

PEMBINA TRAILS SCHOOL DIVISION

Regular Meeting of the Board October 22, 2015

Meeting Type : Board Meeting

Date : Thursday, October 22, 2015

Start time : 8:00 PM

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

Minutes

Attendance

PRESENT:

Trustees:

T. Johnson (Chair), S. Billingham, J. Fisher, J. Glenat, L. Goodridge, K. McMillan, G. Melnyk, D. 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: Nil

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 8:04 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Resolution #BD20151022.1001

Moved By: Gerry Melnyk Second By: Sheila Billingham
THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

Carried

Minutes Approval

Resolution #BD20151022.1002

Moved By: Julie Fisher Second By: David Johnson
THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on October 8, 2015, be approved as circulated.

Carried

Standing Committee Reports, Special Committee Reports and Other Reports

(STANDING COMMITTEE
REPORTS, SPECIAL
COMMITTEE REPORTS
AND OTHER REPORTS)
(Issue #20151005001)

Corrections:

October 8, 2015, Committee Meeting of the Whole, corrections to the minutes, Reorganization Plan - Oak Park Family, were made as identified by Trustees.

October 5, 2015, Education Committee, corrections to minutes to show D. Zuk was not in attendance.

Resolution #BD20151022.1003

Moved By: Julie Fisher Second By: David Johnson
THAT the Standing Committee Reports, Special Committee Report and

Other Reports be received as information and the Committee of the Whole and Education Committee Minutes be received as corrected, and, THAT the Teacher Contracts (Term) as listed in the Teacher Contracts Report dated October 22, 2015, be ratified and, THAT the Teacher Contract Alterations as listed in the Contract Alterations Report dated October 22, 2015, be approved and, THAT the Substitute Teacher Contracts as listed in the 2015-16 Substitute Teacher Contracts Report dated October 22, 2015, be ratified and, THAT the Disbursements List for the period September 1 through September 30, 2015, in the amount of \$7,113,181.85 be approved.

Carried

**Delegation -
Waiving of
Student Fees**

(DELEGATIONS)
(Issue #20151013024)

L. Goodridge said that she is employed by Optometrists' Association and is potentially in conflict with respect to this issue.

Resolution #BD20151022.1004

Moved By: Kathleen McMillan Second By: Julie Fisher

THAT the Board approve excusing L. Goodridge from the meeting due to a conflict of interest.

Carried

L. Goodridge left the meeting.

Dr. O. Joannes-Erhue appeared. She said that she is a trained optometrist outside of Canada and she is seeking credentials in Canada as an optometrist and is present to write a credentialing exam. She said that she has four children whom she would like to enrol in the Pembina Trails School Division. She said that she cannot afford the International Student fees. She said that the credentialing exam is likely to be held in April 2016. She said that she is present to plead for a waiver of the fees so that her children can attend school. She said that she cannot apply for work because she does not yet have the credentials necessary for approval from Immigration. She explained the process that she has to follow to achieve her goals.

The Chair thanked her for her presentation.

In responding to a question from D. Johnson, Dr. Joannes-Erhue, said that her children are not currently in school but she is keeping them busy with online lessons. She said that she has four children between the ages of 8 and 16.

In response to a question from D. Zuk, Dr. Joannes-Erhue said that she had applied to become a Permanent Resident in January 2015.

L. Goodridge rejoined the meeting.

**Consideration of
Notice of Motion
Given at the**

D. Zuk asked if there was any feedback on the Notice of Motion on the catchment boundaries. The Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources and Policy, said that there two enquiries from the Beaumont School

**Board Meeting of
October 8, 2015
re: Catchment
Boundaries**

(BUSINESS FROM
PREVIOUS BOARD
MEETINGS)

(Issue #20151013013)

Community, to which responses were given.

D. Zuk suggested that we should communicate with the community again near the end of the school year and over the summer to remind them as to this plan.

J. Glenat asked if this Notion of Motion is consistent with what was approved in the past in terms of grandfathering students. The Superintendent said that there are some changes in the past with respect to catchment included grandfathering for siblings not attending on the designated date but this motion does not include such grandfathering. He said that the Committee considered grandfathering for siblings but there have been other cases where sibling grandfathering was subsequently rescinded.

Resolution #BD20151022.1005

Moved By: Gerry Melnyk Second By: Dianne Zuk

WHEREAS the Ridgewood Development in Charleswood will add students due to the construction of residences where none now exist, and

WHEREAS it is deemed advisable to transfer a portion of the Beaumont School catchment area to the Beaverlodge School catchment area ("**the Transferred Portion**") as described in Section "A" below to recognize the future enrolment growth in the area, and

WHEREAS it is deemed advisable that any students currently attending Beaumont School on June 30, 2016, and residing in that Transferred Portion of the current Beaumont catchment area which will form part of the Beaverlodge catchment area after June 30, 2016, be grandfathered to attend Beaumont School as long as the student resides in that Transferred Portion;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, effective on and from September 1, 2016, that

A. The following portion of the Beaumont School catchment area as described below shall be added to the existing Beaverlodge School catchment area:

1. From intersection of the Perimeter Highway and the Harte Trail easterly along the Harte Trail to the western property line of the properties bordering the west side of Charleswood Road, then
2. Northerly along the western property line of the properties bordering the west side of Charleswood Road to the southerly property line of the properties bordering the south side of Rannock Avenue, then,
3. Easterly along the southerly property line of the properties bordering the south side of Rannock Avenue to the eastern property line of the properties bordering the east side

- of Charleswood Road, then,
4. Southerly along the eastern property lines of the properties bordering the east side of Charleswood Road to Wyper Road, then,
 5. Westerly along Wyper Road to the Perimeter Highway, then,
 6. Northerly along the Perimeter Highway to the Harte Trail.

B. Students grandfathered to attend Beaumont School:

1. Any student residing in the portion of the Beaumont School catchment area (the “**Eligible Area**”) being added to the Beaverlodge catchment area described in section “A” above, on June 30, 2016, and attending Beaumont School on June 30, 2016, shall be permitted to continue to attend Beaumont School without having to apply through Schools of Choice as long as the student resides in the Eligible Area.
2. Students residing in the Eligible Area but not meeting the requirements set out in No.1 above, including siblings of eligible students may only attend Beaumont School through Schools of Choice.

Carried

**Reorganization
Plan: Oak Park
and Shaftesbury
Family of
Schools Grade
Configurations**

(BUSINESS FROM
PREVIOUS COMMITTEE
MEETING OF THE
WHOLE)
(Issue #20151015003)

G. Melnyk asked if we would consider implementation of this Reorganization Plan earlier than September 2017 if the Community desired that. The Superintendent said that this could be possible based on timing and budget availability.

D. Zuk noted that this process is not a consultation with the community, but rather a process for soliciting feedback from parents on the plan adopted by the Board. She said that the consultants would meet with parents at each school as part of this process.

In answering a question from D. Zuk, the Superintendent said that there are many preferences for different grade configurations in schools. He said that the Board met with school administrators from high schools and they preferred a Grade 9-12 configuration. He said that there are educational benefits to this model and the educational curriculum is structured on a Grade 9-12 model. He said that the Division also uses at a K-8 model which is being implemented in Waverley West.

In answering a question from G. Melnyk, the Superintendent said that an earlier implementation for moving the grade 9 students into the high schools would, again, depend on timing, including the ability of the high schools to create a timetable.

J. Fisher said that if there is strong feedback from the community the Board could make adjustments to the Reorganization Plan.

J. Glenat asked that the Administration inform the Board as to how we will communicate the Plan to the community. The Superintendent said that the Administration will create a communications strategy for sharing with the community and the Board may want to meet with the consultants. The Superintendent informed the Board with respect to another school division which had used this model and identified some of the modifications to their plan resulting from the consultants' work.

In answering a question from D. Zuk, the Superintendent said that we will communicate this plan the same way we have done in the past with notices placed on the website and notification sent to parents to access the website for the information. He said that the consultants will start immediately.

In answering a question from K. McMillan, the Superintendent said that the community will be notified to pose questions directly to the consultants.

In answering a question from D. Zuk, the Superintendent said that the Administration will meet with the consultants on Monday to begin the work.

In answering a question from D. Zuk, the Superintendent said that he will contact the school principals tomorrow regarding this plan. He said that parents can contact the Superintendent as well as the consultants.

Resolution #BD20151022.1006

Moved By: Julie Fisher Second By: David Johnson

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees has examined the enrolment projections for schools within the Oak Park and Shaftesbury families of schools, and,

WHEREAS the Board has a long term vision for all high schools within the Division to be configured as Grades 9-12, space permitting, and,

WHEREAS the Grade 6 students within the feeder schools for Oak Park and Shaftesbury would have access to more middle years curricular and co-curricular opportunities,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following Reorganization Plan be adopted by the Board and implemented effective September 2017.

School	Current Configuration	September 2017 Configuration
Beaumont	K-6	K-5
Beaverlodge	K-6	K-5
Chapman	K-6	K-5
Charleswood	Grade 7-9 /Grade 5-8 F.I.	Grade 6-8 /Grade 5-8 F.I.
Dieppe	K-4 F.I.	K-4 F.I.
Laidlaw	K-8	K-8
Linden Meadows	K-8	K-8
Oak Park	Grade 10-12 /Grade 9-12 F.I.	Grade 9-12 /F.I.
Pacific Junction	K-6	K-5
River West Park	K-9	K-8
Royal	K-6	K-5
Shaftesbury	Grade 9-12	Grade 9-12
Tuxedo Park	K-6 F.I.	K-4 F.I.
Van Wallegghem	K-8 /F.I.	K-8 /F.I.
Westdale	Grade 7-9	Grade 6-8
Westgrove	K-6	K-5

And,

THAT the Board engage Harris Educational Consultants International, as proposed, to share the Reorganization Plan with affected school communities, solicit feedback and report back to the Board.

Carried

**By-Law No. 101
(Debenture 4135)**

(BY-LAWS AND/OR
POLICIES)
(Issue #20151016004)

Resolution #BD20151022.1007

Moved By: Laureen Goodridge Second By: Kathleen McMillan

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and expedient to raise by loan the sum of 3,831,400.00 dollars on the credit of the said school division for the purpose of: Arthur A. Leach Modular Classrooms, Beaumont Exterior Wall, Dieppe Elevator/Roof, Laidlaw Steam Heating, Oak Park Science Rooms, South Pointe School.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 101, being a by-law of the Board of Trustees of the Pembina Trails School Division, for the purpose of borrowing the sum of 3,831,400.00 dollars and of issuing debentures therefor be given first reading.

Carried

**Policy JEA -
Compulsory
Attendance Ages**
(HUMAN RESOURCES
AND POLICY
COMMITTEE)
(Issue #20151013016)

Resolution #BD20151022.1008

Moved By: Gerry Melnyk Second By: David Johnson

THAT Policy JEA - Compulsory Attendance Ages be rescinded and that this be given second and third reading and passed.

Carried

**Divisional Action
Plan - Major
Initiatives**
(ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORTS)
(Issue #20151013017)

The Superintendent said that the Major Initiatives are submitted for approval as amended by Trustees in late August.

Resolution #BD20151022.1009

Moved By: Jaime Glenat Second By: Kathleen McMillan

THAT the Board approve the Major Initiatives Divisional Action Plan.

Carried

**Update on
Capital Projects**
(ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORTS)
(Issue #20151014010)

The Assistant Superintendent, Divisional Support Services, provided an update on Capital projects in the Division including the following:

- Ecole Dieppe elevator project and related renovations;
- Beaumont School east wing renovation;
- Vincent Massey Collegiate elevator project;
- Ecole South Pointe School.

In answering a question from D. Zuk, the Assistant Superintendent, Divisional Support Services, said that expected completion of the Ecole Dieppe elevator is sometime in December 2015, and explained the reasons for the lengthy duration of this project.

In answering a question from D. Zuk, the Assistant Superintendent, Divisional Support Services, said that he will arrange a tour of the South Pointe School for Trustees.

Resolution #BD20151022.1010

Moved By: David Johnson Second By: Julie Fisher

THAT the report on Capital Projects be received as information.

Carried

**Parent Advisory
Council Support**
(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20151015006)

The Superintendent provided a report on Divisional support for Parent Advisory Councils. He said that based on the request from the Minister regarding Budget, the 2015/16 Budget was approved without including this funding. He said that the Parent Advisory Councils were informed and no objections were expressed.

L. Goodridge asked about the value of the Manitoba Association of Parent Councils (MAPC). The Superintendent said that the response from schools regarding MAPC was limited. It was noted that, historically, there has been little interest in MAPC.

J. Glenat said that we might want to redirect the MAPC Membership fees to support the Division's Parent Advisory Councils directly, but only when requested by the Parent Advisory Councils.

Resolution #BD20151022.1011

Moved By: Dianne Zuk Second By: Laureen Goodridge

THAT the Board approve, for 2015/16, the Grant to the Parent Advisory Council in the amount of \$375 per school at an estimated cost of \$12,500 with payment based on written request to the Superintendent.

Carried

**Correspondence
for Information
Distribution List**

(CORRESPONDENCE
FOR INFORMATION
DISTRIBUTION LIST)
(Issue #20151005002)

The Assistant Superintendent, Student Services, said that a team will be attending the Student Services Administration Association of Manitoba (SSAAM) conference. Trustees D. Zuk and L. Goodridge will attend. E. Vickers will arrange for the registration of these two Trustees.

Resolution #BD20151022.1012

Moved By: Laureen Goodridge Second By: Jaime Glenat

THAT the Correspondence for Information Distribution List dated October 16, 2015, be received as information.

Carried

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

Resolution #BD20151022.1013

Moved By: Jaime Glenat Second By: Julie Fisher

THAT the Board move into Committee of the Whole.

Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer