

PEMBINA TRAILS SCHOOL DIVISION

Regular Meeting of the Board - November 23, 2017

Meeting Type : Board Meeting

Date : Thursday, November 23, 2017

Start time : 8:00 PM

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

Minutes

Attendance

PRESENT:

Trustees:

J. Fisher (Chair), J. Glenat, L. Goodridge, K. McMillan, G. Melnyk, 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: Sheila Billingham

CALL TO ORDER

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

Resolution #BD20171123.1001

Moved By: Gerry Melnyk Second By: Laureen Goodridge
THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

Board Minutes Approval

Resolution #BD20171123.1002

Moved By: David Johnson Second By: Jaime Glenat
THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on November 9, 2017, be approved as circulated.

Carried

Standing Committee Reports, Special Committee Reports and Other Reports

(STANDING COMMITTEE
REPORTS, SPECIAL
COMMITTEE REPORTS
AND OTHER REPORTS)
(Issue #20171018001)

Resolution #BD20171123.1003

Moved By: Jaime Glenat Second By: Kathleen McMillan
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 November 23, 2017, be ratified and,
THAT the Teacher Contract Alterations as listed in the Contract Alterations
Report dated November 23, 2017, be approved and,
THAT the Substitute Teacher Contracts as listed in the 2017-18 Substitute
Teacher Contracts Report dated November 23, 2017, be ratified and,

THAT the Board accept, with regret, the Resignations as listed in the Resignations Report dated November 23, 2017, and,
THAT the Disbursements List for the period October 1 through October 31, 2017, in the amount of \$5,575,064.24 be approved.

Carried

Al Noor Weekend School

(DELEGATIONS)

(Issue #20171024006)

Dr. R. Ahmed and Ms. T. Farooqui, Program Director, made a presentation to the Board.

Ms. Farooqui said that they want to talk about the use of Division schools, particularly on weekends, to teach language programs. They would like to use space on weekends to teach their children. They stated how permitting this would cause the communities to become stronger. She said that they also work out of Churchill High School and share space with other communities and language programs there.

Dr. Ahmed said that they would like to use certain facilities in Pembina Trails. They circulated a document relating to their activities. Ms. Farooqui said that they have been located at Churchill High School for a long time (15 years) and they are looking to expand. The Delegation responded to questions from Trustees. They have about 100 students at Churchill High School. They believe that a location in Pembina Trails will be successful. Ms. Farooqui described how a typical weekend would be structured and what the students do and what they study. They would start with 50 students and project increase to possibly 100 students. The number of students depends on the available resources including qualified teachers they can hire and space. They said that space for 50-100 students would meet their needs at the moment.

The Delegation said that they occupy eight classrooms at Churchill High School which are used as regular classrooms by the Winnipeg School Division from Monday to Friday and their group uses them on the weekends, along with white boards in the classroom. Ms. Farooqui claimed that they are respectful of the property that they occupy. She said that they use classroom space for 29 Saturdays in a school year. She said that the Division reduced classrooms because they needed the space for storage. Ms. Farooqui said that the start date would be September 2018.

The Chair thanked them and said that the Board will consider on December 14, 2017, and respond after a decision is made.

Urban Stable Program

(EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS)

(Issue #20170815009)

The Assistant Superintendent, Student Services, introduced Wendy McDonald, Executive Director of the Urban Stables Program who, along with a group made a Power Point presentation to the Board. She reviewed the mission and history of the program. She said that they have operated their program in Pembina Trails schools, successfully, for a long time. They are looking to expand and increase the number of school program locations.

The presenters explained how horses can sense and react to the energy of the people around them. A parent spoke to how the Urban Stable program has helped her daughter. One of the students who graduated from the program spoke to the benefits of the program to himself and other students. W. McDonald said that they want to increase to 26 locations for next year and simply wanted to update the Board on their activities. She said that they are open to people paying visits to their operations.

The Chair thanked them for their presentation.

Right at School

(EDUCATIONAL
PRESENTATIONS)
(Issue #20171106007)

The Superintendent introduced Grace Anatasiadis from Right at School who made a presentation to the Board. She said that she is the manager for Right At School in Pembina Trails. She explained why she became involved with Right At School. She said that the program typically starts off small but grows through word of mouth. She said that the program advocates healthy living and a love of learning. She described some of the student activities in which they are engaged and what they hope to achieve through those activities. She shared some of the comments which parents have left on their website about the program. She said that, generally, students can only attend the program where they attend school. She said that there has been interest expressed from parents from other school divisions outside of Pembina Trails to be allowed to participate in the program. She added that they have a before school program and an after school program as well. She would be willing to report on the after school programs. She said there are a range of attendance options available to parents which options offer flexibility.

The Chair thanked her for her presentation.

Budget Objectives, Questions and Guidelines 2018-19

(BUSINESS FROM
PREVIOUS FINANCE
COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE)
(Issue #20171121004)

This item was deferred to the December 14, 2017, Board Meeting.

