

Minutes of the 9th Annual Meeting of the Board of Education of the Prairie Spirit School Division No. 206 held in the Gymnasium of Waldheim School, 4008 – 2nd Avenue East, Waldheim, SK, on Wednesday, April 29, 2015, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

John Kuzbik, Director of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Election of Chair

John Kuzbik called for nominations for Chair of the Meeting. Joanne Brochu nominated Keith Wagner as Chair. Bernie Howe moved nominations cease.

Carried.

3. Secretary for Meeting

Keith Wagner called for nominations for Secretary of the Meeting. Sam Dyck nominated Nadine Meister. Bernie Howe moved nominations cease.

Carried.

4. Adoption of Agenda

Joanne Brochu moved adoption of agenda.

Carried.

5. Adoption of Minutes of 2014 Annual General Meeting

Ken Crush moved adoption of the minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting Minutes.

Carried.

6. Reports

Board Chair – Larry Pavloff

- Board makes decision, sets strategic directions and creates policy, all designed to support student learning as our highest priority.
- 87% of Prairie Spirit students are graduating within three years of starting Grade 10. 63% of our First Nations and Métis students are graduating within the same time frame; which is 22% higher than the provincial average.
- Board role as advocate has never been as important as it is now, with the school division facing significant funding shortfalls.

2013/14 Audited Financial Reports – Jim Shields

- Reported that 56% of the Division's total revenue comes from Grants and 69% of the Division's total expenditures is on Instruction.
- Operating surplus as at August 31, 2014, is \$6,805,871.

Director of Education Report – John Kuzbik

- Improving what we do as classroom teachers; learning for life strengthens relationships at home and in school because it improves our communities.
- Strategic goals developed by the Board aligned with the provincial government's Education Sector Strategic Plan.

- During difficult financial times, Prairie Spirit focus remains on student and adult learning.

7. Adoption of Reports

Bernie Howe moved adoption of reports.

Carried.

8. Presentations

Hague Elementary School Learning Improvement Plan – Tracey Young, Principal

- Highlighted focus on reading comprehension and assessment.

Waldheim School Learning Improvement Plan – Chris Mason, Principal

- Highlighted focus on literacy and the readers’ workshop model.

9. New Business

Keith Wagner called for new business. There being none, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

10. Adjourn

Joanne Brochu moved the meeting be adjourned.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.