
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MYSTERY LAKE



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

**Tuesday, December 9, 2008
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 Hendren
Trustee Gallant
Trustee Hause
Trustee Wilson
Superintendent/CEO Fraser
Assistant Superintendent B. Waldie
Assistant Superintendent C. Waldie
Secretary-Treasurer Assoignon
Executive Assistant Mulrooney

Regrets:

Trustee Oliveira

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by Chairperson Davies at 7:06 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

#10 (a) iiiii MAST Correspondence – Items for Discussion at Regional Conference

#11 c) Nutrition Policy Committee
d) Property Committee

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – December 9, 2008

Motion 203/08

Moved by Trustee Hendren, seconded by Trustee Wilson

That the agenda with the above additions be approved.

Carried

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 25, 2008

Motion 204/08

Moved by Trustee Hause, seconded by Trustee Gallant

That the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of November 25, 2008, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

a) Seeds of Learning Project

Ms. Vicki Landgridge and Denise Tucker, teachers from Westwood School made a presentation on 'Seeds of Hope' project. With support from the community, staff and students the school raised \$19,000.00 to build a school in Mauritania West Africa.

The construction of the school started in November 2008, pictures of the progress of the school in Africa will be at Westwood School.

Ms. Denise Tucker would like to raise money every year to send supplies to the school in Africa.

b) Ms. Lorraine Larocque, Director of Health Services for the Burntwood Regional Health Authority made a presentation on the 2007/2008 Youth Behavior Survey results. The five areas the survey focused on were:

- i. Wellness
- ii. Drug Use
- iii. Depression and Suicide
- iv. Abuse/Assault
- v. Human Sexuality

DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS (continued)

b) Youth Behavior Survey Results continued

The results are in partnership with the District and the Burntwood Regional Health Authority and provide information to educators and health care providers for programming and resource planning.

Trustee Gallant was surprised by some of the results.

Chairperson Davies inquired as to how many surveys were returned. Ms. Larocque said the response was good.

Trustee Hendren stated that maybe the reason why some of the areas were higher was because things were being reported.

6. BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

7. SUPERINTENDENT/CEO REPORT

Information

a) Enrolment as of November 30, 2008.

<u>ENROLMENT</u>	<u>November 30, 2008</u>	<u>September 30, 2008</u>	<u>+/-</u>
Burntwood School	279	284	-5
Deerwood School	268	263	+5
Ecole Riverside School	413	420	-7
Juniper School	326	319	+7
Wapanohk Community School	384	377	+7
Westwood School	395	396	-1
R.D. Parker Collegiate	<u>945</u>	<u>1010</u>	<u>-65</u>
Total Enrollment	3010	3069	-59

SUPERINTENDENT/CEO REPORT (continued)

Information

Enrolment as of November 30, 2008 (continued)

Vice-Chairperson Pellizzaro asked that in regards to the enrollment, does this affect Ecole Riverside School in terms of overcrowding?

Mr. Fraser stated that Ecole Riverside has not seen that much of a drop in enrollment. R.D. Parker has seen the biggest drop and that the high school usually experiences a drop during the first semester.

Chairperson Davies reminded everyone that the drop is spread over two months.

b) Educational Assistant Resignation

Mrs. Tersia DeJager, Educational Assistant at Ecole Riverside School has given her resignation effective November 26, 2008. Mrs. DeJager has been with the District since October 2007.

c) Report on Rachel's Challenge

Rachel's Challenge is a program which promotes kindness and compassion. Her challenge is to:

- i. Eliminate Prejudice - looki for the best in others
- ii. Dare to Dream – set goals – keep a journal
- iii. Choose Your Influences – input determines output
- iv. Kind Words – small acts of kindness = huge impact
- v. Start a Chain Reaction with Family and Friends

The District held sessions for students during the day and parents in the evening from December 1 – December 4, 2008.

Parents thanked the board for bringing Rachel's Challenge to the District.

d) School Based Tech Protocol

This item will be the first part of the operations manual.

8. SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT – No Report

9. BUSINESS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE #1171 – December 2, 2008

a) Gideon Representatives

Gideon's International has further requested to distribute New Testaments to grades five to eight students as distribution has not been made for several years.

Motion 203/08

Moved by Trustee Gallant, seconded by Trustee Wilson

That the letter sent to Grade 5 students regarding Bible distribution also be sent to Grades six to eight students, as moved at the board meeting on November 25th.

