

PEMBINA TRAILS SCHOOL DIVISION

Regular Meeting of the Board - January 25, 2018

Meeting Type : Board Meeting

Date : Thursday, January 25, 2018

Start time : 8:00 PM

Location : Administration Office, 181 Henlow Bay, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Minutes

Attendance

PRESENT:

Trustees:

J. Fisher (Chair), S. Billingham, J. Glenat, D. Johnson, T. Johnson, D. Zuk.

Administration:

T. Fransen - Superintendent of Education,

E. Egan - Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources & Policy,

I. Riffel - Assistant Superintendent, Program,

J. Karras - Assistant Superintendent, Divisional Support Services,

S. Schmidt - Assistant Superintendent, Student Services,

C. Stahlke - Secretary-Treasurer.

Regrets: Laureen Goodridge, G. Melnyk, K. McMillan

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 8:05 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Resolution #BD20180125.1001

Moved By: Jaime Glenat Second By: David Johnson

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated

Carried

Board Minutes Approval

Resolution #BD20180125.1002

Moved By: Jaime Glenat Second By: Sheila Billingham

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on January 11, 2018, be approved as circulated.

Carried

Standing Committee Reports, Special Committee Reports and Other Reports

(STANDING COMMITTEE
REPORTS, SPECIAL
COMMITTEE REPORTS
AND OTHER REPORTS)
(Issue #20180103007)

Resolution #BD20180125.1003

Moved By: Jaime Glenat Second By: Dianne Zuk

THAT the Standing Committee Reports, Special Committee Report and Other Reports be received as information and,

THAT the Teacher Contracts (Term) as listed in the Teacher Contracts Report dated January 25, 2018, be ratified and,

THAT the Teacher Contract Alterations as listed in the Contract Alterations Report dated January 25, 2018, be approved and,

THAT the Substitute Teacher Contracts as listed in the 2017-18 Substitute Teacher Contracts Report dated January 25, 2018, be ratified.

**Hockey Night in
Pembina Trails**

(EDUCATIONAL
PRESENTATIONS)
(Issue #20171220003)

The Assistant Superintendent, Program, provided background to the Educational Presentation relating to an NHL Program and a plan to offer a hockey program to schools within the Division. School Administrators T. Calder, T. Patzer, T. Scott, M. Wilson, S. Braun and teacher and coach R. Mitchell made a presentation to the Board.

T. Calder and T. Patzer spoke about the hockey program at Westgrove School and other schools. T. Calder said that gradually the parents and families became keenly involved in this hockey program to see their students participating. The students are excited about the program as well. They presented a video illustrating how students reacted to the opportunity to learn how to skate and how to play hockey. T. Patzer described how the teachers and schools participated in this program.

T. Scott, M. Wilson and S. Braun distributed information with respect to the programs at Acadia, Dalhousie and Ryerson Schools and presented a video. They said that equity and opportunity are important components of this program. T. Scott presented details of the activities in which students become involved in this program.

R. Mitchell, teacher and coach gave a presentation relating to the sort of things that occur in this program. He said that the students gain confidence by participating. He stated that the program requires an original cost of \$25,000 for the first year for the three schools which cost is expected to decline somewhat as time goes on.

S. Braun said that the program supports academic best practices. She said that this program is also intended to improve student engagement and attendance in addition to the other benefits. T. Scott expressed thanks to all involved for support of this program and making it a reality.

In response to a question from D. Zuk, M. Wilson said that some students excel in music, or track and field or leadership and the hockey is just another opportunity. She said that all the grade 3 students were involved and no students have felt left out of the hockey program. They noted that for indigenous students, children in care, low income families, chronically absent students, or any student who needed joy in his or her life, this program has excited them beyond the classroom. They said that teachers have observed that they can make a difference in their students' lives through this program. The Assistant Superintendent, Program, said that the plan is for the Winnipeg Jets to continue support of this program in the future.

The Chair thanked them for their presentations.

**Notice of Motion
- Ecole South**

In response to a question from D. Zuk, the Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources and Policy, said that Ecole St. Avila, Ecole Crane and

Ecole Viscount Alexander have stable long term projections and we can anticipate space availability becoming more predictable. She said that the Division believes that this model is sustainable for a period of time. She explained that there could be some issues depending on future events such as growth in certain areas and the percentage of students opting into French Immersion. She explained and clarified details of the changes being proposed. The Superintendent said that we have attempted to communicate with parents and to be clear. The Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources and Policy, said that we have had one response from a parent.

Resolution #BD20180125.1004

Moved By: Jaime Glenat Second By: David Johnson

THAT for 2018-19, Richmond West and Fairfield Park become an “option area” for K-8 French Immersion students in accordance with the 2018/19 provisions set out below:

Grade Level	School to Attend	Parental Option or Designated	Transportation	Conditions
K-6	St. Avila, South Pointe or Viscount Alexander	Parent Option	Transportation free of charge to St. Avila and only where qualifying to South Pointe. No free transportation to Viscount Alexander.	No conditions imposed on Parent Option.
7-8	South Pointe or Viscount Alexander	Designated	No free of charge transportation.	N/A

And,

THAT commencing on and from 2019/20 and beyond for French Immersion program students residing in Fairfield Park or Richmond West, be in accordance with provisions set out below:

Grade Level	School to Attend	Parental or Designated	Transportation	Conditions
K-6	St. Avila	Designated	Transportation free of charge to St. Avila	N/A
K-6	South Pointe	Parent Option	Transportation free of charge only where qualifying.	This option is available to parents only if a student's sibling is attending South Pointe F.I. Program. Once enrolled the student is grandfathered in South Pointe. Any subsequent transfer to St. Avila or another school terminates the grandfather status.
K-6	Viscount Alexander	Parent Option	No free of charge transportation.	N/A
7-8	Viscount Alexander	Designated	No free of charge transportation.	N/A

Carried

IT Optimization Report

(BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WHOLE)
(Issue #20180125003)

D. Zuk said that there had been extensive discussion by the Board on this topic and this decision looks at the whole picture. The Assistant Superintendent, Divisional Support Services, said the Division's total IT Budget is in excess of \$2,000,000 and this report is expected to be completed by June 30, 2018.

Resolution #BD20180125.1005

Moved By: Jaime Glenat Second By: Tim Johnson

THAT an application of Accumulated Surplus be made in the amount of \$66,000 plus applicable taxes to engage IBM to complete a Comprehensive Informational Technology Optimization Review as specified in their proposal.

Carried

By-Law No. 123

(BY-LAWS AND/OR POLICIES)
(Issue #20180108008)

It was noted that this By-Law does not come into affect until January, 2019, after the next Trustee election.

T. Johnson said that this is not the best way to spend funds and would like to see the increased cost go to increased student performance. T. Johnson said that he believes that, at a time when families are struggling financially, and at a time that we are looking at possible reductions in our 2018/19 Budget, that this is not the best way to spend Divisional funds. As we heard

tonight, the cost to run the Fort Richmond Hockey Program is very similar to the proposed increase in Trustee Indemnities. T. Johnson said that he would prefer to see the funds go towards similar creative programs which are focussed on student academic success. T. Johnson said that he would vote against the By-Law.

D. Johnson said that changes to the federal tax laws have affected Trustee Indemnities in that the tax free portion of indemnities has been made taxable. He said that other branches of government have addressed this change. He said that there is no net increase to take home pay for Trustees as a result of this By-Law. J. Glenat confirmed the increased cost is projected to be \$26,000 to \$27,000.

Resolution #BD20180125.1006

Moved By: David Johnson Second By: Sheila Billinghamurst

THAT By-Law No. 123, being a by-law respecting the Trustee Indemnities to replace By-Laws No. 41, 73 and 102, be given second and third reading and passed.

Carried

**Request for
Financial
Assistance**

(PEMBINA TRAILS
SCHOOL DIVISION
EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT
FUND INC.)
(Issue #20180125002)

Resolution #BD20180125.1007

Moved By: Sheila Billinghamurst Second By: Dianne Zuk

THAT a financial award from the Pembina Trails School Division Educational Support Fund Inc. be made as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Oak Park Cheerleading	\$500	Cheerleading World Competition, Disneyworld, Florida, February 8-13, 2018

Carried

**Pupil
Transportation -
2018-19 School
Bus Purchase**

(ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORTS)
(Issue #20171219001)

The Secretary-Treasurer reviewed the letter from the Manitoba Association of Business Officials with respect to the new procurement procedures for school buses.

Resolution #BD20180125.1008

Moved By: Dianne Zuk Second By: Tim Johnson

THAT the report from the Secretary-Treasurer with respect to the new procedures for the procurement of school buses be received as information.

Carried

**Approval to
Purchase Prairie
Pointe School
Site (MHRC
Portion)**

(ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORTS)
(Issue #20180115001)

Resolution #BD20180125.1009

Moved By: David Johnson Second By: Tim Johnson

THAT the Board approve the purchase of a 5.0 acre parcel of land forming part of a future K-8 school site in the Prairie Pointe neighbourhood of Waverley West, with the following legal description:

Block 12 Plan 55770 WLTO in OTM Lots Lots 122, 123 and 124 Parish of St. Norbert and OTM Lots 1 to 4 Parish of St. Vital and Government Road Allowance (closed),

Which site is located at the northwest corner of Castlebrook Drive and Landover Drive at a cost of \$1,423,308 plus applicable taxes and,

THAT the Board authorize the Secretary-Treasurer to enter into a Purchase/Sale Agreement with Manitoba Housing and Renewal Corporation and bind the Division subject to the approval of the Public Schools Finance Board.

Carried

Notice of Retirement

(ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORTS)
(Issue #20180117004)

The Superintendent announced the forthcoming retirement of the Assistant Superintendent, Divisional Support Services. He said that John Karras has given his notice of retirement effective July 31, 2018. He said that John will be greatly missed in the Division. He said that John has transformed Divisional Support Services. He said that John is knowledgeable and trustworthy in this area.

Resolution #BD20180125.1010

Moved By: Tim Johnson Second By: Dianne Zuk

THAT the notice of retirement of the Assistant Superintendent, Divisional Support Services, be received as information.

Carried

Correspondence for Information Distribution List

(CORRESPONDENCE
FOR INFORMATION
DISTRIBUTION LIST)
(Issue #20180103008)

In response to a question from D. Zuk, the Superintendent said that Pembina Trails School Division has not submitted any awards nominations.

Resolution #BD20180125.1011

Moved By: Tim Johnson Second By: David Johnson

THAT the Correspondence for Information Distribution List dated January 25, 2018, be received as information.

Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer