

Regular Meeting of the Board

Minutes

Thursday, December 10, 2020

Start Time:

Board Room

Administration Office

181 Henlow Bay, Winnipeg, MB R3Y 1M7

2. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 p.m.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

Resolution # BM20201210.1001

Moved By D. Johnson

Seconded By J. Glenat

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

4. BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

Resolution # BM20201210.1002

Moved By J. Fisher

Seconded By S. Billinghamurst

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on November 12, 2020 be approved as amended.

Carried

Resolution # BM20201210.1003

Moved By J. Glenat

Seconded By C. Nachtigall

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on November 26, 2020 be approved as circulated.

Carried

5. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS, SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS

Resolution # BM20201210.1004

Moved By D. Zuk

Seconded By J. Fisher

THAT the Standing Committee Reports, Special Committee Report and Other Reports be received as information and,

THAT the Teacher Contracts (Permanent and Term) as listed in the Teacher Contracts Report dated December 10, 2020, be ratified and,

THAT the Teacher Contract Alterations as listed in the Contract Alterations Report dated December 10, 2020, be approved and,

THAT the Substitute Teacher Contracts as listed in the 2020-21 Substitute Teacher Contracts Report dated December 10, 2020, be ratified and,

THAT the Board accept, with regret, the Resignations as listed in the Resignations Report dated December 10, 2020.

Carried

8. BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS

8.1 Response to Parent Delegation

J. Fisher asked if the delegation was contacted personally to advise of the board's decision.

K. McMillan shared that she spoke with delegation to relay the board's decision and provided them with an alternate option for their request.

Resolution # BM20201210.1005

Moved By J. Fisher

Seconded By S. Billinghamurst

THAT the request from the Delegation be denied.

Carried

10. BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WHOLE

10.1 Additional Teacher FTE Request

The Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, provided rationale to support this request.

Resolution # BM20201210.1006

Moved By J. Glenat

Seconded By C. Nachtigall

THAT 6.0 FTE teaching staff be approved on a term basis for the remainder of the 2020/21 school year and that these will be expensed to the Restoring Safe Schools funding.

Carried

11. BY-LAWS AND/OR POLICIES

11.1 By-Law No. 143 - Public Participation at Board Meetings

It was noted that this by-law modifies the deadline for which delegations must submit their written request to present to the Board from the week prior Thursday, to the week prior Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.

D. Zuk asked about the changes that were suggested and requested that the Human Resources & Policy Committee take another look at item D. She felt it did not address some of the concerns that were raised.

J. Glenat provided rationale around establishing an earlier deadline that would allow for governance to discuss at their meeting.

There was general agreement amongst the board that this item go back to the Human Resources & Policy Committee for further discussion, prior to 2nd and 3rd Reading.

Resolution # BM20201210.1007

Moved By J. Glenat

Seconded By J. Fisher

WHEREAS it is deemed advisable to make amendments to improve the efficiency of Board Meetings,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

By-Law No. 143, a By-Law to amend the Procedural By-Laws No. 1 and 48, be given First Reading.

Carried

13. STANDING AND SPECIAL/ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

13.5 Human Resources and Policy Committee

13.5.1 Policy IJ - Instructional Resources and Materials Selection

T. Johnson asked that any proposed changes to policy be shared with the Board with a strikethrough of the current language and the proposed language being in bold.

Resolution # BM20201210.1008

Moved By J. Glenat

Seconded By J. Fisher

THAT Policy IJL and Policy IJI - Instructional Resources and Materials Selection be given first reading.

Carried

13.5.2 Policy IJL - Library Resources Selection

Resolution # BM20201210.1009

Moved By J. Glenat

Seconded By J. Fisher

THAT Policy IJL - Library Resources Selection be given first reading.

Carried

13.5.3 Pembina Trails School Resource Officer Advisory Committee

The Superintendent noted that the Division will be creating a School Resource Officer Advisory Committee in 2021, in accordance with the SRO agreement.

D. Zuk asked if criteria will be developed for the committee. The Superintendent advised that the criteria for the committee is included in the agreement between Pembina Trails School Division and the City of Winnipeg.

Resolution # BM20201210.1010

Moved By J. Fisher

Seconded By S. Billinghamurst

THAT the Board appoint the Chair of Human Resources and Policy, J. Glenat to the Pembina Trails School Resource Officer Advisory Committee.

14. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

14.1 COVID-19 Update

The Administration provided an update with respect to COVID-19.

