

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON MARCH 22nd, 2012, COMMENCING AT 8:59 A.M.

PRESENT

CHERYL SMITH
JIM FIELDING
SHELLEY GRUNDBERG
PETER MILLER
KENDALL SEVERSON

ABSENT

DOUG BOWIE
REBECCA HEIBERG
NOREEN METZ
RICK JARRETT, Assistant Superintendent – Instruction

ALSO PRESENT

DR LARRY PAYNE, Superintendent of Schools
RAY BOSH, Assistant Superintendent – Student Services
IMOGENE WALSH, Assistant Superintendent – Business
DIANE HUTCHINSON, Communications Coordinator
SHIRLEY FAIRALL, Recording Secretary

C SMITH IN THE CHAIR

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:59 a.m.

APPROVAL OF CONTINUATION AGENDA

#27\12 P MILLER – That the continuation agenda be approved as presented with the following item:

7.4 NEW BUSINESS

Letter to the Honourable Thomas Lucaszuk, Minister of Education

CARRIED

LETTER TO THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION

#28\12 J FIELDING – That the Board of Trustees send a letter to the Honourable Thomas Lucaszuk, Minister of Education, requesting he confirm as soon as possible which year the funding reduction to the inclusive education funding allocation will take place.

CARRIED

CERTIFICATE FROM SEDGEWICK JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT COMPANY

Trustees received a letter, together with an Official Certificate of membership to their company, from the Junior Achievement Company of Sedgewick, 'Chameleon Cups', thanking them for the opportunity to present to the Board at their regular meeting of February 23rd, 2012 and for being the first purchasers of their product, heat changing cups.

ASBA SPRING GENERAL MEETING

Chair Smith brought to the Trustees' attention an outline of the ASBA Spring General Meeting Conference agenda and advised that on-line registration is now available.

MINISTER'S PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Honourable Thomas Lucaszuk, Minister of Education, has struck a council consisting of approximately 20 parents of different backgrounds to share information and solicit feedback on education priorities.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION FROM ASCA TO BASHAW SCHOOL COUNCIL

Bashaw School Council has received a Certificate of Recognition from the Alberta School Councils' Association for being a positive support to Bashaw School.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FEES

#29\12 K SEVERSON - That, for the 2012 - 2013 school year, the instructional materials fees be set as follows:

- a) for grades 1 - 9, \$50.00,
- b) for grades 10 - 12 students carrying a course load of 30+ credits (15+ credits per semester), \$100.00 (\$50.00 per semester), and includes charges for novels, workbooks and authorized CTS resources,
- c) for grades 10 - 12 students taking fewer than 30 credits (fewer than 15 credits per semester), \$3.50 per credit,

- d) that additional fees may be levied as necessary for the purchase of music, band instrument rental, the purchase of copyrighted material for drama, CTS project materials, and for materials needed by students registered in home economics and industrial arts courses;

That, for the 2012 - 2013 school year, for high school students with a full course load (30+ credits) who leave the Battle River Regional Division #31 during the school year, fees be refunded according to the following schedule:

September	\$90.00
October	\$80.00
November	\$70.00
December	\$60.00
January	\$50.00
February	\$40.00
March	\$30.00
April, May and June	\$ 0.00;

That, for students with a partial load (less than 30 credits) who leave the jurisdiction during the course of the school year, fees be reimbursed at a rate of 10% of their fee per month to March 31, 2013.

That, for the 2012 - 2013 school year, for elementary and junior high students who leave the Battle River Regional Division #31 during the school year, fees be refunded according to the following schedule:

September	\$45.00
October	\$40.00
November	\$35.00
December	\$30.00
January	\$25.00
February	\$20.00
March	\$15.00
April, May and June	\$ 0.00;

That, for the 2012 - 2013 school year, for high school students with a full course load (30+ credits), who enter the Battle River Regional Division #31 during the school year, fees be levied according to the following schedule:

September	\$100.00
October	\$ 90.00
November	\$ 80.00
December	\$ 70.00
January	\$ 60.00
February	\$ 50.00
March	\$ 40.00
April	\$ 30.00
May	\$ 20.00
June	\$ 10.00

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January	\$30.00
February	\$25.00
March	\$20.00
April	\$15.00
May	\$10.00
June	\$ 5.00

CARRIED

CAPITAL PLAN COMMITTEE

#30\12 K SEVERSON - That the Board of Trustees allocates the following amounts that must be expended by December 31st, 2012:

- \$7,500.00 to the Sifton Playground Project
- \$7,500.00 to the Rosalind Playground Project
- \$7,500.00 to the CW Sears Playground Project

CARRIED

ASBA ZONE 4 MEETING - CAMROSE

Chair Smith reported that the next ASBA Zone 4 meeting will be hosted by Battle River School Division on March 26th, 2012 at the Camrose Composite High School. Battle River School Division will showcase the CCHS Culinary Arts Program and the Science Leaders Program demonstrating the benefits available to students due to the partnership between BRSD and Science Alberta Foundation.

SCHOOL BASED THREE YEAR PLAN RESULTS REVIEW

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, reviewed a schedule of the upcoming School Based Three Year Plan Results Reviews which will take place on May 14th and 15th, 2012.

KEVIN CAMERON'S THREAT ASSESSMENT & TRAUMA RESPONSE

Trustee Grundberg reported on her attendance, along with Chair Smith, at Kevin Cameron's Threat Assessment and Trauma Response Conference on March 13th and 14th, 2012. Chair Smith and Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, acknowledged the excellent work done by Nancy McLeod, Director of Student Services, in hosting and coordinating this conference for Battle River School Division staff and representatives of local agencies.

Ms Donna Buelow and Ms Raylene Bateman, representatives of the Sedgewick Parent Graduation Society, joined the meeting at 9:29 a.m.

CENTRAL HIGH SEDGEWICK PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENT GROUP

Chair Smith welcomed Ms Buelow and Ms Bateman, and invited their presentation. The Central High Sedgewick Public School Graduation Society is seeking assistance with funding to invite an inspirational speaker to address the students of Central High Sedgewick Public and Allan Johnstone Schools on the destructiveness and danger of excessive use of alcohol.

Chair Smith and Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, thanked Ms Buelow and Ms Bateman for their presentation and commended them for taking a proactive approach to getting this important message to students.

Chair Smith, on behalf of the Trustees, has requested Administration to conduct further research.

Ms Buelow and Ms Bateman left the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Percy Roberts, Director of Operations and Maintenance, joined the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

#31\12 J FIELDING - That the Board of Trustees adopts the following priorities for the 2012 Alberta Education Capital Plan submission:

- 1) Alliance School Demolition
- 2) Bashaw School Modernization
- 3) Cornerstone Christian Academy Lease Funding
- 4) Sparling School Modernization.

CARRIED

Mr Roberts left the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

#32\12 K SEVERSON - That the Board of Trustees approves an extension to the date as stated in Motion #06\12 from February 29th, 2012 to April 16th, 2012 regarding the purchase of Edberg School. This request is outlined in the notification received from the Village of Edberg, which is attached to and forms a part of this motion.

CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 10:12 a.m. and reconvened at 10:28 a.m.

Maureen Parker, Director of Curriculum, joined the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Don Hoffman, Principal, Zenovia Lazaruik, Vice Principal, and Holli Mack, Kayla Nickel, and Jessica Meyernik, students of Tofield School, joined the meeting by video conference at 10:30 a.m.

AISI PRESENTATION – TOFIELD SCHOOL

Chair Smith welcomed Maureen Parker to the meeting together with Don Hoffman, Zenovia Lazaruik, Holli Mack, Kayla Nickel, and Jessica Meyernik through videoconference and invited their presentation.

Ms Hoffman described their school's journey from isolation to collaboration and the interdependent relationship that has grown between administrators, teachers, and students. Ms Mack, Ms Nickel, and Ms Meyernik discussed the impact this growth and alignment has had on their learning. This presentation was provided at the AISI Conference on February 13th and 14th, 2012 in Edmonton.

Mr Hoffman, Ms Lazaruik, Ms Mack, Ms Nickel, and Ms Meyernik signed off from the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

AISI UPDATE

Maureen Parker, Director of Curriculum provided an update on the AISI project. Battle River School Division has twenty five schools participating in the project and each school has an instructional focus that aligns with BRSD's Big Four: Assessment, Literacy, 21st Century Learning, and Welcoming and Caring.

Chair Smith thanked Ms Parker for the extensive work she has done in this area.

Ms Parker left the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

CASS \ ASBA ZONE 4 CREATING HEALTHY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

Chair Smith brought to the Trustees' attention the Zone 4 Creating Healthy School Communities Conference hosted by the College of Alberta School Superintendents, Alberta School Boards Association, and Alberta Health Services on April 30th, 2012 in Red Deer.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Candidate Forums

Chair Smith advised that Battle River School Division in correlation with Alberta Teachers' Association and the Camrose Chamber of Commerce will be hosting Candidate Forums with MLA candidates. These meetings have been tentatively scheduled for April 13th or 18th, 2012. Education questions will address the following:

1. What are effective ways to demonstrate to parents, taxpayers and Albertans how the public education system is doing?
2. How can Alberta improve on its graduation rates?
3. How and who should make decisions about where schools are built and or repaired in Alberta?
4. What must change about Alberta's school system to meet the needs of all students?

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

CCHS Principal Interviews

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, informed Trustees that the second round of interviews is being scheduled for the short listed candidates applying for the position of Principal of Camrose Composite High School.

Current Student Enrollment

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, presented the current student enrollment as of March 1st, 2012. The total number of students has decreased by 43 since the enrollment count at September 1st, 2012.

Growing to Greatness

Trustees, together with Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, shared their reflections of the Growing To Greatness meeting held on March 20th, 2012 at Chester Ronning School in Camrose.

Cornerstone Christian Academy

Chair Smith, Trustee Grundberg, Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, and Imogene Walsh, Assistant Superintendent – Business, reported on their meeting with Cornerstone Christian Academy on March 20th, 2012 in BRSD Division Office.

Leadership Academy

Chair Smith, Trustee Grundberg, and Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, reported on their attendance at the final Leadership Academy for this school year 2011 – 2012.

Dr Payne commended the work of Mr Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent – Instruction, Ms Maureen Parker, Director of Curriculum, Ms Nancy McLeod, Director of Student Services, Ms Kathryn Graff, Manager of Intervention Services, and Mr Ken Robitaille, Director of Technology, for their success in providing the Leadership Academy.

ADJOURNMENT

All items of business being complete and there being no dissent, Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

CHERYL SMITH, CHAIR

IMOGENE WALSH, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT – BUSINESS

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