

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES
OF PRAIRIE LAND REGIONAL DIVISION #25
HELD AT HANNA ON TUESDAY, October 14, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 11:03 a.m. with the following in attendance
Duane Roy – Chair Edward Brinkman Elaine Horner
Vern Thuroo Marsha Tkach Sam Vogel
Angie Warwick John Neill
Dr. Wes Neumeier – Superintendent of Schools
Bob Smith – Deputy Superintendent Sharon Orum – Secretary-Treasurer
Lana Campbell – Administrative Assistant
Jackie Gold entered the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

Review of Agenda Move Agenda Item 5E to 13E
Meeting with SBEBBA 13D
Meeting with Jack Hayden 13D
Round Table is to be divided into two sections:
A) Reports from school council meetings - 11A
B) Community news. - 11B
Consort Engaging the Community debriefing and the upcoming
Hanna meeting. - 5E
ASBA -School Act Review E. Horner & W. Neumeier - 5C

***Motion #41/09-10 Moved by V. Thuroo that the agenda be adopted as amended.
Carried***

Action Sheet
Consent Items

Meeting with Jack Hayden - 13D
Zone 5 in camera session A. Warwick - 13F

Motion #42/09-10 Moved by M. Tkach to accept the starred items. Carried

Adoption of Minutes

***Motion #43/09-10 Moved by V. Thuroo to adopt the minutes as amended.
Carried***

Business Arising
Out of Minutes

Board *Policy 2, Role of the Board* was revisited with more discussion surrounding the school AERR presentations. The policy was amended to include Board involvement during the school presentations. B. Smith has informed the principals that the Board will be attending their AERR meetings.

Motion #44/09-10 Moved by S. Vogel to accept Policy 2 as amended. Carried.
The Board reviewed *Policy 3, Role Of The Trustee* and reaffirmed their roles. The question was raised as to whether or not *Policy 4, Trustee Code Of Ethics* should be included in *Policy 3* as an addendum. These policies will be carried over to the next Board meeting in order to allow the trustees time to review them.

***Motion #45/09-10 Moved by V. Thuroo to postpone the review of Policy 3.
Carried.***

Board Policy Review

Board/School
Council Meeting

The Board/School Council meeting will be held at the Board Office on November 2, 2009 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Video Conferencing will be offered at all locations. A request was made by one school council to add items 7a Staffing and 7b School Calendar to the agenda. The agenda items were discussed and each trustee was asked to consider what role they will like to take in the upcoming meeting. All documentation relating to the agenda items are to be forwarded to the School Council chairs for their review prior to the meeting.

Motion #46/09-10

Moved by E. Horner that the Board/School Council meeting will be held Nov 2, 2009 from 4-6 pm. School Council Chairs will be given the option to attend via video conference. Carried.

Draft School Act
Review

A consultation meeting regarding the school act submission to the Minister of Education was held at the Greenwood Inn in Calgary on October 13, 2009. In attendance were W. Neumeier and E. Horner. Anne-Marie Bouchard, Scott McCormick and Heather Wellwood from the ASBA presented various information And the Alberta School Board Discussion Paper was reviewed. The ad hoc committee of the board will communicate via email to finalize PLRD's input and the document will be presented at the next meeting by the committee.

Recessed at 12:14 p.m. for a short break.

Reconvened at 12:20 p.m.

Engaging the
Community –
Consort Meeting
Berry Creek
Community School
Religious Studies

A short discussion took place regarding the Consort and Hanna Engaging the Communities meetings. The compiled information will be further discussed at the next Board meeting.

The Superintendent presented information relating to the religious studies course offered at Berry Creek Community School. These studies are taking place during one health class per week and are in the first language of the mexican-mennonite students, which is German.

Motion #47/09-10

Moved by M. Tkach to accept the BCCS Community School Religious Program as presented. Carried.

Board Direction

Hutterian Brethren
Fall Consult Meeting

The Superintendent outlined the draft agenda for the upcoming Hutterite Meeting and the chair has been requested to participate in the meeting as a representative of the Board. The meeting will focus around quality education, understanding the required curriculum, role of rapport/discipline, physical environment of the schools and the updated budget. Sharon Kirby, Colony Principal will set a meeting date around the third week of November.

School Health
Champs

.A. Warwick attended a meeting for School Health Champs on Wednesday September 23, 2009 at Central Office. Also in attendance were Nadine Hein, Kara Strobel, and Lorna Scarlett

Muise from Drumheller as well as representatives from each school in our Division. The main focus was healthy school choices in individual schools.

Motion #48/09-10

Moved by A. Warwick for Administration to determine if there are current administrative procedures relating to healthy choices. Carried.

J. Gold left the meeting at 12:54 p.m.

Recessed at 12:54 p.m. for lunch.

Reconvened at 2:01 p.m.

PSBAA Annual
General Meeting

Proposed resolutions for the upcoming PSBAA AGM were discussed in preparation for the meeting. The Trustee representatives were given feedback from the remainder of the Board. The board requested S. Vogel, the board PSBAA representative to address the following issues at the AGM: why an increase in fees, why are members getting honorariums in addition to salary, and the current structure of the annual fee schedule.

Superintendent of
Schools

Student
Achievement
Results

The Deputy Superintendent reviewed the accountability pillar report recently released. One area has been flagged as a concern; Student Learning and particularly in the area of PATS. The results will be reviewed at the Administration meeting tomorrow and principals will look at strategies to address these concerns. A more detailed report will be available at the next Board meeting.

Summer Work
Experience
Summary
Ministry
Consultations with
Administrative Staff

The Deputy Superintendent provided background information regarding the last three years of activity for the summer work experience program.

The Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer attended a Ministry Budget Consultation meeting in Lethbridge October 8, 2009. The meeting focused around the pending budget reductions and ways and means of managing within limited resources with ministry representatives requested a cooperative approach between boards and the department. A report of the key outcomes of the meeting was presented

Communications
Consultant Contract

The Superintendent reported that he has met with A. Wecker, the Communications Consultant whom has previously worked for PLRD. A new contract was offered and signed off reducing the contractual time to approximately one half. The annual calendar will be reviewed at a later date and if required, will be contracted under a separate contract.

Round Table
Reports From
School Council
Meetings

Trustees reported on the 2009-2010 school council membership at the individual schools, as well as the topics discussed at their meetings. After this discussion it was decided to ask the question, "What is the role of the school council constitution?" at the Board/School Council meeting.

Community News

The BCCS Agricultural Society had an official opening of their new

building on Friday night. The *Hardgrass Hub*, named by contest winner John Lavoie, was officially opened with Jack Hayden and Lindsay Blackette in attendance.

Recognition and
Acknowledgement

The Board commented on the valuable work by Administration in setting up the Board working session.

A note of recognition is to be written to Consort school council for support in the engaging the communities meeting.

A Letter of thanks will be sent to Kari Mason for singing “O *Canada*” at the CTS opening ceremonies.

On behalf of the Board of PLRD #25, thanks goes out to the school council and staff at Morrin for their efforts towards the CTS grand opening.

Motion to Move In
Camera

Motion#49/09-10

Moved by M. Tkach to move in camera at 3:08 p.m. Carried

Motion to Rise From
In Camera

Motion #50/09-10

Moved V. Thuroo by to rise from in camera at 5:24p.m. Carried

Motion #51/09-10

Moved by E. Brinkman to implement the application of admin procedure 501 regarding school reserves. Recorded vote S. Vogel and J. Neill against.

Motion #52/09-10

Moved by A. Warwick that the Board approve the Consort Shop Project, option #3, in principal in the maximum amount of \$375,000, to be funded through Operation and Maintenance Reserves and other partnerships. Carried

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m.