
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MYSTERY LAKE



**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Tuesday, April 28, 2009
7:00 p.m.**

Trustees

Cheryl Davies
David Gallant
Kelly Hause
Mamie Hendren
Guido Oliveira
Rob Pellizzaro
L. Valerie Wilson

Senior Administration Team

Hugh Fraser – Superintendent/CEO
Bruce Waldie – Assistant Superintendent
Christelle Waldie – Assistant Superintendent
Arnie Assoignon – Secretary-Treasurer
Keith Derksen – Facilities Manager
Cheryl Mulrooney – Executive Assistant

**Administration Office
408 Thompson Drive North, Thompson, MB
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Present:

Chairperson Davies
Vice-Chairperson Pellizzaro
Trustee Gallant
Trustee Hendren
Trustee Hause
Trustee Oliveira
Secretary-Treasurer Assoignon
Superintendent/CEO Fraser
Assistant Superintendent B. Waldie
Executive Assistant Mulrooney

Regrets:

Trustee Wilson
Assistant Superintendent C. Waldie

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by Chairperson Davies.

Chairperson Davies commented that the School District of Mystery Lake is the only district in Manitoba to broadcast the regular board meetings on television. She thanked Paul Anderson from Shaw Cable for being at every meeting.

2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Under #7 – Superintendent/CEO Report

- a) Teacher Resignation – iii

- b) Under Action - Request for Leave of Absence

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – April 28, 2009

MOTION 67/09

Moved by Trustee Hendren, seconded by Trustee Gallant

That the agenda with the additions be approved.

Carried

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 14, 2009

MOTION 68/09

Moved by Trustee Gallant, seconded by Trustee Hendren

That the minutes of the regular board meeting of April 14th, 2009, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- a) Mr. Warren Hingley, Vice-Principal from R.D. Parker Collegiate and Ashley Squires, Art teacher from R. D. Parker Collegiate made a presentation on the ceramics class. Ms. Squires and her students were very excited to have the ceramics class in operation again. The kiln had not been fired up since 2005. Ms. Squires gave the students a clump of clay and let them use their creative side to generate their project from start to finish.

- b) Mr. Dave Caldwell, teacher at Juniper Elementary School, Mr. Grant Kreuger, Vice-Principal of R.D. Parker Collegiate along with students Jason Macdonald from R.D. Parker Collegiate, James Clarke from Wapanohk Community School and Sammy Kim from Ecole Riverside School made a presentation on the F1 (Formula 1) Schools Competition they competed in.

The students competed in the first ever Manitoba F1 Schools Challenge that took place at the University of Manitoba on April 14th. The students were one of sixteen teams to compete. To be eligible in the competition the car had to be designed with the Computer Aided Three-Dimensional Interactive Application (CATIA) software. Each team had a maximum of six students performing several jobs. The jobs required were a graphic designer who was in charge of the logo and the color schemes for the car, a team manager who made sure everything was organized and a marketing person who was required to arrange sponsorships.

For more information on the event go to <http://www.rea.org.au/media/video3.htm>

6. BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING – No Report

7. SUPERINTENDENT/CEO REPORT

INFORMATION

a) **Teacher Resignations**

- i. Mr. Koffi Sedzro, teacher at Ecole Riverside School has given his resignation effective June 30th, 2009. Mr. Sedzro has been with the District since 2008.
- ii. Ms. Rebecca Baker, Resource teacher at Burntwood School has given her resignation effective June 30th, 2009. Ms. Baker has been with the District since 2007.
- iii. Mr. Shane Clark, Aviation Instructor at R.D. Parker Collegiate has given his resignation effective June 30th, 2009. Mr. Clark has been with the District since 2006.

The Board of Trustees thanked Mr. Sedzro, Ms. Baker and Mr. Clark for their dedication and service to the District and wished them much health and happiness in their future endeavors.

b) **Teacher Retirement**

- i. Ms. Guyanne Chaddock, teacher at Ecole Riverside School has given her retirement date effective June 30th, 2009. Ms. Chaddock has been with the District since 1992.

The Board of Trustees thanked Ms. Guyanne Chaddock for her dedication and length of service to the District and wished much health and happiness in her retirement.

c) **Administration Resignation**

- i. Mr. Brad Williams, Principal of Juniper School has given his resignation from his administration and will resume his teaching career with the District. Mr. Williams has been in administration since 2004.

The Board of Trustees thanked Mr. Brad Williams for his dedication and length of service in his administration position with the District and wished him well in his teaching career.

SUPERINTENDENT/CEO REPORT (continued)

INFORMATION

d) Letter from Foothills Composite High School

Ms. Laurie Johnston, Vice-Principal of Foothills Composite High School wrote a letter commending the R.D. Parker Band for the wonderful ambassadors they were on their trip to the Canadian Rocky Mountain Festival in Banff.

Ms. Johnston stated both the staff and students displayed a tremendous amount of talent in their participation in the festival. The students were polite, respectful and appreciative of others during this event. The level of their performances was top notch; many external audience members were impressed by the Jazz Band, in particular.

Ms. Johnston congratulated Mr. Wally Itson, Mr. Derek Frykas, and David Wolfe for their leadership; as well as acknowledging the District staff who acted as chaperones: Pat Pegus, Donova Szaroz and Wes Savorn.

The District should be proud of the musical capacity and proficiency demonstrated by the R.D. Parker Program.

ACTION

a) Field Trip Request – R.D. Parker Collegiate French Club

Ms. Kristin Donovan, teacher from R.D. Parker Collegiate, is asking permission to take students on a tour of Paris, France from Friday, March 26, 2010, to Saturday, April 3, 2010. The paperwork will follow in September 2009.

MOTION 69/09

Moved by Trustee Oliveira, seconded by Trustee Hause

That the field trip be approved subject to proper documentation being available at a later date.

Carried

SUPERINTENDENT/CEO REPORT (continued)

ACTION

b) Staffing – Leave of Absence Request

MOTION 70/09

Moved by Trustee Gallant, seconded by Trustee Hause

That the Special Leave for employee #1140 for the 2009/2010 school year be approved.

Carried

MOTION 71/09

Moved by Trustee Gallant, seconded by Trustee Hendren

That the leave of absence for employee #60196 for the 2009/2010 school year be approved.

Carried

8. SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT - No Report

9. BUSINESS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE #1181 – April 21, 2009

No motions arising from the Committee of the Whole.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Information

a) MSBA

- i. Leadership for Student Learning Workshop
- ii. Newspaper Clippings Pertaining to Education in the Province
- iii. Executive Highlights
- iv. Memo from Carolyn Duhamel re: Association name change

v. Fundamentals of Collective Bargaining Workshop
CORRESPONDENCE (continued)

Information

b) YWCA

Ms. Leslie Tucker, Program Coordinator for the Steps to Success Program at the YWCA wrote a letter expressing her gratitude to Mr. Hugh Fraser, Superintendent/CEO for the District, Mr. Grant Kreuger, Vice-Principal of R.D. Parker Collegiate and Ms. Anne Lindsay, Librarian of R.D. Parker Collegiate for the instrumental roles they played in allowing her to bring the program to our community. Ms. Tucker stated that the event would not have happened without their help.

Action

a) Vale Inco

Mr. David Markham, Manager of Corporate Affairs for Vale Inco wrote a letter inviting the District to nominate a representative to participate as a member of Vale Inco Limited's Manitoba Operations Community Liaison Committee.

MOTION 72/09

Moved by Trustee Hause, seconded by Trustee Hendren

That the Board nominate Mr. Hugh Fraser, Superintendent/CEO, as a representative to the Vale Inco Limited's Manitoba Operations Community Liaison Committee.

Carried

b) University of Manitoba – Faculty of Social Work

Ms. Kathy Levine from the Faculty of Social Work at the University of Manitoba requested approval from the District for students, ages twelve to nineteen, to participate in a national research study entitled "Girls Experiences of Violence."

Parental permission will be required for all students under the age of majority to participate. The study will be completed during lunchtime or after school so as not to detract from teaching time.

CORRESPONDENCE (continued)

Action

University of Manitoba – Faculty of Social Work (continued)

MOTION 73/09

Moved by Trustee Hause, seconded by Trustee Gallant

That the Board approve the Faculty of Social Works request to contact students ages twelve to nineteen to participate in a research study entitled “Girls Experiences of Violence,” and that all protocol around informed consent be observed.

Carried

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Action

Finance Committee

- a) School District of Mystery Lake Trustee Indemnity By-Law 02/09

MOTION 74/09

Moved by Trustee Hause, seconded by Trustee Gallant

That the Trustee Indemnity By-Law 02/09 be read for the third time.

Carried

Finance Committee

- b) Approval of Expenditures for March 2009
- i. Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 1,899,090.14
 - ii. Teacher payroll in the amount of \$1,753,27.29
 - iii. Non-teaching payroll in the amount of \$509,234.62

MOTION 75/09

Moved by Trustee Gallant, seconded by Trustee Oliveira

That the above expenditures for March 2009 be approved.

Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

Action

Policy Committee

- a) School District of Mystery Lake Procedural By-Law 04/09

MOTION 76/09

Moved by Trustee Gallant, seconded by Trustee Hendren

That the Procedural By-Law 04/09 be read for the third time.

Carried

Personnel Committee

- a) R.D. Parker Principal

MOTION 77/09

Moved by Trustee Hendren, seconded by Trustee Gallant

That Ryan Land be appointed as the Principal at R. D. Parker Collegiate effective September 8, 2009.

Carried

12. TRUSTEE COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Trustee Pellizzaro attended the National School Boards Association conference in April. There were five-hundred workshops and seminars and approximately twenty-five thousand delegates in attendance. The conference gave board members the opportunity to connect with other board members to discuss the issues that schools are facing. Our District is facing some of the same issues as the schools in the United States.

Our District can learn from the mistakes and successes of the other schools. In the States it is sad to see how commonplace of violence, poverty and racial discrimination is in their schools. Daily shootings around the school areas are common.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS/QUESTIONS (continued)

A success story in Louisiana is the alternative high school they have for student achievers. Students are competing to get into this school. The school is a project based school and the programs are streamed to match job opportunities in the area. There is interaction with industry and students because of the programs that are offered making it easier for students to find employment after they have completed high school.

13. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ABOUT ITEMS PERTAINING TO THE AGENDA

Questions: a) When the announcement of the appointment of Mr. Ryan Land is sent to the schools will his bio be included?

Response: Yes

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 78/09

Moved by Trustee Gallant, seconded by Trustee Oliveira

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Carried

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer

