4:30 p.m., at the Prairie Spirit School Division Office, in Warman.

Adjourn
Pavloff

Carried.

Chairperson

Secretary to the Board