

MINUTES

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE SCHOOL DIVISION HELD FEBRUARY 11, 2025, AT 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

Hélène Hoggarth (Chair)	Gregg Waldvogel	Shauna-Lei Leslie
Darren MacDonald	Rhonda McCutcheon	Dan Otsuji
Don Smoke		
Pam Garnham	Rochelle Rands	Jonathan Hyman

REMOTE: Penny Verwey

REGRETS: Tracey Asham (Vice-Chair)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

02:03:25 Motion:

That the Board resolves into committee of the whole, in camera.

G. Wolvogel - D MacDonald - Carried

02:04:25 Motion:

That the Board rises and reports/without reporting.

P. Verwey - S. Leslie - Carried

COFFEE BREAK

A. AGENDA:

02:05:25 Motion:

That the agenda for the meeting of February 11, 2025 be approved.

G. Waldvogel - D. Smoke - Carried

02:06:25 Motion:

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 28, 2025 be approved.

R. McCutcheon - D. Smoke - Carried

02:07:25 Motion:

That the minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting of January 28, 2025 be approved.

S. Leslie - D. Otsuji - Carried

02:08:25 Motion:

That the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board on February 4, 2025, be approved.

D. MacDonald - G. Waldvogel - Carried

B. MOTIONS:

02:09:25 Motion

That Tara Johnson, teacher, having been previously permitted to reduce her employment from 100% to 80% for the period of January 1, 2025, to June 27, 2025 be permitted to return to 100% effective March 3, 2025.

S. Smoke - D. Otsuji - Carried

02:10:25 Motion

That Alicia Bueckert's Teacher General Contract be increased from 50% to 100% effective September 2, 2025.

G. Waldvogel - S. Leslie - Carried

02:11:25 Motion

That the following teacher(s) be employed on a Limited Term Teacher Contract:

Jean-Guy Crevier	100%	February 19, 2025 to March 25, 2025
Pamela Stinson	100%	February 3, 2025 to May 30, 2025

R. McCutcheon - P. Verwey - Carried

02:12:25 Motion

That the following teacher(s) be employed on a Teacher General Contract:

Myles Hrechka	100%	September 2, 2025
Aaron Couvier	100%	September 2, 2025
Bryce Graham	100%	September 2, 2025
Tanner Garnham	100%	September 2, 2025
Camille Sanderson	100%	September 2, 2025
Ben Shedden	100%	September 2, 2025
Natasha Esquivel	100%	September 2, 2025
Joshua Goertzen	100%	September 2, 2025
Sydney Carswell	100%	September 2, 2025
Nathaniel Guiboche	100%	September 2, 2025
Brianne Foley	100%	September 2, 2025
Kari Semaniuk	100%	September 2, 2025
Kristen Harley	100%	September 2, 2025
Autumn Yee	100%	September 2, 2025
Brandyn Janssens	100%	September 2, 2025
Rory Marr	100%	September 2, 2025

S. Leslie - D. MacDonald - Carried

02:13:25 Motion

That the Portage Collegiate Institute Field Trip for Grade 10 to 12 students to travel to France (Paris, the Loire and the Riviera) from March 21, 2025, to April 1, 2025, be given final approval. The trip will give students of all levels the opportunity to use their French language skills and to appreciate different cultures.

G. Waldvogel - D. Smoke - Carried

02:14:25 Motion

That the Board adopt a new policy entitled “Diversity, Equity and Inclusion”, designate it as policy #14, and renumber existing policies #14 through #17 as #15 through #18 respectively is tabled.

02:15:25 Motion

That the Board approve the Board Operating Procedures as listed in the Board Operating Procedures Table of Contents (attached), and direct the Personnel and Policy Committee to undertake an annual review of said procedures.

S. Leslie - D. Otsuji - Carried

02:16:25 Motion

That By-law 2025-001, a By-law of the Portage la Prairie School Division for the purpose of setting out Rules of Procedure to govern the Board of Trustees, be introduced and read for the first time (attached).

D. Smoke - G. Waldvogel - Carried

02:17:25 Motion

That By-law 2025-002, a By-law of the Portage la Prairie School Division, for the purpose of setting out Board Member Compensation and Expense Reimbursement, be introduced and read for the first time (attached).

D. Otsuji - D. Smoke - Carried

TRUSTEE MEETINGS OF INTEREST:

- Trustee Hoggarth - Attended Chairs Meeting and Minister of Finance Virtual Forum
- Trustee Waldvogel - Read for I Love to Read Month at Oakville School
- Trustee Verwey - Read for I Love to Read Month at Elm River School
- Trustee MacDonald - Read for I Love to Read Month at Yellowquill School
- Trustee Leslie - Volunteered at Portage Viterra Championship Curling Tournament
- Trustee McCutcheon - Read for I Love to Read Month at Ingleside and Brantwood Schools

SUPERINTENDENT'S DEPARTMENT REPORT:

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1. Kindergarten Registration
 - a. online registration opens this week
 - b. a copy of your child's birth certificate is required as well as proof of residency
 - c. if you are registering a child in care call Rochelle Rands 204 857 8756
 - d. if you are registering a child new to Canada call Kendra McKenzie at 204-857-6843
 - e. if you are registering a child living in the Keeshkeemaquah area call Bill Beauchamp at Long Plain School 204-252-2326 or the PLPSD office 204-857-8756

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1. Attendance Matters
2. January Enrollment - January 2024 -3468 January 2025 - 3472 (+4 Students)
3. Public Budget Meeting March 5, 2025, 7:00 PCI West Gym

E. OTHER BUSINESS

F. INFORMATION ITEMS:

Emailed Copies:

- E-News - February 5, 2025

G. UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- February 25, 2025
- March 11, 2025
- March 20 and 21 - MSBA Spring Convention
- March 25, 2025
- April 8, 2025
- April 22, 2025
- May 13, 2025
- May 27, 2025
- June 10, 2025
- June 24, 2025
- July 2 to 5, 2025 - 2025 CSBA Congress and National Trustee Gathering on Indigenous Education in Winnipeg

H. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

No Delegation

I. NEWS MEDIA QUESTIONS:

None

J. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

02:18:25 Motion:

That the Board resolves into committee of the whole, in camera.

R. McCutcheon - D. Smoke - Carried

02:19:25 Motion:

That the Board rises and reports/without reporting.

R. McCutcheon - D. Smoke - Carried

K. ADJOURNMENT:

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

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