

PEMBINA TRAILS SCHOOL DIVISION

Regular Meeting Of The Board May 22, 2014

Meeting Type : Board Meeting

Date : Thursday, May 22, 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. Field, J. Fisher, L. Goodridge, G. Melnyk, G. Watson.

Administration:

T. Fransen - Superintendent of Education,
G. Bruce - Assistant Superintendent, Program,
E. Egan - Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources & Policy,
J. Karras - Assistant Superintendent, Divisional Support Services
S. Schmidt - Assistant Superintendent, Student Services,
C. Stahlke - Secretary-Treasurer.

Regrets: D. Zuk

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 8:13 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Resolution #BD20140522.1001

Moved By: Gerry Melnyk Second By: Gail Watson
THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

MINUTES APPROVAL

Resolution #BD20140522.1002

Moved By: Julie Fisher Second By: Jacquie Field
THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on May 8, 2014, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS, SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS

(STANDING COMMITTEE
REPORTS, SPECIAL
COMMITTEE REPORTS AND
OTHER REPORTS)
(Issue #20140508008)

Corrections to Standing Committee

Resolution #BD20140522.1003

Moved By: Tim Johnson Second By: Sue Clayton
THAT the Standing Committee Reports, Special Committee Reports, and Other Reports be received as information and,
THAT teacher contracts (Permanent and Term) as listed in the Teacher Contracts Report dated May 22, 2014, be ratified and,
THAT the Board accept, with regret, the resignations as listed in the Resignations Report dated May 22, 2014, and,

THAT substitute teacher contracts as listed in the 2013-14 Substitute Teacher Contracts Report dated May 22, 2014, be ratified.

CARRIED

**D. CROSBIE -
TRANSPORTATION
GREYFRIARS ROAD**

(DELEGATIONS)

(Issue #20140515006)

D. Crosbie, a parent in the Division, attended to present to the Board. She said that there had been much correspondence sent regarding the Greyfriars Road Bus Route 6 Transportation issue. She depicted the relevant streets on the white board. She said that Bus No. 6 had a stop at Acadia School on Killarney Avenue. She said that the bus stopped double-parked and the students exited and then walked across Killarney Avenue to Greyfriars Road at the crosswalk.

D. Crosbie said she wrote to the Administration and offered options for alternative stops. She said that there had been a school bus driving down Greyfriars Road for a couple of months. She said that there are a number of students living on Greyfriars Road and the parents of those students felt that the bus should drop them off on Greyfriars Road instead of Killarney Avenue. She said that they are seeking a long term change for the bus route. She said that the Division changed the route to have a drop off at Dalhousie Drive and Greyfriars Road. She said that there are many driveways between Dalhousie and Greyfriars which pose a risk to students. She said that the distance that students now have to walk is about double the distance than it was from the stop on Killarney Avenue. She said that there is little foot traffic and only a couple of parked cars on Greyfriars Road and that it is a regular residential street.

D. Crosbie said that there are no documented incidences that have occurred to give cause for moving the bus stop. She said she does agree with the Division's stance that the Killarney Avenue location is unsafe for a bus stop.

In answering a question, D. Crosbie said that the parents would like to have the bus stop situated on Greyfriars Road in the afternoon. She said that an adult meets the students at the bus stop always.

The Secretary-Treasurer explained the Kindergarten transportation practice. D. Crosbie said that there is a sidewalk on the east side of Greyfriars Road and the sidewalk has been plowed this winter much of the time.

In addition to the change requested, D. Crosbie would like Greyfriars Road to be declared a safe street for the future so that the route be diverted down Greyfriars Road for the future.

BY-LAW NO. 89

(BY-LAWS AND/OR POLICIES)

(Issue #20140512006)

The Secretary-Treasurer will confirm the number of students included in the petition.

Resolution #BD20140522.1004

Moved By: Tim Johnson Second By: Jacquie Field

THAT By-Law No. 89, being a by-law of the Pembina Trails School Division, respecting the submission of a petition requesting the authorization for religious instruction at Bairdmore Elementary School, be given first reading.

CARRIED

**PEMBINA TRAILS
TEACHERS'
ASSOCIATION
GOLF
TOURNAMENT**

(CORRESPONDENCE FOR
DISCUSSION)

(Issue #20140509008)

Resolution #BD20140522.1005

Moved By: Tim Johnson Second By: Gerry Melnyk

THAT the correspondence from the Pembina Trails Teachers' Association be referred to Administration for action.

CARRIED

**YMCA-YWCA
SUMMER PROGRAM
PROPOSAL -
ECOLE CRANE**

(BUILDINGS, PROPERTY AND
TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE)

(Issue #20140508009)

Resolution #BD20140522.1006

Moved By: Julie Fisher Second By: Laureen Goodridge

THAT the Board approve the request from the YMCA-YWCA of Winnipeg to operate a summer program at Ecole Crane, beginning this July, subject to their agreement to a new 12 month lease agreement and new monthly rental rate.

CARRIED

**SCHOOL
ADMINISTRATION
APPOINTMENT -
VICE-PRINCIPAL
ARTHUR A. LEACH
SCHOOL**

(ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS)

(Issue #20140513002)

Resolution #BD20140522.1007

Moved By: Gail Watson Second By: Sue Clayton

THAT the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Darren Oughton as Vice-Principal of Arthur A. Leach School effective the 2014/15 school year.

CARRIED

**SCHOOL
ADMINISTRATION
APPOINTMENT -
PRINCIPAL LINDEN
MEADOWS SCHOOL**

(ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS)

(Issue #20140514002)

Resolution #BD20140522.1008

Moved By: Gail Watson Second By: Sue Clayton

THAT the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Teresa Rogers as Principal of Linden Meadows School effective the 2014/15 school year.

CARRIED

**SCHOOL
ADMINISTRATION
APPOINTMENT -
PRINCIPAL WHYTE
RIDGE SCHOOL**

(ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS)

(Issue #20140514003)

Resolution #BD20140522.1009

Moved By: Gail Watson Second By: Sue Clayton

THAT the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Ruthanne Dyck as Principal of Whyte Ridge School effective the 2014/15 school year.

CARRIED

**BALANCED
SCHOOL DAY -**

The Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources and Policy, explained the value of implementing the Balanced School Day at General Byng School.

In response to a question from a Trustee, the Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources and Policy, said that this matter was processed through the General Byng Parent Council.

The Chair said that he was under the impression that the Parent Council was to circulate further communication to the broader community.

G. Watson said that, previously, one school community accepted this concept and another did not. She would like to see the full General Byng School community consulted before the Board approves this concept.

J. Field said that the balanced school day would be comprised of shorter instructional periods. S. Clayton said that the instructional blocks are proposed to be connected together differently than is currently the case.

G. Melnyk said that he has no research or data showing that this concept has worked well in the Grade 7-9 levels. The Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources and Policy, said that she is not aware of other schools in the Province which have implemented the balanced school day for grades 7-9. She said that she has explored the issue of sufficient minutes for classes to qualify for the credits in grade 9. She discussed various aspects of the proposal.

G. Melnyk expressed concern that this proposal is coming so late in the year. He does not think that there is now enough time left this year to conduct the school community consultation. Further he is concerned about grades 7-9, particularly at the grade 9 level.

S. Clayton said that she would like to give the school the opportunity to explore with the parents for next year but if that support cannot be obtained the school could work with the parents next year with a view to consideration for implementation for 2015/16.

The Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources and Policy, said that this is simply a reconfiguration of the instructional hours during the school day. The Assistant Superintendent, Student Services, said that there is considerable research in Ontario which includes Grades 7-9 and it has been successful.

The Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources and Policy, said that they would be involved in the consultation from the school on this topic and that they understand the reasons behind the Board's concerns and motion.

It was generally agreed that there would be communication to the school communities where students would be attending Grade 6 at General Byng School. Administration will prepare a report for the Board after the first year as to how the pilot went.

Resolution #BD20140522.1010

Moved By: Tim Johnson Second By: Sue Clayton

THAT, subject to demonstrated school community support through a school wide community consultation, the Board approve, on a pilot project basis for the 2014/15 school year, a change in school hours for General Byng School to reflect the principles of a "Balanced School Day".

CARRIED

**KINDERGARTEN
ENROLMENT
REPORT**

(ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS)
(Issue #20140515007)

Resolution #BD20140522.1011

Moved By: Jacquie Field Second By: Julie Fisher

THAT the Kindergarten Enrolment Report be deferred to the June 12, 2014, Board Meeting.

CARRIED

**FEES FOR FOREIGN
EXCHANGE
STUDENTS**

(ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS)
(Issue #20140515008)

G. Watson explained that the Charleswood Rotary has an exchange student coming to Pembina Trails School Division but that the Division does not have a student participating in the exchange. She said that, in this case, there is not an automatic waiver of the foreign student fees and the Board would have to waive the policy if the fees are not to be charged. She pointed out that the Charleswood Rotary has been generous with the Division.

There was general discussion regarding the merits of the motion.

Resolution #BD20140522.1012

Moved By: Gerry Melnyk Second By: Jacquie Field

THAT the Board waive Policy JFABB and allow, for the 2014/15 school year, the Charleswood Rotary Club Exchange student to be enrolled without the Foreign Student fee being charged.

CARRIED

**MANITOBA
INSTITUTE OF
TRADES AND
TECHNOLOGY**

(QUESTIONS FROM
TRUSTEES)
(Issue #20140522001)

In answering a question the Superintendent said that a submission to the legislative committee with respect to the Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology is being prepared by Administration.

**CORRESPONDENCE
FOR INFORMATION
DISTRIBUTION LIST**

(CORRESPONDENCE FOR
INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION
LIST)
(Issue #20140512004)

Resolution #BD20140522.1013

Moved By: Jacquie Field Second By: Laureen Goodridge

THAT the Correspondence for Information Distribution List dated May 16, 2014, be received as information.

CARRIED

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

Resolution #BD20140522.1014

Moved By: Tim Johnson Second By: Sue Clayton
THAT the Board move into Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer