

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE SCHOOL DIVISION HELD MARCH 8, 2007 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

ROLL CALL: Y. J. Cuthbert (Chairperson) C. W. Morrison (Vice-Chair) C.A. Chandler  
A. F. Dell J. J. Harrison S. L. Leslie  
J. E. McCallister W.M. McLenehan H.W. Barrett  
N. T. Corrigan L. J. Taylor

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: P. R. Meier

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

03:01:07 Motion:

*A. Dell – J. Harrison*

That the board resolve into committee of the whole, in camera.

*Carried*

03:02:07 Motion:

*A. Dell – C. Chandler*

That the board rise and report.

*Carried*

**COFFEE BREAK**

**A. AGENDA:**

03:03:07 Motion:

*J. Harrison – M. McLenehan*

That the agenda for the meeting of March 8, 2007 be approved.

*Carried*

**B. PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

03:04:07 Motion:

*C. Chandler – J. McCallister*

That the minutes of the regular meeting of February 22, 2007 be approved.

*Carried*

**C. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

1. None

**D. MOTIONS:**

03:05:07 Motion:

*A. Dell – C. Chandler*

That By-Law **No. 238**, 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 by trustees for attendance at school board and committee meetings, and while on school division business, be now read a second time.

Carried

03:06:07 Motion:

*A. Dell – C. Chandler*

That By-Law **No. 238**, 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 39.4 cents per kilometer, effective April 1, 2007.
- (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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, **A.D. 2007**

Carried

03:07:07 Motion:

*J. McCallister – M. McLenehan*

That the Portage la Prairie School Division provide financial support to the ArtsSmarts Portage program in the amount of \$20,000 per year through to and inclusive of the 2011-2012 school year.

Carried

03:08:07 Motion:

*J. McCallister – C. Chandler*

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

**TRAVEL ALLOWANCE - TRUSTEES AND STAFF**

The travel allowance for trustees and such staff members as to whom it may apply shall be 39.4 cents per kilometer effective April 1, 2007, and is to be reviewed annually by June 30.

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

*Carried*

03:09:07 Motion:

*A. Dell – C. Morrison*

That the high school course fee be set at \$450.00 for 2007-2008.

*Carried*

03:10:07 Motion:

*J. Harrison – C. Chandler*

That the tuition fee for out-of-province students be set at \$8,800.00 for 2007-2008.

*Carried*

03:11:07 Motion:

*A. Dell – C. Morrison*

That the resignation of **Larry Muirhead**, Principal, be accepted effective June 29, 2007.

*Carried*

03:12:07 Motion:

*J. Harrison – C. Chandler*

That the resignation of **Rod Brownlee**, Principal, be accepted effective June 29, 2007.

*Carried*

03:13:07 Motion:

*A. Dell – C. Morrison*

That the tender for Expendable School Supplies 2007 be awarded as follows, F.O. B. Portage la Prairie, taxes extra:

Christie's Office Plus	\$2581.04
Rose Delta Wholesale	\$8293.42
Supreme Learning	\$5914.64

Carried

03:14:07 Motion:

*A. Dell – S. L. Leslie*

That the PCI International trip to Brooklyn Centre, Minnesota, April 19-22, 2007 for a fast pitch tournament receive final approval.

Carried

03:15:07 Motion:

*S. L. Leslie – J. McCallister*

That the PCI International Choir trip to Minneapolis for May 10-14, 2007 receive final approval.

Carried

03:16:07 Motion:

*A. Dell – C. Chandler*

That the 2007 – 2008 operating budget for the Portage la Prairie School Division be set at \$28,867,500.00

Carried

**E. SUPERINTENDENT'S DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

HB

1. Grade 1-4 Report Card changes
2. New Portage School Division promotional brochure – copies
3. Manitoba School Counsellors' Week, April 8 – 15, 2007 – copies
4. Pan-Canadian Assessment Program
5. Little Black Book

NC

1. Correspondence re: appraisal of Victoria School – (copies)
2. High Bluff School listed until August 31, 2007

LT

1. Restructuring - results
2. February Enrollment report (+51 from last month, +46 from last year) - copies

3. LVS Principal Replacement Schedule – copies
4. MAST Convention
  - Delta – YC, AD, SL, JM, PM, CM
  - Riel – LT, HB, JH, MM, CC
5. Staff/Superintendent Interviews:
  - March 5 – OVS
  - March 6 – NMS
  - March 12 – FLR
  - April 3 - LVS
  - April 9 – Operations
  - April 13 – Clinicians
  - May 2 & 3 - PCI

**F. OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Report from Curriculum Committee re: The Little Black Book
  - Decision was made to have PCI distribute the book to all students with parents having the option to deny access in writing within a certain period of time.

03:17:07 Motion:

*C. Morrison – A. Dell*

That the board accept the report of the Curriculum Committee in regard to the Little Black Book

Carried

**G. INFORMATION ITEMS: – copies**

1. School Newsletters – Highlights
  - CVS** - French Immersion information meeting March 15 @ 7:00 p.m.
  - AMS** - High School information for Grade 8 Students
2. Letter from Brandon S.D. to Public Schools’ Finance Board re: Smart Boards
3. Late Resolution – Beautiful Plains School Division
4. PCI letter to parents re: Graduation activities planned
5. Position Statement 2007 submitted by Manitoba Association of Parent Councils
6. Manitoba Association of School Business Officials, Volume 8 of the “Fiscal Focus”
7. MAST memo re: Informational brochure from Parents for French
8. The Manitoba Teacher newsmagazine

**INFORMATION ITEMS:** - copies on file

1. School Newsletters – Highlights
  - FLR** - Preschool Shamrock Party, March 14 @ 2:30 – 3:30
  - YQS** - Breakfast – Body & Mind information

2. Daily Graphic Letter to the editor “*Too Much Decided Behind Closed Doors*”
3. Brennan Bulletin – school newspaper
4. MAST nomination letters:
  - Louis Riel S.D., Tom Parker for President
  - Louis Riel S.D., Wayne Ruff for Vice-President
  - St. James-Assiniboia S.D., Bruce Alexander for Vice-President
  - River East Transcona S.D., Peter Kotyk for Regional Director - Region 5
  - Brandon S.D., Jim Murray for Regional Director – Region #1
5. Information meeting re: BUNTEP Graduate Program in Education
6. Minutes of the PCI Parent Advisory Council meeting held January 15, 2007
7. Minutes of the FLR Parent Advisory Council meeting held January 31, 2007
8. PCI February Music Summary
9. E-mail message to H. Demetriooff re: Ember Rodgers attending the “Celebration of Success” ceremony
10. 2006 Enrolment report from Manitoba Education
11. MAST Minutes of Pension Trustees meeting held October 5, 2006
12. The Futurist magazine
13. “About Women” publication from the government of Manitoba
14. Correspondence from MB Education re: \$1 million Class Size Fund to continue
15. Correspondence from U of M re: Upcoming David King Lecture
16. MAST e-mailed items:
  - CPI, Unemployment Rate
  - Letter from Flin Flon S.D. to Public Schools’ Finance Board re: School Buildings Space Standards Document
  - Letter from Flin Flon S.D. to Dept. of Finance re: GST – School Boards
  - Salary Bulletin No. 02-2007 (Frontier S.D. & Support staff)

**H. UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

March 15-17	MAST Annual Convention – Wpg.
March 22	Board Meeting
April 4	Admin./P.R. Committee meeting with LVS Parent Council
April 12	Admin./P.R. Committee meeting @ 1:30 p.m.
April 12	Board Meeting
April 14-17	National School Boards Association Conference in San Francisco
April 26	Board Meeting
May 10	Board Meeting
May 24	Board Meeting
June 14	Board Meeting
June 19	Long Service Tribute Dinner
June 23	PCI Graduation
June 28	Board Meeting

**I. NEWS MEDIA QUESTIONS:**

C.F.R.Y.	Mel Blair
Daily Graphic	Paul Grigaitis

**J. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:**

03:18:07 Motion:

*A. Dell – C. Chandler*

That the board resolve into committee of the whole, in camera.

*Carried*

03:19:07 Motion:

*J. McCallister – C. Morrison*

That the board rise without reporting.

*Carried*

**K. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned by the chairperson at 9:27 p.m.

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