

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON June 18, 2009, COMMENCING AT 9:28 A.M.

PRESENT

REBECCA HEIBERG
PETER MILLER
KEN OFFORD (joined the meeting at 9:54 a.m.)
VICTOR PETRUK
KENDALL SEVERSON
CHERYL SMITH
HAMEED SYED
PATRICIA ZENIUK

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

DR LARRY PAYNE, Superintendent of Schools
RAY BOSH, Deputy Superintendent
BILL SCHULTE, Assistant Superintendent (Business)
DIANE HUTCHINSON, Communications Officer
SHIRLEY FAIRALL, Recording Secretary

C. SMITH IN THE CHAIR

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 9:28 a.m. The meeting opened with the Trustees viewing a DVD titled '*Challenge Day*'.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

#79\09 H SYED – That the continuation agenda be approved as presented with the addition of 7.12 Family School Liaison Workers – Staff Increase.

CARRIED

Todd Markowsky, CCHS counselor and teacher, Angel Sterling, Josh Millang, Jilisa Krushel, PJ Bailey, Jesse Tollefson, and Adam Kuntz, Grade 11 students of the Camrose Composite High School, joined the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

CHALLENGE DAY

Chair Smith welcomed the Challenge Day group participants and shared her enthusiasm for this initiative. Challenge Day is a program designed as a catalyst to create positive change in schools and communities. Mr Markowsky provided an overview of the Challenge Day workshop and how the idea originated to host a workshop at CCHS. The students shared their views on the workshop and the positive influence participation has made on them personally.

Mr Markowsky, Ms Sterling, Mr Millang, Ms Krushel, Mr Bailey, Mr Tollefson, and Mr Kuntz left the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

Imogene Walsh, Treasurer, joined the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (10:22 a.m.)

#80\09 P MILLER - That the regular meeting recess to permit the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Trustees, Superintendent of Schools Payne, Deputy Superintendent Bosh, Assistant Superintendent (Business) Schulte, Communications Officer Hutchinson, Treasurer Imogene Walsh and Recording Secretary Fairall be excluded.

CARRIED

Ms Walsh left the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

The in-camera session recessed at 12:05 p.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 12:05 p.m.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 12:07 p.m. and reconvened at 1:33 p.m.

Joannie Zimmer, Division Principal, joined the meeting at 1:34 pm

LITERACY \ NUMERACY PROGRAM

Chair Smith welcomed Ms Zimmer and invited her presentation. Ms Zimmer provided an update on the progress of the Literacy \ Numeracy Program with a focus on the advancement in the assessment and coaching area.

Dr Payne expressed his thanks and appreciation to Ms Zimmer for her extensive work on the Literacy \ Numeracy Program.

Chair Smith thanked Ms Zimmer for her leading role and the progress made on this important program.

Ms Zimmer left the meeting at 1:49 p.m.

Maureen Parker, Director of Curriculum, joined the meeting 1:51 p.m.

LEARNING INSTITUTE

Ms Parker provided an update on the format and estimated cost of the Learning Institute for Battle River School Division employees scheduled for August 27th and 28th, 2009. Day 1 will be held at the Viking Carena Complex and Day 2 will consist of individual sessions at various schools throughout the Division. The theme for this year's Learning Institute is 'Pathways to Student Success'.

Ms Hutchinson and Ms Parker presented a short video clip of interviews with various staff members which will be formally presented at the Learning Institute.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES POLICY

#81\09 R HEIBERG - That the Board of Trustees approves Policy 21 'Healthy School Communities and Workplaces' as presented.

CARRIED

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

Ms Parker distributed to the Trustees a draft of the Healthy Lifestyles Administrative Procedure that will be introduced with the Policy at the Learning Institute in August 2009.

Ms Parker left the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

PACE OUTREACH MONITORING

Dr Payne presented a copy of the audit review on PACE Outreach prepared by Marliss Meyer of Alberta Education. The document provided strong commendations on the positive strength of the outreach program and facility, and recommendations for improvement.

PACE OUTREACH GRADUATION

Chair Smith and Dr Payne attended the PACE graduation ceremony at 5:00 p.m. and banquet at 6:30 p.m. on June 12th, 2009. Chair Smith commended PACE on the display of protocol and etiquette displayed by staff and students at this graduation.

READING UNIVERSITY

#82\09 H SYED – That the Board of Trustees approves a commitment of \$7,000 in support of the Reading University Program from current year innovations funds.

CARRIED

SIFTON WIRELESS INSTALL

#83\09 V PETRUK - That the Board of Trustees approves up to \$35,000 support, from current year instructional operations, for the install of wireless networking and a portable computing lab for École Sifton School.

CARRIED

EDUCATION GOVERNANCE SURVEY

The Trustees reviewed their position on providing input to the role of school boards in the education governance model. Chair Smith will reply to Heather Welwood, President of ASBA, on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 2:51 p.m. and reconvened at 3:07 p.m.

SATISFACTION SURVEY – BOARD QUESTIONS

Chair Smith provided a copy of the results of the Parent Satisfaction Survey from 2008 – 2009. The Trustees were asked to review the document and consider relevant visionary questions they would want to be included in the survey for the 2009 – 2010 school year.

FAMILY SCHOOL LIAISON WORKERS – STAFF INCREASE

#84\09 H SYED – That effective September 1, 2009, the Board of Trustees approves a 4.8% increase for the Family School Liaison Workers, plus an annual health spending account of \$400.00 per person.

CARRIED

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

IMR \ School Capital Lists

#85\09 V PETRUK - That the Board adopts the 2009 \ 2010 IMR Block Funding and School Capital report as presented, and further that this report be attached to, and form a part of, these minutes.

CARRIED

LETTER FROM JACKIE SWAINSON

Chair Smith brought the Board's attention to a letter received from Jackie Swainson, Director of ASBA Board, thanking the Trustees for their input to the recent survey on high school completion rates.

Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent (Planning\System Improvement) joined the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

THREE YEAR PLAN

#86\09 K OFFORD - That the Board approves the Three Year Plan for 2009 \ 2010 and 2011 \ 2012 as presented.

CARRIED

Mr Jarrett left the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Smith thanked the Board of Trustees and staff of the Battle River School Division for their hard work throughout this year.

All items of business being complete and there being no dissent, Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

CHERYL SMITH, CHAIR

WILLIAM SCHULTE, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT (BUSINESS)

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