The Superintendent shared details around the province's announcement that all students in Grades 7 to 12 would move to remote learning for a two-week period beginning on Tuesday, January 5, 2021. (Jan 4th is a Divisional PD day.)

He further stated that following winter break, our K-6 schools will remain in Restricted Level (Orange). That means classes will be held as usual for our K-6 students as well as 7-12 students with additional needs.

The Superintendent shared that while the best place for students to learn is in the classroom, Pembina Trails will follow the Minister's directive and offer a temporary two-week remote learning option for our K-6 students should the parent/guardian decide to opt in. Other staff, and not necessarily the child's classroom teacher, may support temporary online learning.

The Superintendent relayed his appreciation to all of our teachers during this unprecedented school year, but especially wanted to commend our K-6 teachers who have continued to carry the heavy workload of engaging their students with their education both remotely and in the classroom, with some of the in-person classes being further divided to comply with Restricted Orange.

He shared that currently 14% of our K-6 parents/guardians have chosen to have their child move into remote learning, as of Nov 2nd. The Superintendent is thankful that our Pembina Trails parents/guardians are confident in our abilities to keep their children safe at school.

The Superintendent advised that schools with Grades 7 and 8 have been given some flexibility to make adjustments to their delivery model. Principals are consulting with their teachers and may make changes for when students return to in-person learning on January 18, 2021. Some Grade 7 and 8 students may attend school in class daily if space permits or move to alternate days.

14.2 Daycare Lease Addendum

The Secretary-Treasurer shared the details of two daycare lease amendments due to COVID-19 restrictions for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year for the board's approval.

Resolution # BM20201210.1011

Moved By T. Johnson

Seconded By D. Johnson

THAT the addendum to the Lease Agreement between the YMCA-YWCA (Bairdmore) and the Pembina Trails School Division dated December 10, 2020, be approved, and

THAT the addendum to the Lease Agreement between the YMCA-YWCA (Linden Meadows) and the Pembina Trails School Division dated December 10, 2020, be approved.

Carried

14.3 Update on South Pointe Catchment Review

The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources shared an update on the South Pointe catchment.

The Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources recommended to the board that no changes be made to the South Pointe catchment for the 2021-22 school year. This means that students who are currently attending South Pointe and continue to reside in the South Pointe catchment will be included in the planning for next year. Younger siblings of current South Pointe students who are attending through schools of choice or any grandfathering provisions will not be able to enrol at South Pointe for the 2021-22 school year.

The Superintendent advised that the board and senior administration remains committed to being transparent with the South Pointe community and plan to engage with them in spring 2021 as part of a catchment review, to give families time to plan for September 2022.

The Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources stated that the overcrowding at South Pointe is unsustainable and with this recommendation for no change for 2021-22 school year, there will likely be increased class sizes. However, she is hopeful that the two portable classrooms will alleviate some of the enrolment and class size pressure.

J. Fisher asked that this South Pointe catchment update be communicated to the school community as soon as possible. She shared her concern that had the South Pointe school community known this item was on this evening's board agenda they may have called in.

The Superintendent responded that a letter to the South Pointe school community would be circulated on Friday, December 11, 2020.

There was consensus among the board that the following motion be put forward.

Resolution # BM20201210.1012

Moved By J. Fisher

Seconded By C. Nachtigall

WHEREAS the board has not had an opportunity to have meaningful communication or engagement with the South Pointe school community due to COVID-19,

THAT the board approve continuing with current enrolment of the Richmond West students at Ecole South Pointe School for the 2021-22 school year.

Carried

16. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION LIST

Resolution # BM20201210.1013

Moved By D. Johnson

Seconded By T. Johnson

THAT the Correspondence for Information Distribution List dated December 10, 2020, be received as information.

Carried

17. QUESTIONS FROM TRUSTEES

D. Zuk shared the details of her recent visit to Westgrove School.

She shared that Westgrove now has a Star Blanket that represents its motto to be kind, respectful and resilient. She shared special thanks to knowledge keeper, Andrea Redsky, and Indigenous student success teacher, Shawna Nagler, for taking our students on a journey using math, science and star stories. She asked that a picture of the beautiful star blanket be shared with the trustees as well as on our website.

18. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

PTTA President, Lise Legal thanked the board and senior administration for all their hard work and wished them a wonderful holiday season.

K. McMillan thanked her as well as all Pembina Trails staff and wished everyone a safe, healthy and well-deserved winter break.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer