

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE PRAIRIE SOUTH SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 210 BOARD OF EDUCATION held at Central Office, 15 Thatcher Drive East, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan on February 7, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Attendance:

Ms. C. Christopherson-Cote; Mr. S. Davidson; Mr. R. Gleim; Ms. J. Jelinski; Mr. A. Kessler; Mrs. J. McMaster; Mr. G. Stewart; Mr. B. Swanson; J. Finell, Director of Education; B. Girardin, Superintendent of Business and Operations; R. Boughen, Superintendent of Human

Standing Committees:

Higher Literacy & Achievement

- Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the Comprehensive Learning framework (CLf) have been posted to the Prairie South intranet for vetting and input by Prairie South teachers and administrators.
- A mid-year review is currently being done for each school's Learning Improvement Plans (LIPs) by our Superintendents of Operations. LIP plans are created by school administrators annually indicating one academic and one support goal. Staff and SCCs are involved, and teachers work on the goals throughout the school year.
- Learning Improvement Teams (LITs) started January 9 in our nine CLf pilot schools. Each school has several LITs with their school. A focus in math, reading or writing is chosen for improving student achievement. A team of four learning support staff is also in the schools to address student learning and support the LIT process.

Equitable Opportunities

- No report given.

Smooth Transitions

- The committee followed up on the John Chisholm Alternate Program that is working very hard, and is successful, in keeping at-risk students engaged and connected with school.
- Lafleche and Lindale schools have been identified as potential locations to establish new prek programs. Some work is required to meeting prek classroom guidelines; however, the key consideration is sustainability of the program. There are currently 12 prek programs that are funded by Prairie South and 8 prek programs funded by the province.
- The second draft of an attendance policy for Prairie South was discussed and is currently being reviewed by administrators.

Strong System-Wide Accountability and Governance

- The committee presented the draft of an innovation fund for discussion to the board to spend some of the division's surplus money.
- The committee also has several policies under review that will be brought forward once sufficient information is available.
- The 5 Year Capital Plan was also presented to the board at this meeting.

Advocacy and Networking

- Meeting with Ministry regarding the Funding Distribution Model.

Rural Catchment Review

- As this is a newly struck committee, a draft of guiding principles was prepared for review by the board.

Adhoc Committees:

South Hill

- Riverview, Westmount and Empire have a variety of activities planned for the second semester. One of the highlights is a Wildlife Expo on February 29 – 300 students will be attending.

Annual General Meeting of Electors Improvement

- The Annual General Meeting of Electors will be held at Riverview Collegiate and SCCs have received a package outlining their involvement. Neal Hughes will be the guest speaker. Childcare will be provided and beef on a bun will be served. RSVPs are being requested.

Notice of Motions

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That Prairie South School Division administration develop a policy for presentation to the Board whereby Prairie South School Division schools can receive seed