

## **Regular Meeting of the Board**

### **Minutes**

Thursday, September 9, 2021

Craig M. Stahlke Board Room

Administration Office

181 Henlow Bay, Winnipeg, MB R3Y 1M7

#### **1. ATTENDANCE**

Trustees:

K. McMillan, S. Billinghamurst, J. Fisher, J. Glenat, D. Johnson, T. Johnson, G. Melnyk, C. Nachtigall, D. Zuk

Administration:

T. Fransen, Superintendent

L. Boles, Assistant Superintendent - Curriculum and Learning Services

E. Egan, Assistant Superintendent - Human Resources

N. Wood, Secretary-Treasurer

Regrets: Nil

#### **2. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 p.m.

#### **3. AGENDA APPROVAL**

##### **Resolution # BD20210909.1001**

Moved By C. Nachtigall

Seconded By T. Johnson

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

**Carried**

#### **4. BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL**

##### **Resolution # BD20210909.1002**

Moved By D. Johnson

Seconded By J. Fisher

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on June 24, 2021 be approved as circulated and

THAT the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board held on July 20, 2021 be approved as circulated.

**Carried**

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

**Resolution # BD20210909.1003**

Moved By D. Zuk

Seconded By S. Billinghamurst

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 September 9, 2021, be ratified and,

THAT the Teacher Contract Alterations as listed in the Contract Alterations Report dated September 9, 2021, be approved and,

THAT the Substitute Teacher Contracts as listed in the 2020-21 Substitute Teacher Contracts Report dated September 9, 2021, be ratified and,

THAT the Board accept, with regret, the Resignations as listed in the Resignations Report dated September 9, 2021.

**Carried**

**6. DELEGATIONS**

**6.1 D. Grant - Improving Student Safety in Schools**

D. Grant made a presentation to the Board with respect to improving student safety in schools.

D. Grant made a comment about schools not being used as a polling location as per Manitoba Government decision to remove polling stations from schools for this election. The Superintendent noted that the school division did not make the decision.

D. Grant provided a presentation with respect to masks and the benefit that the masks offer such as stopping people from touching their face but that the mask, in his opinion, will not stop the transmission of germs. He said that in his view, the next level of protection is stopping symptomatic people from attending school. He feels that by measuring the temperature of everyone that enters the

buildings, that this would be a successful way to stop people with the higher temperatures.

D. Grant encouraged the Board to go beyond the requirements set out by the government. This would, in his opinion, help keep students, staff and visitors safer.

## **10. BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WHOLE**

### **10.1 Indigenous Student Success EA1 Proposal**

The Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Learning Services, reviewed the Indigenous Student Success EA1 Proposal. She responded to questions from Trustees. She made the recommendation to the Board to authorize additional EA support.

It was noted that the Motion should read 2021/2022 school year.

#### **Resolution # BD20210909.1004**

Moved By T. Johnson

Seconded By C. Nachtigall

THAT the Board approve three Indigenous Student Success Education Assistant 1 positions as set out in the report from the Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Learning Services, dated September 9, 2021, to work in four week blocks to support the following schools for the 2021/2022 school year:

- Westdale
- Arthur A. Leach
- Westgrove
- General Byng
- Chancellor
- Bairdmore
- Acadia
- Dalhousie
- Ryerson

**Carried**

**14. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**14.1 Winnipeg Mennonite Elementary Shared Services Agreement**

It was noted that this agreement is ratified yearly for shared services between the Pembina Trails School Division and Winnipeg Mennonite Elementary Schools.

**Resolution # BD20210909.1005**

Moved By T. Johnson  
Seconded By J. Glenat

THAT the Shared Services Agreement between the Pembina Trails School Division and Winnipeg Mennonite Elementary Schools with respect to the provision of clinician services for the 2021-22 school year be ratified.

**Carried**

**14.2 Director of Human Resources**

**Resolution # BD20210909.1006**

Moved By T. Johnson  
Seconded By J. Glenat

THAT the contract of employment dated September 9, 2021, between the Pembina Trails School Division and the Director of Human Resources, for the period August 3, 2021 to August 31, 2022, be ratified, and

THAT the Addendum to the Directors Non-Instructional Salary Schedule dated September 9, 2021, effective on and from August 3, 2021, be approved.

**Carried**

**14.3 Secondment Extension Request**

The Superintendent reviewed the request from the Department of National Defense, to extend the secondment of S. Tipping for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.

**Resolution # BD20210909.1007**

Moved By T. Johnson  
Seconded By C. Nachtigall

THAT the Board approve an extension to the secondment agreement between S. Tipping, the Pembina Trails School Division and the Department of National Defense for the years 2022-23 and 2023-24.

**Carried**

#### **14.4 School Administration Appointments**

##### **Resolution # BD20210909.1008**

Moved By T. Johnson

Seconded By J. Fisher

THAT the Board approve the appointment of Frank MacLean as interim Acting Principal of Linden Meadows School for the period September 7 to October 12, 2021, and

THAT the Board approve the appointment of Ryan Scott as interim Vice-Principal of Linden Meadows School for the period September 7 to October 12, 2021, and

THAT the Board approve the appointment of Chantal Rochon as interim Vice-Principal of Fort Richmond Collegiate until the incumbent returns, but no later than June 2022.

**Carried**

#### **14.5 Student Accident Insurance**

A discussion occurred about logo placement on the Student Accident Insurance brochure. It was generally agreed that the logo needs to be placed on the lower left of the front page or it should be removed.

##### **Resolution # BD20210909.1009**

Moved By G. Melnyk

Seconded By D. Johnson

THAT the Board approve circulation of the correspondence, as amended, from the Manitoba School Boards Association with respect to voluntary student accident insurance to the Pembina Trails parent community.

**Carried**

#### **14.6 Update - Ryerson School Re-Naming**

The Ryerson Re-Naming Committee provided an update as to the status of renaming Ryerson School. They reviewed the work being done by the Committee. It was noted that a divisional video was created at Ryerson School on August 25, 2021, featuring the Superintendent, Chair of the Board and students from Ryerson School. The teaser video was shared at PTLC on September 1, 2021, and will be shared division-wide on September 15, 2021.

In response to a question from D. Zuk, the Superintendent said that there will be a ThoughtExchange set up for students, staff and the community to participate in the name change. He said that the ThoughtExchange will be shared through our schools, the Pembina Trails website, social media and school messenger. He said that all suggestions will be brought from the committee to the Board to make the final decision on what the new name of the school will be. The next Ryerson Re-Naming Committee meeting will be October 7.

The video will be released on social media tomorrow (September 10) or Monday (September 13).

C. Nachtigall suggested we use the "what's in a name" approach to teach the children what the name of their schools mean to the community.

The Superintendent responded that there will be an opportunity for all schools to participate in "What do you know about how your school was named?" activities. Schools may choose to engage in the activities but it will not be mandatory.

#### **Resolution # BD20210909.1010**

Moved By T. Johnson

Seconded By D. Zuk

THAT the report from the Ryerson Re-Naming Committee be received as information.

**Carried**

#### **14.7 COVID-19 Update**

The Superintendent reported that there is a lot of optimism in our schools with students, parents and staff being happy to have schools open again, however, there is also a lingering concern about safety for all.

He said that there are two issues that are arising with the decision to make masks and vaccinations mandatory. He said that the Administration have fielded calls from parents who are opposed to mandatory masks and from parents who are opposed to vaccinations.

The Superintendent reported that Pembina Trails staff have until October 31 to provide proof of vaccination or submit to COVID-19 testing three (3) times a week.

He said that there is no mandate for students 12 and over to be double vaccinated but it is highly encouraged.

#### **14.8 Transportation Update**

The Superintendent reported that there have been serious issues with transportation routing for some Pembina Trails students during the first days of school. He acknowledged that we have let our parents and schools down with the lack of communication with respect to routing and the pace at which our bus routes are being created. He said that we are redeploying additional staff from other divisional departments to improve bus service. He said that we hope to have this sorted out by the end of next week.

In response to a question from D. Zuk, the Superintendent said that parents if parents are still experiencing transportation issues, they should contact the school or the transportation team, and if they do not receive a satisfactory response, they can contact the Superintendent or Secretary-Treasurer at the Admin Office.

J. Fisher asked if we can we look at the transportation issues in Bridgwater to try and improve bussing. She suggested that a seat sale for this area could be an option. She said that service from Winnipeg Transit is inconsistent and insufficient for the Bridgwater community.

T. Johnson asked that we write to local City Councillors of Bison Run and Ridgewood West to solicit their support to improve transportation in the area. The Administration said that we will need to find out more details of students, stops and routes before we reach out to City Councillors.

#### **Resolution # BD20210909.1011**

Moved By J. Fisher

Seconded By D. Zuk

THAT the board review the current public transportation options in Waverley West and Ridgewood West to determine if a seat sale bus is required for students in grades 7 and 8.

**Carried**

#### **14.9 Pembina Trails website update**

The Superintendent said that the Learning and Information Technology department engaged a vendor to enhance the security of the divisional website. He said that, while the goal of enhancing security was achieved, some of the features of the divisional website that were well-liked and easy to navigate were lost. He said that the LIT department is working with the vendor to improve the look and feel of the new website.

**16. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION LIST**

**Resolution # BD20210909.1012**

Moved By J. Fisher  
Seconded By D. Johnson

THAT the Correspondence for Information Distribution List dated September 9, 2021 be received as information.

**Carried**

**17. QUESTIONS FROM TRUSTEES**

J. Fisher inquired on the school division's obligation to make up for the lost day of instruction for the new federally regulated National Day for Truth and Reconciliation occurring on September 30.

The Superintendent confirmed that since this was a Provincial decision, that there will be no expectation for school divisions to make up the day.

D. Zuk asked if there was any more information on how schools and school divisions would be able to access the recently announced new funding for mental health supports in our schools.

It was confirmed that at this point, we have no information beyond the announcement.

**18. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

In response to a question from a member of the public, the Superintendent said that Public Health advised school divisions that we should not and could not take the temperature of students and staff on a regular or semi-regular basis. He said that school divisions are able to take a student's temperature if they are ill to confirm to parents that their child has a fever.

**19. REQUIREMENT FOR A COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WHOLE**

**Resolution # BD20210909.1013**

Moved By J. Fisher  
Seconded By T. Johnson

THAT the Board move into Committee of the Whole.

**Carried**

**20. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 9:56pm



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Chair of the Board

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Secretary-Treasurer