

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 August 14, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Attendance: Ms. C. Christopherson-Cote; Mr. D. Crabbe; Mr. S. Davidson; Mr. R. Gleim; Ms. J. Jelinski; Mr. A. Kessler; Mrs. J. McMaster; Mr. G. Stewart; Mr. B. Swanson; Mr. L. Young; J. Finell, Director of Education; B. Girardin, Superintendent of Business and Operations; L. Meyer, Superintendent of Learning; R. Boughen, Superintendent of Human Resources; B. Compton, Superintendent of School Operations; D. Huschi, Superintendent of School Operations; K. Novak, Superintendent of School Operations; D. Briggs, Communications Co-ordinator; H. Boese, Executive Assistant

Motions:

08/14/12 – 1744 That the meeting be called to order at 10:35 a.m. Carried
- Christopherson-Cote

08/14/12 – 1745 The following items were added to the agenda: Carried
6.1 Substitute Usage Report
That the Board adopt the agenda as amended.
- McMaster

Committee Reports

Standing Committees:

Higher Literacy & Achievement

The committee will share the results at a future board meeting of the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) student survey that was completed in the spring.

Equitable Opportunities

The coordinator position for the Practical and Applied Arts Rural Enhancement Program has been filled.

Smooth Transitions

Most of the programs are full or near full, and some have waiting lists.

The committee is examining the impact of the positive news that the Education Act has been opened up to include Prekindergarten and what this means to the school division.

There is a sub-committee in place to look at the transition from grade 8 into high school and how to improve the process for our students.

The Ministry has invited Central Butte to be a pilot school for a possible Prekindergarten and Kindergarten program. We are unsure what the details will be, but the committee will follow up at a future board meeting.

Strong System-Wide Accountability and Governance

No report given.

Advocacy and Networking

Colleen Christopherson-Cote and Jeff Finell met with MLA Greg Lawrence and Warren Michelson prior to a caucus meeting to discuss Prekindergarten, Early Learning, the new funding model and capital issues. The meeting was a step towards building and maintaining a positive working relationship with our MLA's.

Rural Catchment Review

No report given.

Marketing Advisory

Commend Darby for the package she put together for the meeting. The Marketing Advisory Committee is a new committee that will focus on strengthening the Prairie South brand and creating a clear Division identity that instills trust, confidence and familiarity in who we are and what we do.

The MLA buddy program will be re-instated in the fall with the new Board, and will take into consideration any boundary changes that will be passed in the near future.

Adhoc Committees:

South Hill

Darrell Crabbe reported on the progress and work by the committee since its establishment in 2010, mentioning that the Central Administrative Council (CAC) was a resource that could be utilized more effectively for future endeavours.

Planning for the next AGM will begin with the new board in the fall.

Shawn Davidson arrived at 11:28 a.m.

Notice of Motions

08/14/12 – 1752 That CAC develop recommendations for consideration by the Prairie South Board of Education on options to increase enrollments to the South Hill Schools. These recommendations should include, but not be limited to, program relocation, changes to catchment areas, bussing, new initiatives, etc.

- Crabbe

08/14/12 – 1753 That CAC prepare a presentation regarding the delivery/ implementation strategies around multi-grade classrooms.

- Christopherson-Cote

Inquiries

What research or data exists to support guidelines for length of bus rides for Kindergarten to Grade 3 students as it relates to learning outcomes?

- Christopherson-Cote

What is the detailed breakdown for Recognition of Service days paid out for the 2011-2012 school year? i.e. How many were for ½ day, 1 day, 1 ½ days, 2 days up to 4 days.

- Swanson

Adjournment

08/14/12 – 1754 That the meeting be adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Carried

- Stewart

C-.r the 2011-2012 school