Carried

b) Leave Request

Motion 204/08

Moved by Trustee Hendren, seconded by Trustee Gallant

That the leave request for employee number 3443 be granted to June 30, 2009.

Carried

c) United Way Campaign

Motion 205/08

Moved by Trustee Hause, seconded by Trustee Gallant

That the Board of Trustees endorse a United Way Campaign in the District.

Carried

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Information

- a) MAST
 - i. Canadian School Board Association InfoPicks
 - ii. Long Service Award package to all Secretary-Treasurers and Board Chairs
 - iii. Newspaper Clippings

- b) Manitoba Education Citizenship and Youth

The Bureau de l'éducation française (BEF), a division of Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth, cordially invites you to attend a conference entitled "French Immersion in Manitoba: Evolving Perspectives in Immersion Education in the Global Village" will take place on February 6, 2009 at the Victoria Inn in Winnipeg. Deadline for registration is January 16, 2009.

Assistant Superintendent Christelle Waldie stated that the District is sending a team already and that it would be nice to have a Trustee Attend.

Action

- a) MAST

Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association "Trustee Summit"

The purpose of the summit is to bring together school trustees from across the province to discuss High School Athletics and the Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association. It will be a full day session with lunch provided.

Due to space limitations participation will be limited to up to two trustees and one superintendent or assistant superintendent per school division.

Motion 205/08

Moved by Trustee Hause, seconded by Trustee Gallant

That trustee Hendren and Superintendent/CEO Fraser attend the "Trustee Summit" in Winnipeg on Thursday, February 12th, 2009.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE (continued)

Action

b) MAST

“School Boards Work” Campaign

Ms. Carolyn Duhamel, Executive Director for The Manitoba Association of School Trustees, invited the board to submit a proposal for inclusion in MAST’s upcoming “School Boards Work” communications campaign.

To nominate a program, a completed form should be sent to Carolyn Duhamel no later than Wednesday, January 7, 2009.

Trustee Hendren asked if the Wapanohk Community School concept would be okay to put forward. It was the first Community School piloted in Manitoba.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Finance – Approval of Expenditures for November 2008

- i. Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 1,258,429.22
- ii. Teacher payroll in the amount of \$1,749,864.49
- iii. Non-teaching payroll in the amount of \$478,363.69

Motion 206/08

Moved by Trustee Gallant, seconded by Trustee Wilson

That the above expenditures for November 2008 be approved.

Carried

Trustee Wilson stated that it was nice to see the breakdown of the expenditures.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

b) Finance Committee – December 3, 2008

Motion 207/08

Moved by Trustee Gallant, seconded by Trustee Wilson

That the Finance Committee report as presented be accepted for filing.

Carried

c) Nutrition Committee – December 8, 2008

Motion 208/0808

Moved by Trustee Wilson, seconded by Trustee Hause

That the Nutrition Committee report as presented be accepted for filing.

Carried

d) Property Committee – December 9, 2008

Motion 207/08

Moved by Trustee Gallant, seconded by Trustee Hendren

That the Property Committee report as presented be accepted for filing.

Carried

Trustee Hendren was wondering if there was a report on the air quality tests done and if the report would go to the TTA President.

Trustee Hause stated that the reports would go to Safety and Health, but could also be sent to the TTA President.

12. TRUSTEE COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- a) Chairperson Davies – MAST Conferences attended

Chairperson Davies stated that it was a privilege to attend the “Leadership for Effective Governance: The Board Chair’s Role” and the Community Engagement: Putting the “Public “ back in Public Schools” conferences in Winnipeg.

Chairperson Davies commented that the Board has to identify how they can inform and engage the community. If people are not involved and feel they do not have a stake in the District then they won’t get involved.

Trustee Hendren said she was sorry the camera was not at the meeting because people would really have been able to see the passion Chairperson Davies has.

12. PUBLIC FORUM

Members of the public are invited to seek clarification about items on the agenda.

Questions: a) Is this the last meeting before the New Year?

Yes

- b) Where did the United Way Campaign request come from? They have lost their Charitable Organizational Status.

We are aware and businesses are trying to help out, the United Way does a lot to support the community.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved by Trustee Hendren, seconded by Trustee Pellizzaro

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Carried

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer

