

PEMBINA TRAILS SCHOOL DIVISION

Regular Meeting Of The Board March 27, 2014

Meeting Type : Board Meeting

Date : Thursday, March 27, 2014

Start time : 8:00 PM

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

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

Trustees:

D. Johnson (Chair), T. Johnson (Vice-Chair), S. Clayton, J. Fisher, L. Goodridge, G. Melnyk, G. Watson, D. Zuk

Administration:

T. Fransen - Superintendent of Education,
J. Karras - Assistant Superintendent, Divisional Support Services,
S. Schmidt - Assistant Superintendent, Student Services,
C. Stahlke - Secretary-Treasurer.

Regrets: J. Field, G. Bruce, E. Egan.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Resolution #BD20140327.1001

Moved By: Gerry Melnyk Second By: Tim Johnson
THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES APPROVAL

Resolution #BD20140327.1002

Moved By: Julie Fisher Second By: Sue Clayton
THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on March 12, 2014, be approved as circulated.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS, SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS

(STANDING COMMITTEE
REPORTS, SPECIAL
COMMITTEE REPORTS AND
OTHER REPORTS)
(Issue #20140312004)

Resolution #BD20140327.1003

Moved By: Tim Johnson Second By: Dianne Zuk

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

THAT teacher contracts (term) as listed in the Teacher
Contracts Report dated March 27, 2014, be ratified and,

THAT substitute teacher contracts as listed in the 2013-14
Substitute Teacher Contracts Report dated March 27, 2014,
be ratified and,

THAT the Board accept, with regret, the resignations as
listed in the Resignations Report dated March 27, 2014,
and,

THAT the Disbursements List for the period February 1 to

February 28, 2014, in the amount of \$6,024,719.80 be approved.

CARRIED

**SHARP 3.1 MISSION
AND SHAFTESBURY
ARISS TELEBRIDGE
SERVICE (SATS)**

(EDUCATIONAL
PRESENTATIONS)
(Issue #20140324001)

Shaftesbury High School students A. Poersch, T. Towns, T. Ugrin, T. Upreti along with teachers R. Striemer and A. Deakin gave a presentation with respect to the Shaftesbury High Altitude Robotics (SHARP) 3.1 Mission and the Shaftesbury ARISS Telebridge Service (SATS). The Principal and Vice-Principal were in attendance.

A. Deakin oriented the Board to the information package circulated. The students introduced themselves. The students shared details of the project and what was being measured. R. Striemer outlined some of the supporters for the project and plans for future development. The delegation responded to questions from Trustees. The students expressed how this project has impacted their views of school and choices of careers. A. Deakin explained how this project relates to the standard curriculum. The teachers would like to see credits be granted for this project so as to ensure the continuity of the program. They are using the Pembina Trails Education Support Fund to solicit funds where tax receipts can be issued to help fund the program.

The students pointed out the link to their WIKI page which provides more information about their project.

The teachers said that they are exploring the prospect of including a project like this into a science based school initiated course.

**MANITOBA SCHOOL
BOARDS
ASSOCIATION
CONVENTION RE,
VOTING BY PROXY**

(BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS
BOARD MEETINGS)
(Issue #20140314002)

Resolution #BD20140327.1004

Moved By: Tim Johnson Second By: Gail Watson

THAT the proposed Resolution with respect to Voting by Proxy at the Manitoba School Boards Association Regional Meetings be forwarded to the Manitoba School Boards Association for consideration at the 2015 Manitoba School Boards Association Convention.

CARRIED

**BY-LAW NO. 87
(BORROWING
BY-LAW)**

(BY-LAWS AND/OR POLICIES)
(Issue #20140319002)

Resolution #BD20140327.1005

Moved By: Gerry Melnyk Second By: Tim Johnson

THAT By-Law No. 87, being a by-law of the Trustees of the Pembina Trails School Division in Manitoba, providing for the borrowing of moneys upon the credit of the said School Division to meet current expenses for the Fiscal Year 2014-15, be given first reading.

CARRIED

ECOLE DIEPPE

(CORRESPONDENCE FOR
DISCUSSION)
(Issue #20140317001)

The Assistant Superintendent, Divisional Support Services, reviewed the correspondence from the Ecole Dieppe parent community. He said that this correspondence has been received in response to a recent

decision by the Board. He outlined why there was a need for the decision to be made which relates to declining availability of space at Ecole Dieppe. He said that a committee involving Trustees, Administrators and parents was struck to study this matter prior to the decision being made by the Board. There were three meetings held. Information was requested by the Committee and supplied by the Division and options were studied. The recommendation was to change boundaries between Ecole Dieppe and Ecole Charleswood School commencing with the 2015/16 school year to provide that Grades 5 and 6 at Ecole Dieppe would attend at Ecole Charleswood School.

The Assistant Superintendent, Divisional Support Services, said that there was a public meeting held on March 19, 2014, to share this decision with the broader community attended by about 175 people. Ecole Charleswood would be a Grade 5-9 school rather than a Grade 7-9 school and Ecole Dieppe would become a K-4 school. Some parents raised concerns over certain aspects of the change. Some of the concern related to process in terms of consultation and he said that the Division has recognized this concern and will be reviewing and revising the consultation process in future cases.

The Assistant Superintendent, Divisional Support Services, said that the Advisory Committee studying this matter included a member of the Parent Advisory Council. He reviewed the timeline when the meetings were held. He said that the Division had assumed that an effective sharing of information would be made with the community at large but some parents said that the information never reached them. D. Zuk encouraged the Board to make some adjustments to the Advisory Committee process in future instances.

The Assistant Superintendent, Divisional Support Services, acknowledged the impact on parents when changes are being considered and implemented by the Division. He said that more information will be shared with the community regarding changes at Ecole Charleswood School - physical changes to the school, programming, etc. The Division has also committed to periodically communicate and meet with the community to share and discuss these developments in order to keep them informed.

G. Melnyk noted that Trustees had not been invited to the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting on March 4, 2014, and would not normally attend such a meeting without first having been invited. He believes that the PAC should be informed that the Trustees had not attended because they were not invited.

J. Fisher noted that school administrators were present at the public meeting and spoke to the parents which was a very productive and constructive element of the consultation.

Resolution #BD20140327.1006

Moved By: Gerry Melnyk Second By: Gail Watson

THAT the Board receive the correspondence from the Ecole Dieppe parent community as information and provide a response to the authors of the correspondence.

CARRIED

Resolution #BD20140327.1007

Moved By: Dianne Zuk Second By: Gail Watson

THAT the Board send a letter to the Ecole Dieppe and Ecole Charleswood School communities informing them as to the Division's plans with respect to the next steps in the transfer of Grade 5 and 6 programs from Ecole Dieppe to Ecole Charleswood School.

CARRIED

Resolution #BD20140327.1008

Moved By: Gail Watson Second By: Dianne Zuk

THAT Senior Administration Team review the Division's consultation process including specifically to study the timeline for consultation and the mechanism whereby communication with the school community is made and report back to the Board.

CARRIED

**MANITOBA SCHOOL
BOARDS
ASSOCIATION RE,
GOVERNANCE
STRUCTURE**

(CORRESPONDENCE FOR
DISCUSSION)

(Issue #20140326005)

Resolution #BD20140327.1009

Moved By: Julie Fisher Second By: Sue Clayton

THAT the correspondence from the Manitoba School Boards Association with respect to Governance Structure be received as information and referred to the Regular Board Meeting to be held on April 10, 2014.

CARRIED

**ASSISTANT
SUPERINTENDENT,
PROGRAM -
APPOINTMENT**

(ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS)

(Issue #20140317002)

Resolution #BD20140327.1010

Moved By: Dianne Zuk Second By: Sue Clayton

THAT the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Iain Riffel as Assistant Superintendent, Program, effective August 5, 2014.

CARRIED

**ASSISTANT
SUPERINTENDENT,
PROGRAM -
CONTRACT**

(ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS)

(Issue #20140317003)

Resolution #BD20140327.1011

Moved By: Dianne Zuk Second By: Gail Watson

THAT the contract between the Pembina Trails School Division and Iain Riffel, Assistant Superintendent, Program, dated March 27, 2014, effective August 5, 2014, be ratified.

CARRIED

**SELECTION
COMMITTEES FOR
SCHOOL**

The Superintendent explained the reason for this proposed motion.

ADMINISTRATION POSITIONS

(ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS)
(Issue #20140317005)

Resolution #BD20140327.1012

Moved By: Dianne Zuk Second By: Gail Watson

THAT with respect to School Administration positions requiring appointment effective with the 2014/15 school year:

Two Ward 1 Trustees with the third Trustee as an alternate serve on the Selection Committee for the School Administration Appointments for schools in Ward 1; and

Two Ward 2 Trustees with the third Trustee as an alternate serve on the Selection Committee for the School Administration Appointments for schools in Ward 2; and

Two Ward 3 Trustees with the third Trustee as an alternate serve on the Selection Committee for the School Administration Appointments for schools in Ward 3.

CARRIED

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION APPOINTMENT - ROYAL SCHOOL

(ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS)
(Issue #20140326001)

Resolution #BD20140327.1013

Moved By: Dianne Zuk Second By: Gail Watson

THAT the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Valerie Wood as Principal of Royal School effective September 2, 2014.

CARRIED

ZONING APPLICATION IN PEMBINA TRAILS

(QUESTIONS FROM
TRUSTEES)
(Issue #20140326003)

D. Zuk asked about the zoning application for development in Pembina Trails School Division. The Assistant Superintendent, Divisional Support Services, said this zoning application relates to the Bishop Grandin Crossing which is located on the north side of Bishop Grandin Boulevard between the Auto Mall and Pembina Highway. He described the location of the proposed development.

BONNYCASTLE SCHOOL

(QUESTIONS FROM
TRUSTEES)
(Issue #20140328001)

J. Fisher asked about the progress at Bonnycastle School. The Assistant Superintendent, Divisional Support Services, said that the Division has submitted the variance application to the City of Winnipeg for processing. He said that there will be a communication to the community in the first week of April. The variance is required before the building permit can be issued.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION LIST

(CORRESPONDENCE FOR
INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION)

D. Zuk asked about the correspondence from Manitoba Education with respect to the French Language Education Review. The Superintendent will look into whether Pembina Trails was involved and report back to the Board.

D. Zuk said that the correspondence from the City of Winnipeg with respect to snow clearing might be worth discussing at the Buildings, Property and Transportation Committee meeting.

Resolution #BD20140327.1014

Moved By: Sue Clayton Second By: Dianne Zuk

THAT the Correspondence for Information Distribution List dated March 21, 2014, be received as information.

CARRIED

**REQUIREMENT FOR
A COMMITTEE
MEETING OF THE
WHOLE**

Resolution #BD20140327.1015

Moved By: Sue Clayton Second By: Julie Fisher

THAT the Board move into Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer