



ST. JAMES-ASSINIBOIA SCHOOL DIVISION

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

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

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

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Meeting No.: 17-15

PRESENT:

Craig McGregor	Chair
Cheryl Smukowich	Vice-Chair
Ed Hume	Trustee
Craig Johnson	Trustee
Scott Johnston	Trustee
Jennifer Lawson	Trustee
Sandy Lethbridge	Trustee
John Mulligan	Trustee

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Brett Lough	Acting Chief Superintendent
Mike Friesen	Secretary-Treasurer / Chief Financial Officer
Mike Wake	Acting Assistant Superintendent, Administration
Cindy Labaty	Manager Human Resources
Bernice Kitsch	Executive Assistant
Jennifer Cameron	Information Officer

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

Bruce Chegus	Trustee
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CALL TO ORDER / ATTENDANCE

The Board Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Attendance – recorded above.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

17-01-15

MOVED - Trustee Craig Johnson:

"That the minutes of the Board Meeting of September 22, 2015 be adopted."

CARRIED

REPORT ON EDUCATION

Divisional Team – Canada Wide Science Fair

Presented by: Jason Braun and Grant Fisher-Smith with students Noah D., Shana M., Justice C., Jordan B.

The presentation highlighted the Divisional participation at the Canada Wide Science Fair in Fredericton, New Brunswick. The students outlined their award-winning projects ranging from investigating how a variety of foods affect blood glucose Levels, determining which length of wind turbine blade generated the most electricity and the physics of sweeping curling rocks.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS

No delegations registered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 01-15

Meeting held September 21, 2015 (Appendix A)

Committee Chair: Jennifer Lawson

1. Attendance – for information
2. Approval of agenda
3. Policy Revisions

17-02-15 MOVED - Trustee Jennifer Lawson:

“That the revisions to regulations GBEF-R Employee Use of Technology and Electronic Communication and IJNDC-R Use of Information Technologies Student be reviewed further with Administration with attention given to clarity for parents and students on the permission forms; And further,

That exhibits DJAC-R iTunes Store Use and IJNDC-E-3 iPad School Use Guidelines be received as information;

And further,

That policy IJNDC Student Use of Information Technologies and Electronic Communication be approved;

And further,

That exhibits IJNDC-E-4 Home Use Agreement and IJNDC-E-5 iPad

Caution Fee Guideline be archived.”

CARRIED

4. IBM Year 2 Analysis and Recommendations for Digital Learning Initiative Motion

17-03-15 MOVED - Trustee Jennifer Lawson

“That the IBM Consultants be invited to present the IBM Year 2 Analysis and Recommendations for discussion.”

CARRIED

Information Items

17-04-15 MOVED - Trustee Jennifer Lawson:

“That the following items be received as information:

- English Language Arts Three Year Pilot
- Digital Native – Myth or Reality
- French Milieu School
- Religious Instruction”

CARRIED

5. Next Education Committee Meeting

17-05-15 MOVED - Trustee Jennifer Lawson:

“That the following remaining agenda items will be deferred to the next Education Committee meeting:

- OECD Report – Students, Computers and Learning – Making the Connection (PISA)
- Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report”

CARRIED

CONCLUDED: Report of the Education Committee 01-15

FILED

FINANCE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE – 10-15

Meeting held October 8, 2015 (Appendix B)

Committee Chair: Craig Johnson

1. Attendance – for information
2. Approval of agenda

3. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

17-06-15 MOVED - Trustee Craig Johnson:

“That the 2014/2015 Audit Report presented by PricewaterhouseCoopers be accepted as information; and further, That the Draft 2014/2015 Financial Statements be approved, And further, That the 2014/2015 FRAME Statements be forwarded to the Public Schools Finance Branch, and further, That the Administration handout on Accumulated Surplus be received as information.”

CARRIED

4. Policies and Regulations

17-07-15

MOVED - Trustee Craig Johnson:

“That the amendments to Regulation GDMB-R MANTE Staff Training Program be received as information.

