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**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MYSTERY LAKE**



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

**Tuesday, November 25, 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

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Present:

Chairperson Davies  
Trustee Hendren  
Trustee Gallant  
Trustee Hause  
Trustee Wilson  
Superintendent/CEO Fraser  
Assistant Superintendent B. Waldie  
Assistant Superintendent C. Waldie  
Executive Assistant Mulrooney

Regrets:

Vice-Chairperson Pellizzaro  
Trustee Oliveira  
Secretary-Treasurer Assougnon

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by Chairperson Davies at 7:02 p.m.

**2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

a. Under MAST Information - #4 Student Citizenship Award

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – November 25, 2008**

Motion 196/08

Moved by Trustee Gallant, seconded by Trustee Hendren

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

Carried

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 12, 2008**

Motion 197/08

Moved by Trustee Gallant, seconded by Trustee Hause

That the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of November 12, 2008, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

## 5. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

### a) Melissa Kelly – Cape Farewell presentation

There were twenty-eight voyagers from Canada, the UK, Mexico, Brazil, Ireland, Germany and India that took part in the first Cape Farewell expedition to originate in Canada. The expedition departed from Reykjavik (Iceland) on September 7, rounding Cape Farewell on the southern tip of Greenland and arriving at Iqaluit (Baffin Island) on September 20, 2008.

The expedition was a chance for the youth to learn about the science of climate change and to communicate this important issue through science.

Trustee Wilson asked if it was valuable combining the art piece with science. Melissa quoted, "Science is our logic, Art is our expression."

Trustee Wilson appreciated the presentation from Melissa.

Chairperson Davies said she was proud that Melissa represented the District on the voyage.

## 6. BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

### a) Gideons International Request

Mr. Richard Klassen, Vice-President of Gideons International is seeking permission to speak to the grade five students in the District.

#### Motion 198/08

Moved by Trustee Gallant, seconded by Trustee Hendren

That Mr. Richard Klassen, Vice-President of Gideons International be given permission to speak to the grade five students based upon past practice with other religious groups in the schools.

Carried

Trustee Wilson has no objection to the request. She stated that the Gideons do really good work and are extremely generous. Trustee Wilson is concerned about setting precedence with other groups.

## **7. SUPERINTENDENT/CEO REPORT**

### **Information**

a) Custodial retirement

Ms. Tripta Nanda, cleaner for the District has submitted her resignation effective October 15, 2008. Tripta has been with the District since 1982.

b) Report on Urban Aboriginal Strategy Committee meetings

c) Report on MASS Member Session

d) Christelle Waldie, Assistant Superintendent reported on her conference in Quebec.

The ACPI ( Association canadienne des professeurs d'immersion) national Conference took place in Ottawa from November 20 to November 22. The theme was French Immersion... a Capital Heritage. More than 800 participants from all over Canada and the USA participated. The pre-conference was targeting administrators. Christelle presented two workshops. The morning workshop was about developing a positive school culture through the Arts and the afternoon workshop was the promotion of the Handbook for French Immersion School Leaders developed by Manitoba, the outcome of a partnership between the Bureau de l'éducation française and A.M.D.I (Association manitobaine des directrices et directeurs des écoles d'immersion française). Christelle worked on this document as past president of AMDI.

## **8. SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT – No Report**

## **9. BUSINESS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE #1170 November 18, 2008**

### **Motion 198/08**

Moved by Trustee Gallant, seconded by Trustee Hause

- a) That the grievance dated May 28, 2008, discussed in the Committee of the Whole #1170 be dealt with as discussed in camera.

Carried

**BUSINESS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE #1170 November 18, 2008 (continued)**

Motion 199/08

Moved by Trustee Gallant, seconded by Trustee Hause

- b) That the senior administration investigates the menu at the R.D. Parker Collegiate cafeteria to ensure compliance with District Policy.

Carried

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Information**

- a) MAST
  - i. Premier Award for School Board Innovation package from Carolyn Duhamel
  - ii. Canadian School Board Association InfoPicks
  - iii. Newspaper Clippings
  - iv. Student Citizenship Award Package

**11. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) Negotiating Committee – TTA Contract

MOTION 200/08

Moved by Trustee Hendren, seconded by Trustee Wilson

That the Thompson Teachers' Association collective agreement for the period covering July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2010, be ratified.

Carried

- b) Finance – November 19, 2008

MOTION 201/08

Moved by Trustee Gallant, seconded by Trustee Hause

That the Finance report as presented be accepted for filing.

Carried

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)**

- c) Property Committee – November 18, 2008

MOTION #202/08

Moved by Trustee Hause, seconded by Trustee Hendren

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

Carried

## **12. TRUSTEE COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

- a) Trustee Hendren wanted the public to know that the TTA collective agreement was ratified by Thompson Teachers' Association.

Trustee Wilson stated that negotiations with TTA were cordial.

- b) Chairperson Davies commented about the excitement of the announcement of the Olympic torch arriving in Thompson on November 7, 2009.
- c) Christelle Waldie, Assistant Superintendent, talked about Rachel's Challenge, a program that promotes kindness and compassion. The District is the first to offer this type of program in Manitoba. The program is being offered to, staff, students from grades six to twelve and open to the public in the evening.

## **13. PUBLIC FORUM**

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

Questions: a) When can you release details on the TTA collective agreement?

Details can be released when the collective agreement is signed.

## 14. ADJOURNMENT

### MOTION

Moved by Trustee Hendren, seconded by Trustee Gallant

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Carried

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer

