

NO. #2021R-2 (MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021)

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SASKATCHEWAN RIVERS PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION, BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE SEMINAR ROOM, EDUCATION CENTRE, 545 11TH STREET EAST, PRINCE ALBERT, SK

PRESENT:

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

MRS. C. BLOOM, Trustee

MR. B. GEROW, Trustee (electronically)

MR. G. GUSTAFSON, Trustee

MR. B. HOLLICK, Board Chair

MR. A. LINDBERG, Trustee

MR. A. NUNN, Trustee

MS. D. ROWDEN, Vice-Chair

MS. J. SMITH-WINDSOR, Trustee (electronically)

DR. M. VICKERS, Trustee

MR. B. YEAMAN, Trustee

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION

Mr. R. Bratvold, Director of Education

Mrs. J. Ward, Administrative Services Officer

Mr. J. Pidborochynski, Chief Financial Officer (electronically)

B. Hollick, Board Chair, called the meeting to order.

B. Hollick acknowledged the traditional homelands of the Métis and the ancestral lands of the Cree, Dene, Dakota, Lakota, Nakoda and Saulteaux peoples and that the division is within Treaty 6 Territory.

Trustees were given an opportunity to declare a conflict of interest.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION:

#21R-10

Moved by A. Nunn that the meeting move into Closed Session with Board and Administration present.

Carried.

Regular meeting resumed.

STUDENT TRUSTEES

K. Lam (electronically)

E. Zbaraschuk (electronically)

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

#21R-11

Moved by J. Smith-Windsor that the agenda be approved as revised.

Carried.

CONSENT ITEMS:

#21R-12

Moved by M. Vickers that the following consent items be approved:

- (a) Adoption of the Minutes for Regular meetings of January 11, 2021*
- (b) Correspondence*
- (c) Administrative Procedures Changes.*

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

(a) Motions from the Closed Session of February 8, 2021:

#21R-13

Moved by B. Hollick that the following motions be brought forward:

- 1. That the Board establish a June Recognition Event/Welcome Back Barbeque Committee and that B. Hollick, B. Yeaman, A. Nunn, D. Rowden, B. Gerow be named to this committee with administrative support to be determined by the Director, and that the Committee's Terms of Reference be brought to a future Board meeting for approval.*

Carried.

- 2. That the Board approve Option A as the 2021-2022 school year calendar and request the Director distribute the calendar following Ministry confirmation of legislative compliance.*

Carried.

(b) External Board Committees

• **Public Section**

A. Nunn provided a verbal update regarding Supreme Court and the public education litigation. He noted that a decision on the case being heard will take between one to three months.

(c) Provincial Update

J. Smith-Windsor provided a verbal update on the items discussed at a meeting with the Minister of Education and the SSBA Executive. She also noted that she has been appointed to serve on the Canadian School Mental Health Leadership Network. This national network's mission is to enhance evidence-based decision-making in school mental health amongst Canadian system leaders.

It was noted that the SSBA new position statement on facility funding will be reviewed at the next meeting.

(d) Saskatchewan Rivers Students for Change (SRSC) Report

E. Zbaraschuk and K. Lam provided a verbal SRSC report on happenings at their individual schools. They noted that the SRSC Committee had not met since November and the next meeting will be held in March 2021.

(e) **Schedule a Date for Board/Director Evaluations Session**

Discussion was held regarding options for the Board/Director evaluations. The Board could continue utilizing the services of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association, invest in an external facilitator or investigate other tools/resources. A trustee inquired regarding the costs for a previous external facilitator that the Board utilized. This item will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting along with the information on costs of the external facilitator.

(f) **Verbal Update on Elders' Council linkage meeting**

D. Rowden provided a verbal update regarding the recent Elders' Council. Some topics covered included a presentation on the Cree Language Program at John Diefenbaker Public School and a sharing circle. The meeting was well received by all who participated. No firm date has been set for the next session, either in March or April.

(g) **Verbal Update on Wild Rose SCC Meeting/School Cluster Change**

D. Rowden and C. Bloom attended the SCC meeting at Wild Rose Public School on January 18, 2021. The first order of business was a discussion on the process used to appoint trustees to the school cluster groups. The SCC did not have the background information regarding this process.

Consensus of the Board was to have the Policy Committee develop a one pager that outlines this process to be shared with the SSC and uploaded to the division website.

Discussion was held regarding the trustee representatives and alternates on the school cluster groups. It was noted that G. Gustafson will continue as the alternate for Wild Rose Public School. B. Hollick noted that the current school community council clusters will be reviewed and a report will be brought to the next Board meeting.

(g) **Policy Committee Report**

G. Gustafson, Chair, of the Policy Committee reviewed the updated terms of reference and noted that the Committee makes recommendations to the Board regarding policies. He noted that the City/Board Liaison Committee currently does not have terms of reference.

#21R-14

Moved by G. Gustafson that the Terms of Reference for the Board Policy Committee be approved as outlined.

Carried.

#21R-15

Moved by G. Gustafson that the Board representatives on the City/Board Liaison committee bring back terms of reference to a future Board meeting, including some details on the process whereby formal input from the Board can be tabled for consideration by the Committee.

Carried.

(h) Facilities Committee Report

B. Yeaman, Chair, Facilities Committee provided a copy of the January 25, 2021 meeting for information of the Board. He reviewed the new capital priority list as recommended by the Committee which included six capital projects. This capital priority list needs to be submitted to the Ministry by the end of February. He also commented that the Board needs to continue lobbying the government regarding the capital projects process.

(Motion)

Moved by J. Smith-Windsor that Board postpone the Facility Committee Report until the Facilities Committee has updated its 2012 Facilities Master Plan.

Motion defeated.

#21R-16

***Moved by B. Yeaman that the Board approve the new capital projects as listed in the Facilities Committee Report to be submitted to the Ministry.
Carried.***

#21R-17

***Moved by B. Yeaman that the Board continue to advocate for our capital project submissions to the Ministry, by meeting with Premier Scott Moe at his Shellbrook constituency office.
Carried.***

It was noted that the provincial audit of our schools could be placed on the upcoming agenda with the Minister of Education.

(i) Meath Park Public School SCC Update

J. Smith-Windsor provided a verbal report on the Meath Park Public School SCC meeting. She noted that the school is creating a sensory room and an outdoor classroom. She also provided information regarding the six citizenship awards available to individual students and groups of students and the Mosaic School Nutrition Makeover. The SCC inquired about a provincial gathering network for SSCs. Presently there are no plans for a gathering.

ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS

(a) Transportation Services Accountability Report

J. Pidborochynski reviewed the Transportation Services Accountability Report for information.

#21R-18

***Moved by A. Lindberg that the Board approve the Semi-Annual Transportation Accountability Report as presented.
Carried.***

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

(a) Director Update

R. Bratvold provided an update on:

- Student learning – credit attainment on Block 1 and 2, OurSchool, delivered 2000 Chromebooks to schools to support student remote learning and in-person learning and COVID update.
- Ministry and Provincial Happening – the PEPIT (Provincial Education Plan Implementation Team) is considering the 1 year interim plans that have been developed in light of the COVID interruption to the full PEP (Provincial Education Plan) development. The priority areas were shared. The timelines for the development of both the Interim Plan and the full Plan is in the attached chart.
- SRPSD submitted four names of SCC chairs to the SSBA to consider for appointment to the Education Council structure that provides oversight for the development and implementation of the Provincial Education Plan.
- Provincial budget day has been delayed until Tuesday, April 6. This may put additional pressure on our budget finalization timelines, but the June 30 deadline for budget approval has not been adjusted.
- The Risk Management Framework was reviewed and the process outlined to rank and mitigate risks was provided.

#21R-19

Moved by D. Rowden that the Board adopt the Enterprise Risk Framework as presented. Carried.

- The Seminar Room is unavailable for 2-3 weeks every February for the art show coordinator. M. Vickers offered to attend the February 22 Planning Meeting virtually along with B. Gerow and J. Smith-Windsor. The remainder of the Board and R. Bratvold will attend in-person in Boardroom.
- The supports for learning costs v. expenses to support Board advocacy was shared at the meeting.

(b) School Tours 2021

A discussion regarding a proposal to have the school tours virtual this year due to public health restrictions. Consensus was to have administration bring a proposed schedule of school presentations along with suggested dates and times.

(c) Our Schools' Team Names and Mascots

A listing of all of our individual schools' team names and mascots was distributed for information. B. Yeaman provided a verbal update regarding the Saskatchewan High School Athletics Association Committee that is examining the names of all high school teams in the province. He reviewed the current names of high school team names. He indicated that the SHSAA would not be recommending changes to the team names.

THREE KEY MESSAGES FOR SCC/PUBLIC FROM BOARD MEETING

- Elders’ Council Update
- Distribution of 2000 Chromebooks;
- Priority Areas of the Provincial Education Plan / SRPSD Strategic Plan consultations.

BOARD MEMBERS’ FORUM:

Trustees were given an opportunity to share information on items of mutual interest.

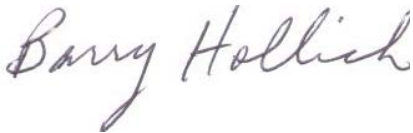
ADJOURNMENT:

#21R-20

Moved by M. Vickers that the meeting adjourn (8:00 p.m.)

Carried.

SIGNATURES:



Board Chair



Administrative Services Officer

March 8, 2021

Date of Approval