CARRIED

5. Public Schools Finance Board Correspondence

17-08-15

MOVED - Trustee Craig Johnson:

“That the PSFB correspondence re: Lakewood School Child Care Renovation (Windows) Revised Project support be received as information.”

CARRIED

6. Financial Statement - August 31, 2015

17-09-15

MOVED - Trustee Craig Johnson:

“That the Financial Statement for the period ending August 31, 2015 be received as information.”

CARRIED

7. Bright Beginnings Educare Inc.

17-10-15

MOVED - Trustee Craig Johnson:

“That the request from Bright Beginnings Educare to have a shed on the property at Phoenix School be declined at this time.”

CARRIED

8. Lakewood Children’s Centre Inc.

17-11-15

MOVED - Trustee Craig Johnson:

“That the Lakewood Children’s Centre be approved temporary use of the Reading Recovery room at Lakewood School until June 30, 2016.

And further,

That Administration prepare a letter of understanding for Lakewood Children’s Centre specifying the terms and conditions for the temporary use of the Reading Recovery room at Lakewood.”

CARRIED

9. Westwood Community Child Care Inc.

17-12-15

MOVED - Trustee Craig Johnson:

“That the leasehold improvement request from Westwood Community Child Care Inc. be approved;

And further,

That the work be done by qualified tradespersons,

And further,

That there is no cost to the Division.”

CARRIED

10. Grace Hospital Emergency Department Entrance Concerns

17-13-15

MOVED - Trustee Craig Johnson:

“That further correspondence over the signature of the Chair of the Board be forwarded to Honourable Sharon Blady, Minister of Health, requesting that the Minister meet with the Board on traffic

safety concerns resulting from the proposed Grade Hospital Emergency Department relocation.”

CARRIED

CONCLUDED: Report of the Finance/Facilities Committee 10-15

FILED

REPORT OF THE ACTING CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT

Brett Lough, Acting Chief Superintended

Report 17-15

FOR ACTION

1. Continuing Education Program/International Program Reports

17-14-15 MOVED - Trustee Jennifer Lawson:

“That the Continuing Education Program/International Program Reports be referred to the Education Committee for review.”

CARRIED

2. Invitation – SJATA Meet and Greet Reception

17-15-15 MOVED - Trustee Cheryl Smukowich:

“That the discussion re: Date for SJATA Meet and Greet Reception be referred to Committee of the Whole In-Camera at this evening’s meeting.”

CARRIED

3. Extended Field Trip Proposal – Westwood Collegiate

17-16-15 MOVED - Trustee Cheryl Smukowich:

“That the Board approve the extended field trip proposal from Westwood Collegiate for the Grade 10-12 students to travel to Minneapolis, Minnesota on April 19 – April 22, 2016; with the understanding that the Acting Chief Superintendent will monitor the trip with due diligence and that the trip be subject to cancellation following a negative travel advisory from Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada or other applicable government agencies.”

CARRIED

FOR INFORMATION

1. Board Actions and Referrals
2. School Concerts/Plays/Dramas/Musical and Band Events 2015-2016
3. The Winnipeg Police Service CopShop
4. New School Resource Officer
5. Manitoba Education – Manitoba’s Celebration of Excellence in Teaching

CONCLUDED: Report of the Acting Chief Superintendent

FILED

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER / CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Mike Friesen, Secretary-Treasurer / Chief Financial Officer

Report 17-15

FOR ACTION

1. Financial Statement – September 30, 2015

17-17-15**MOVED - Trustee Craig Johnson:**

“That the financial statement for the period ended September 30, 2015 be referred to the Finance/Facilities Committee.”

CARRIED**FOR INFORMATION**

1. Cheque Registers
 - a) September 23, 2015 (INP Payroll Clearing)
 - b) September 23, 2015
 - c) September 30, 2015 (INP Clearing)
 - d) September 30, 2015
 - e) October 1, 2015 (US Bank)
 - f) October 6, 2015 (INP Payroll Clearing)
 - g) October 7, 2015
2. Permit Report – October 8, 2015
3. Tender Award Summary – October 5, 2015

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

FILED

CORRESPONDENCE

Action Correspondence

1. Letter from Parent re: French Milieu Proposal; email acknowledgement from Board Chair

17-18-15**MOVED – Trustee Jennifer Lawson:**

“That the email from the concerned parent re: French Milieu proposal and letter from the resident re: reorganization of middle schools and Board policy KC be referred to the Education Committee for review.”

CARRIED

2. Letter from Resident re: reorganization of middle schools and Board policy KC

17-19-15**MOVED – Trustee Jennifer Lawson:**

“That the email from the concerned parent re: French Milieu proposal and letter from the resident re: reorganization of middle schools and Board policy KC be referred to the Education Committee for review.”

CARRIED

3. Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) providing 2015 Fall Regional Meeting agenda packages for meeting Saturday, October 31, 2015

Administration and Trustees to advise B. Kitsch by October 16, 2015 if planning to attend.

Information Correspondence

1. Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA):
 - a. MSBA e-bulletin September 23, 2015
 - b. Manitoba Education Research Network (MERN) Bear Pit Session hosted by Manitoba Metis Federation, October 16, 2015
 - c. MERN Fall 2015 Forum Regenerative Leadership in Education, November 20, 2015 Call for Presentations
 - d. Elections Manitoba Citizen Next.Ca Video Challenge for Manitoba Grades 7-12 classes
2. J. Saxby, Administrator, City of Winnipeg Cemeteries Branch re: Remembrance tours offered at Brookside Cemetery
3. M. Glimcher, Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association October update
4. Hon. James Allum, Minister of Education and Advanced Learning re: Respect in Schools curriculum training
5. Letter of Thanks, Finn Johnson, Band/Choir Director, GWMS/St. James Collegiate

17-20-15

MOVED: Trustee Jennifer Lawson:

“That a letter of appreciation be sent to Finn Johnson, Director of the band and choral programs at George Waters Middle School and St. James Collegiate, for his role in building quality band programming and the growth of the Senior Jazz Ensemble.”

CARRIED

CONCLUDED: Information Correspondence

FILED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

- First Reading – By-Law 263-15 – Board Member Compensation and Expenses (Trustee Indemnity)

17-21-15 MOVED – Trustee Cheryl Smukowich:
“That first reading of By-Law 263-15 be given.”

CARRIED

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee John Mulligan:

- **Motion re: Consideration of Magnet Schools**
- **Motion re: Consideration of Transportation for Divisional French Immersion Programs**

TABLING MOTION:

17-22-15 MOVED - Trustee John Mulligan:
“That the motions requesting the Education Committee to consider establishing Hedges Middle School and John Taylor Collegiate as magnet schools and the motion requesting the Board to examine point to point transportation for Divisional French Immersion Programs be laid on the table.”

CARRIED

RECESS TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN CAMERA – 8:50 P.M.

17-23-15 MOVED: Trustee Craig Johnson:
“That the Board recess to Committee of the Whole In-Camera.”

CARRIED

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN CAMERA – 10:47 P.M.

17-24-15 MOVED: Trustee Sandy Lethbridge:
“That the Board approve the changes to the collective agreement between the St. James-Assiniboia School Division and the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 744 for the period March 1, 2015 to February 28,

2019; and that the Division signing officers be authorized to execute the agreement.”

CARRIED

17-25-15 MOVED: Trustee Sandy Lethbridge:

“That the MSBA Confidential Collective Bargaining Update dated October 7, 2015 be referred to the Personnel Committee.”

CARRIED

17-26-15 MOVED: Trustee Sandy Lethbridge:

“That the MSBA Confidential Salary Bulletins be referred to the Personnel Committee.”

CARRIED

17-27-15 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Trustee Craig Johnson, the regular board meeting adjourned at 10:49 P.M.

Craig McGregor
Chair of the Board

Brett Lough
Acting Chief Superintendent