



ST. JAMES-ASSINIBOIA SCHOOL DIVISION

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the St. James-Assiniboia School Division Board of Trustees

Tuesday, October 24, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

*Held in the Board Room of the Aidan Conklin Building
2574 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg*

Meeting No.: 16-17

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PRESENT:

Craig McGregor	Trustee
Cheryl Smukowich	Trustee
Bruce Chegus	Trustee
Ed Hume	Trustee
Craig Johnson	Trustee
Jennifer Lawson	Trustee
Sandy Lethbridge	Trustee
John Mulligan	Trustee
Peter Woods	Trustee

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Brett Lough	Chief Superintendent
Mike Friesen	Secretary-Treasurer / Chief Financial Officer
Mike Wake	Assistant Superintendent, Education (6-12) and Administration
Bernice Kitsch	Senior Executive Assistant
Jen Cameron	Information Officer

CALL TO ORDER / RECESS TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN-CAMERA

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Attendance –recorded above.

16-01-17 MOVED: Trustee Craig Johnson
"That the Board recess to Committee of the Whole In-Camera."

CARRIED

RETURN TO REGULAR BOARD MEETING - 7:38 p.m.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES – PREVIOUS MEETING

16-02-17 MOVED: Trustee Craig Johnson
"That the minutes of the Board Meeting of October 10, 2017 be adopted."

CARRIED

REPORT ON EDUCATION**Increasing Inclusivity in Our Schools**

Presented by: Dr. Abdulrehman, Director Psychology Manitoba and an assistant professor with the Department of Clinical Health Psychology, in the College of Medicine, Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Manitoba

Dr. Abdulrehman presented the psychology on improving diversity and inclusion, which have positive impacts on student, and society. He reviewed the research and the choices made in building societal social infrastructures and the impact on the development of young minds, their mental health whether they are from a culture diverse group or not. Recommendations were also provided as to how to improve inclusivity in our schools. Trustees interacted by asking and getting clarification on the many topics raised during the presentation.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS

No Delegations Registered

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EDUCATION COMMITTEE 2-17-18

Meeting held October 16, 2017

Committee Chair: Jennifer Lawson

1. Attendance – for information
2. Approval of agenda
3.
 - Manitoba Education and Training – Tell Them From Me Survey
 - Student Achievement and Agile Leadership Support Update
 - Continuing Education Program and International Student Program for 2016-2017
 - CSBA 2017 Conference Report – July 5-8, 2017

16-03-17 MOVED: Trustee Jennifer Lawson

“That the following agenda items be received as information.”

CARRIED

CONCLUDED: Report of the Education Committee

FILED

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE 07-17

Meeting held October 17, 2017

Committee Chair: Sandy Lethbridge

1. Attendance – for information
2. Approval of agenda
3. MANTE Newsletter Fall 2017

16-04-17 MOVED: Trustee Sandy Lethbridge

“That the MANTE Newsletter of Fall, 2017 be received as information.”

CARRIED

4. Class Size Policy

16-05-17 MOVED: Trustee Sandy Lethbridge

“That the Class Size data and regulations be received as information;
And further,
That the Class Size data and regulations be referred to the Education
Committee for further review and discussion.”

CARRIED

5. Personnel Report to the Board

16-06-17 MOVED: Trustee Sandy Lethbridge

“That the Personnel Report to the Board be received as information.”

CARRIED

CONCLUDED: Report of the Personnel Committee

FILED

REPORT OF THE CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT

Brett Lough, Chief Superintendent

Report 16-17

FOR ACTION

1. Extended Field Trip Proposal – Westwood Collegiate

16-07-17 MOVED: Trustee Cheryl Smukowich

“That the Board approve the extended field trip proposal from Westwood Collegiate for Grade 9 to 12 students to travel to Germany, Czech Republic and Poland on March 20-30, 2019; with the understanding that the Chief Superintendent monitors each out of country trip with due diligence and that these trips are subject to cancellation following a negative travel advisory from Foreign Affairs and International Trade or other applicable government agencies or other emergent situations. The St. James-Assiniboia School Division will not incur any reimbursement costs as a result of any cancellation. This is above and beyond any consultation protocols with the Division-tendered tour companies/agencies.”

CARRIED

2. Continuing Education Online Learning

16-08-17 MOVED: Trustee Cheryl Smukowich

“That the Board of Trustees approve the Continuing Education Online Learning for the 2017-18 school year.”

CARRIED

3. Divisional Choir Fall Concert – November 2, 2017

Trustee Sandy Lethbridge will bring greetings at the Divisional Choir Fall Concert on Thursday, November 2, 2017.

FOR INFORMATION

1. Board Actions and Referrals

2. Administration Committees and Assignments

3. Good News – Physical and Health Educators Manitoba Awards

16-09-17 MOVED: Trustee Craig Johnson

“That the Board send a letter, over the signature of the Board Chair, congratulating:

- Ashley Van Aggelen, teacher at St. James Collegiate, on receiving the Stu Sieme Award. This award is presented to a school with an exemplary outdoor education program.
- Bryan Vermeylen, teacher at École Robert Browning, on receiving the PHE MB Early Years Award. This award honours physical educators who have shown outstanding leadership and dedication to the promotion of physical education in the province of Manitoba.
- Brooklands School on receiving the Golden Apple Award. This award honours an outstanding school who has demonstrated a commitment in programming, resources and support of Healthy School initiatives, programs and events.”

CARRIED

CONCLUDED: Report of the Chief Superintendent

FILED

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER / CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Mike Friesen, Secretary-Treasurer / Chief Financial Officer

Report 16-17

FOR ACTION

1. Debenture By-Law 282-17

Trustee Cheryl Smukowich provided notice that Debenture By-Law 282-17 shall be given first reading at the Board Meeting of November 14, 2017.

CARRIED

2. Financial Statement – September 30, 2017

16-10-17 MOVED: Trustee Craig Johnson

“That item #2 be referred to the Finance/Facilities Committee.”

CARRIED

3. Employee Request on Benefits

16-11-17 MOVED: Trustee Sandy Lethbridge

“That item #3 be referred to the Personnel Committee.”

CARRIED

FOR INFORMATION

1. Cheque Registers
 - a) October 5, 2017 (INP Payroll Clearing)
 - b) October 6, 2017
 - c) October 10, 2017
 - d) October 16, 2017
2. Permit Report – October 19, 2017

CONCLUDED: Report of the Secretary-Treasurer / Chief Financial Officer

FILED

CORRESPONDENCE

Action Correspondence

No items for action

Information Correspondence

No information correspondence

CONCLUDED: Correspondence

FILED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

No unfinished business items

AGENDA-BASED QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

S. Nemeth, Vice Chair Louis Riel S.D. commended the Board for the outstanding presentation provided by Dr. Abdulrehman, and she felt that each school division should be having the same conversation.

Ms Nameth asked a question from the Personnel Committee minutes on the Class Size Policy discussion. Trustee Sandy Lethbridge and Trustee Jennifer Lawson explained that they are reviewing the class size policy considering the recent change from Manitoba Education and Training.

TRUSTEE PD SUMMARIES

16-12-17

MOVED: Trustee Ed Hume

“That the Outdoor Learning Workshop Report – October 19, 2017 be referred to the Education Committee for review.”

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

No new business items

RECESS TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN-CAMERA – 9:14 p.m.

16-13-17

MOVED: Trustee Craig Johnson

“That the Board recess to Committee of the Whole In-Camera.”

CARRIED

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN-CAMERA – 10:32 pm

There was no report of the Committee of the Whole

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Trustee Craig Johnson, the regular board meeting adjourned at 10:33 p.m.

Craig McGregor
Chair of the Board

Brett Lough
Chief Superintendent