

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE SCHOOL DIVISION HELD MAY 12, 2005 AT 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:	J.J. Harrison (chair)	D. P. Hallick (vice-chair)	C.A. Chandler
	Y. J. Cuthbert	A. F. Dell	M. G. Krawec
	M. Lefebvre	J. E. McCallister	C. W. Morrison
	N. T. Corrigan	D. F. Shindle	L. J. Taylor
	H. W. Barrett		

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – 7:30 – 8:00 P.M.

05:03:05 Motion:

A. Dell – C. Chandler
That the board resolve into committee of the whole, in camera.

Carried

05:04:05 Motion:

A. Dell – C. Morrison
That the board rise without reporting.

Carried

COFFEE BREAK

A. AGENDA:

05:05:05 Motion:

A. Dell – M. Lefebvre
That the agenda for the meeting of May 12, 2005 be approved.

Carried

B. PREVIOUS MINUTES:

05:06:05 Motion:

D. Hallick – Y. Cuthbert
That the minutes of the regular meeting of April 28, 2005 be approved.

Carried

05:07:05 Motion:

C. Chandler – M. Krawec

That the minutes of the special meeting of May 9, 2005 be approved.

Carried

C. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. None

D. MOTIONS:

05:08:05 Motion:

Y. Cuthbert – M. Lefebvre

That **By-Law No. 227**, being a by-law of the trustees of the Portage la Prairie School Division to provide for payment of a fixed rate per kilometer traveled, be now read a second time.

Carried

05:09:05 Motion:

C. Chandler – Y. Cuthbert

That **By-Law No. 227**, be now read a third time, be taken as read and finally passed.

A By-law of the trustees of the **Portage la Prairie School Division** to provide for the payment of a fixed rate per kilometer for kilometers traveled by trustees for attendance at school board and committee meetings, and while on school division business.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 56(2) of The Public Schools Act SM 1987 - P250, the trustees of the **Portage la Prairie School Division** enact as follows:-

- (1) That the fixed rate per kilometer shall be 37.4 cents per kilometer, effective May 1, 2005.
- (2) That claims for such travel shall be submitted to the secretary-treasurer of the school division on the prescribed form, and payment thereof authorized by resolution of the board.

GIVEN FIRST READING by the said Board of Trustees of the **Portage la Prairie School Division**, assembled at Portage la Prairie, in the **City of Portage la Prairie**, in the **Province of Manitoba**, this 28th day of April, **A.D. 2005**

Carried

05:10:05 Motion:

M. Lefebvre – D. Hallick

That **Policy DJDD – TRAVEL ALLOWANCE – TRUSTEES AND STAFF** be amended as follows:

The travel allowance for trustees and such staff members as to whom it may apply shall be 37.4 cents per kilometer effective May 1, 2005, and is to be reviewed annually by June 30.

Trustees and staff shall be reimbursed upon receipt of a statement of actual kilometers traveled in carrying out School Division responsibilities.

Carried

05:11:05 Motion:

A. Dell – D. Hallick

That the amalgamation of Arthur Meighen High School and Portage Collegiate Institute be approved for the first day of the Fall Term, 2006 and;

That the new combined high school be located at the present Ecole Prince Charles School and Portage Collegiate Institute site and that work begin on renovation to buildings, expanded parking and the construction of a new Power Mechanics Lab, and;

That Senior 1 (Grade 9) be transferred to the combined high school with the exception of Hutterian Schools and;

That Crescentview School and Arthur Meighen School each become dual-track (English and French Immersion) schools. Crescentview school will accommodate the Early Years programs (K to Grade 4) and Arthur Meighen the Middle Years programs (Grades 5 to 8) and;

That Ecole Prince Charles School students be relocated using 4th Street (south of the railway tracks) as the new catchment area boundary. Kindergarten to Grade 6 students living on the west side of 4th Street will attend Fort la Reine School. Grades 7 and 8 students will attend Yellowquill School. Kindergarten to Grade 6 students living on the east side of 4th Street will attend Victoria School and Grades 7 and 8 students will attend Arthur Meighen School and; That “School of Choice” students currently attending Ecole Prince Charles School will be required to return to their home catchment area schools. Any of these students wishing to attend a school outside of their home catchment area will need to reapply for a transfer to a school of their choice.

Recorded Vote: Unanimous

Carried

05:12:05 Motion:

M. Lefebvre – A. Dell

That Victoria School be identified as a candidate for closure and that a formal review process commence as required by provincial guidelines.

Carried

05:13:05 Motion:

D. Hallick – Y. Cuthbert

That the Board authorize suspension of operations at High Bluff School and all students be transferred to alternate sites effective September 6, 2005.

Carried

E. SUPERINTENDENT'S DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Comment: DOUBLE SPACE
IN FINAL AGENDA

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1. Kindergarten Picnic- June 3rd
2. ArtsSmarts Exposition

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1. MAST Salary Bulletin No. 09-2005
2. MAST Salary Bulletin No. 03-2005

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1. April Enrollment report (-11 from last month, -52 from last year) – (copies)
2. Class Size Project – EPCS
3. Correspondence re: Amalgamation – copies previously reviewed
 - LVS Parent Council
 - EPCS Parent
 - EPCS Administration
 - AMHS student
 - M. Nanthavong
 - Don Boddy
 - Letter from the Public Schools Finance Board re: re-organization of schools
4. Meeting with the Minister of Education, June 20 at 12:00 noon @ Division Office
5. School Initiatives:
 - HUTT** - Brennan School students raised \$1982.00 for Heart & Stroke Foundation
 - Parents planning a Progressive Farm Safety Day @ Sommerfeld Colony
 - PCI** - Science club made presentations to S1 students at PCS, CVS and YQS
 - Law class had a presentation from guards at Stoney Mountain Penitentiary

F. OTHER BUSINESS

No report

G. INFORMATION ITEMS: – copies

1. School Newsletters – Highlights
 - CVS** - Gr. 4-6 musical “Monster Madness” May 19th @ 7:30 p.m.
 - EPCS** - Computer monitor in main entrance with school information displayed
2. “*The Manitoba Teacher*” newsmagazine
3. Free Press articles:
 - “*Seven Oaks Broke Rules*”
 - “*Canadian School Study Ways to Tackle Bullying*”
4. MAST Executive Meeting Highlights
5. Invitation to PCI plaque presentation
6. Policy Statement Regarding Guidelines for School Closure
7. Daily Graphic Articles:
 - “*Students Protest Merger Plan*”
 - “*Merger Demo Draws Crowd*”
 - “*Amalgamation Could Open Doors: Diboll*”
 - “*Amalgamation Could Halt Conflict: Patterson*”
 - “*Amalgamation Would Bring Dousing of EPCS Fire*”
8. News articles sent from MAST

INFORMATION ITEMS: - copies on file

1. School Newsletters – Highlights
 - YQS** - Family Dance to be held May 13th from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
 - LVS** - Family Barbeque & entertainment June 1
2. Thank you card from Sandra Wood re: Crisis Intervention Team
3. Letter from Kelsey S. D. to Dept of Transport re: “Regulations Amending the Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations”
4. Reply letter from Transport Canada re: Motor Vehicle Safety Act
5. Education Analyst subscription
6. Greetings letter to YQS from R.C.M.P.
7. MAST – Minutes of Pension Trustees meeting held March 2, 2005
8. MAST – Minutes of Pension Trustees meeting held March 3, 2005
9. National School Boards Association “Leadership Insider” (only 8 copies sent)

H. UPCOMING MEETINGS:

May 13	MAST Policy Development Workshop
May 26	Board Meeting
June 9	Board Meeting
June 14	Long Service Tribute Dinner @ 6:00 p.m.
June 20	Lunch meeting & PCI plaque presentation
June 23	Board Meeting
June 25	AMHS Graduation
June 28	PCI Grad Banquet

June 29 PCI Graduation
July 7-10 PCI Reunion

I. NEWS MEDIA QUESTIONS:

C.F.R.Y. Sherry Wylie & Dustin Lynes (guest)
Daily Graphic Angela Brown

J. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

05:14:05 Motion:

M. Lefebvre – Y. Cuthbert
That the board resolve into committee of the whole, in camera.

Carried

05:15:05 Motion:

M. Lefebvre – C. Chandler
That the board rise without reporting.

Carried

K. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned by the chairperson at 11:00 p.m.

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