

ST. JAMES-ASSINIBOIA SCHOOL DIVISION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the St. James-Assiniboia School Division Board
Held in the Board Room of the
Aidan Conklin Building, 2574 Portage Avenue
Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Meeting No. 16-11

PRESENT:

Chair: Bruce Chegus
Vice Chair: Craig McGregor

Trustees: Ed Hume
Craig Johnson
Scott Johnston
Jennifer Lawson
Sandy Lethbridge
Bryan Metcalfe
Cheryl Smukowich

Ron Weston, Chief Superintendent
Mike Friesen, Secretary-Treasurer
Brett Lough, Assistant Superintendent Administration, Planning and Research
Greg Mutter, Assistant Superintendent Personnel and Human Resources
Mari-Jean Nachtigall, Senior Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER / ATTENDANCE – 7:30 p.m.

Attendance - recorded above.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

16-01-11 MOVED: Trustee Jennifer Lawson:
"That the minutes of the Board Meeting of September 27, 2011 be adopted."

CARRIED

REPORT ON EDUCATION

Linwood School – Team Approach to Literacy Support

Presented by:

Kelsey McDonald, Principal, and staff members Georgi Aremu, Kim Turner,
Kathy Jones, and Cathy Breckman

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations registered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Meeting held October 6, 2011 (Appendix A)

Committee Chair: Scott Johnston, Trustee

1. Call to Order/Attendance – noted
2. Approval of Agenda – noted

3. Lake St. Martin Lease

16-02-11

MOVED: Trustee Scott Johnston:

“That the draft Lease Agreement between St. James-Assiniboia School Division and Lake St. Martin First Nation be received as information.”

CARRIED

CONCLUDED: Report of the Finance/Facilities Committee No. 09-11

FILED

RETIREMENT PLAN COMMITTEE

Meeting held September 29, 2011 (Appendix B)

Committee Chair: Trustee Bryan Metcalfe

Trustee Metcalfe reviewed the Retirement Plan Committee Report for trustees' information.

CONCLUDED: Report of the Retirement Plan Committee

FILED

REPORT OF THE CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT

Ron Weston, Chief Superintendent

Report 16-11 (Appendix C)

FOR ACTION

1. Continuing Education/International Student Programs Report

16-03-11

MOVED: Trustee Jennifer Lawson:

“That the Continuing Education/International Student Programs Report 2010/2011 be referred to the Education Committee for review.”

CARRIED

2. Extended Field Trip Proposal – Westwood Collegiate

16-04-11

MOVED: Trustee Cheryl Smukowich:

“That the Board approve the extended field trip proposal from Westwood Collegiate for the Grade 11 students to attend the Science Educational Tour in Costa Rica on Spring Break 2013; with the understanding that the 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

3. Divisional Choir Fall Concert – November 3, 2011

Bruce Chegus, Chair of the Board, will attend and bring greetings from the Board.

FOR INFORMATION

1. Board Actions and Referrals
2. PowerSchool Parent and Student Portal
3. MSIP – Grant for school improvement
4. Memo Update – Holiday celebrations in Schools
5. Out of Country Extended Field Trip Procedures & Supervision

CONCLUDED: Report of the Superintendent No. 16-11

FILED

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Mike Friesen, Secretary-Treasurer

Report 16-11 (Appendix D)

ACTION

1. Discovery Children's Centre/Horizons Children's Centre

16-05-11

MOVED: Trustee Scott Johnston:

"That the request from the Director of Discovery Children's Centre requesting permission for sole use of adjoining property at the Britannia site be referred to the Finance/Facilities Committee."

CARRIED

2. Internal Audit Review

16-06-11

MOVED: Trustee Scott Johnston:

"That the Internal School Audit Review for 2010/2011 be referred to the Finance/Facilities Committee for consideration."

CARRIED

INFORMATION

1. Cheque Registers – September 26 & 30, 2011
2. Permit Report – October 6, 2011

CONCLUDED: Report of the Secretary-Treasurer No. 16-11

FILED

CORRESPONDENCE

For Action

1. Associate Director, Manitoba School Boards Association, re: Call for Workshop and Student Entertainment Proposals, MSBA Convention March 15-17, 2012
2. MSBA Survey Results "Initiatives in Aboriginal Education"

16-07-11

MOVED: Trustee Jennifer Lawson:
"That the MSBA document *Initiatives in Aboriginal Education* be referred to the Education Committee for consideration."

CARRIED

3. MSBA Region 5 & 6 Notice of Meeting and Agenda November 2, 2011

Trustees Chegus and Johnson will attend.

For Information

1. Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA):
 - a) MSBA newspaper clippings, September 22 – October 3, 2011
 - b) Twitter highlights September 21-28, 2011
 - c) Executive Director, MSBA, providing copies of *School Board Member Handbook*
2. Evergreen School Division news release re: election of Chair and Vice Chair
3. Acting Director, Aboriginal Education Directorate, MB Education, re: information session on Respect In School (RIS) online curriculum training program
4. Counsellor, Collège Sturgeon Heights Collegiate, invitation to trustees to attend "University Fair", November 3, 2011

INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE

FILED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

There were no items of new business.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Correspondence from Concerned Parent re: music at school concerts
Chair of the Board, Bruce Chegus, will respond.

2. Correspondence from Concerned Parents re: student transportation

16-08-11 MOVED: Trustee Scott Johnston:
 "That the correspondence from concerned parents re: appeal on student
 transportation be referred to the Finance/Facilities Committee for consideration."
CARRIED

RECESS TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN CAMERA – 8:45 p.m.

16-09-11 MOVED: Trustee Sandy Lethbridge:
 "That the Board recess to Committee of the Whole in Camera."
CARRIED

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN CAMERA – 8:59 p.m.

There were no actions arising from Committee of the Whole in Camera.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Trustee Craig McGregor, the regular board meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Bruce Chegus
Chair of the Board

Ron Weston
Chief Superintendent