By-Law No. 122 (Promissory Note LTPS0165)

(BY-LAWS AND/OR
POLICIES)
(Issue #20171109004)

Resolution #BD20171123.1004

Moved By: David Johnson Second By: kath

WHEREAS it is deemed necessary and expedient to raise by loan the sum of One Million Two Hundred Three Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$1,203,300) on the credit of said School Division for the purpose and payment for Arthur A. Leach cooling unit, Charleswood roof replacement, Dalhousie grooming room and elevator, Royal boiler replacement and South Pointe new school.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 122, being a by-law of the Board of Trustees of the Pembina Trails School Division, for the purpose of borrowing the sum of \$1,203,300, and of issuing a Debenture

and/or Promissory Note (hereinafter called the Security) therefor be given first reading.

Carried

**P-TECH/STEM
Academy Budget
Study Topic**

(EDUCATION
COMMITTEE)
(Issue #20171114009)

T. Johnson asked as to high schools this program would operate. The Assistant Superintendent, Program, said that discussions are being held with Canadian Mennonite University about accommodating the junior varsity component of P-TECH attached to Shaftesbury High School. He said that he can review with the Board the options which they considered and the transportation issues to be addressed. He said that it is not a program which lends itself to be spread thinly throughout the Division.

Resolution #BD20171123.1005

Moved By: Laureen Goodridge Second By: Gerry Melnyk

THAT, for the purpose of establishing a Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) program in Pembina Trails, the Board approve a total of \$282,250 be included the 2018/19 Non-Salary Draft Budget and an additional \$237,500 be included in the 2018/19 Salary Draft Budget to a total provision of \$519,750 for P-TECH.

Carried

**Standards for
Success in
Literacy**

(EDUCATION
COMMITTEE)
(Issue #20171114010)

The Superintendent said that the Board asks Senior Administration to study in depth new initiatives which may be considered for inclusion in the Draft Budget.

Resolution #BD20171123.1006

Moved By: Laureen Goodridge Second By: Dianne Zuk

THAT, for the purpose of continuing implementation of the Standards for Success in Literacy - Leveraging a Digital Learning Plan, the Board approve a total of \$385,755 be included in the 2018/19 Non-Salary Draft Budget and an additional Educational Assistant position be added to the 2018/19 Salary Draft Budget (for a total of two positions).

Carried

**Request for
Financial
Assistance**

(PEMBINA TRAILS
SCHOOL DIVISION
EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT
FUND INC.)
(Issue #20171123002)

Resolution #BD20171123.1007

Moved By: Dianne Zuk Second By: Gerry Melnyk

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>
S.I. #735869	\$150	Van Wallegghem school trip to Quebec, May 12-17, 2018.

Carried

**Inform Net
Agreement
Extension**

(ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORTS)
(Issue #20171109007)

The Superintendent explained what InForm Net is and the service it provides. The Assistant Superintendent, Program, said that the success rate for students being served by Inform Net is very high and students are benefiting from the program. T. Johnson asked if we are, aggressively, marketing this program to school divisions and districts in northern Manitoba. The Assistant Superintendent, Program, said that the program would need more staff to undertake an aggressive recruitment effort in the north.

Resolution #BD20171123.1008

Moved By: Tim Johnson Second By: Dianne Zuk

THAT the Inform Net Agreement between the Pembina Trails School Division and the St. James Assiniboia School Division for the 2018-19 school year and the 2019-20 school year be approved.

Carried

**AMM Resolution
#34-2017****Education Tax**

(NEW BUSINESS)

(Issue #20171120004)

The Chair reviewed AMM Resolution #34-2017.

Resolution #BD20171123.1009

Moved By: Dianne Zuk Second By: Kathleen McMillan

That Board write a letter to Manitoba School Boards Association supporting their advocacy plan with respect to AMM resolution #34-2017.

Carried

**Correspondence
for Information
Distribution List**

(CORRESPONDENCE
FOR INFORMATION
DISTRIBUTION LIST)

(Issue #20171018002)

Resolution #BD20171123.1010

Moved By: Tim Johnson Second By: Kathleen McMillan

THAT the Correspondence for Information Distribution List dated November 17, 2017, be received as information.

Carried

**Questions from
Trustees**

(QUESTIONS FROM
TRUSTEES)

(Issue #20171121005)

The Chair said that she and the Communications Officer attended the Manitoba School Boards Association Telling Stories Out of School workshop. She said that the speaker said that school divisions should be promoting the good work that they do. The Chair said that there are good things happening in the Pembina Trails School Division that should be shared.

D. Zuk noted that students who receive an award should be included in the Commendation Report.

The Superintendent reported that a number of our schools do not have parent councils. He said that where a parent council wants to belong to the Manitoba Association of Parent Councils, the Division will subsidize the cost of membership.

The Assistant Superintendent, Program, circulated the Canada 150 books to Trustees.

**Questions from
Members of the
Public**

(QUESTIONS FROM
MEMBERS OF THE
PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE)

(Issue #20171121006)

The Assistant Superintendent, Divisional Support Services, introduced the members of the Leadership Development Team present at the meeting.

**REQUIREMENT
FOR A****Resolution #BD20171123.1011**

Moved By: Jaime Glenat Second By: Tim Johnson

THAT the Board move into Committee of the Whole.

Carried

**COMMITTEE
MEETING OF
THE WHOLE**

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer