

May 12, 2014

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Minutes of Special Meeting  
of the  
Board of Trustees  
of  
The Winnipeg School Division

**APPROVED BY THE  
BOARD ON  
JUNE 2, 2014**

Board Room, Administration Building,  
Winnipeg, May 12, 2014.

A Special meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Winnipeg School Division was held this day at 7:00 p.m.

The Secretary-Treasurer called the meeting to order.

Present: Trustees S. Hrynyk (Chair), M. Wasyliw, C. Collins, A. Ramos,  
D. Bautista, K Barr, J. Sneesby, R. Hildahl, M. Babinsky

In Attendance: P. Clarke, R. Appelmans, C. Caetano-Gomes, R. Chartrand, F. Mota,  
E. Barnaby, G. Heath, B. Lapointe

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Ramos-Sneesby That the Agenda for the Special meeting of the School Board to be held this evening, May 12, 2014 be approved. - Carried.

**DELEGATIONS**

**226 – Washington Presentation/ Cyber Security**

Nick Dixon, Jarron Mercado, Mike Czelen and Aaron Retzlaff, students of the Division appeared before the Board to make a presentation regarding Cyber Security.

**227-Ottawa Presentation / Mental Health**

Stephanie Zabar, Jen Pazdor, Todd Cambel and Stephanie Kubyt, students of the Division appeared before the Board to make a presentation regarding Champions of Mental Health Awards.

## **PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS**

The following report was considered:

Policy/Program Committee Report No.2-2014

Dated May 5, 2014

Babinsky- Ramos

That Clause No. 1a (Guidelines for Inviting Elected Public Officials to School Events, Awards Ceremonies and other related areas) be referred back to Finance/Personnel Committee for discussion.

Babinsky-Hildahl

That Clause No. 1b (Full Day Kindergarten) be referred back to Policy/Program for discussion – Carried.

## **BUSINESS MATTERS AS DEFINED IN RULE 42.7**

### Committee of the Whole

Wasyliw-Hildahl

That the Board recess into Committee of the Whole in camera at this time. - Carried.

The Board then recessed into Committee of the Whole in camera at 8:16 p.m. with Trustee Wasyliw in the Chair.

Upon the Board resuming in public session at 8:37 p.m., Trustee Wasyliw, the Chair of the Committee of the Whole presented the following recommendations of that Committee.

### 228-Memorandum Of Settlement – United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners of America, Local Union No. 1515

Wasyliw-Ramos

That the amendments to the Collective Agreement with the United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners of America, Local Union No. 1515, as agreed to in the Committee for the period May 1, 2013 to April 22, 2016, be ratified, and that the proper officers of the Division be authorized to execute the Agreement. – Carried.

### 229-Negotiations Between The Winnipeg School Division and The Winnipeg Association of Non-Teaching Employees

Wasyliw-Hildahl

That the proposals from the Winnipeg Association of Non-Teaching Employees be referred to the Management Committee for Negotiations. – Carried.

230- Discussed French Immersion ProgramCommittee of the Whole

Babinsky-Collins

That the Board recess into Committee of the Whole in closed camera at this time.- carried

The Board then recessed into the Committee of the Whole in closed camera at 8:40 p.m. with the Chief Superintendent, Secretary- Treasurer in attendance.

Upon the Board resuming in public session at 8:58 Trustee Wasyliw, the Vice-Chair of the Committee of the Whole presented the following recommendation of that Committee.

231-Appointment of Director of Program Support

Wasyliw- Barr

That the Chief Superintendent be granted authority to advertise the position of Director of Program Support internally and externally.- Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer

**POLICY/PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2-2014**

To the Chair and Members  
Winnipeg Public School Board

May 5, 2014

Your Policy/Program Committee reports as follows:

1. **Guidelines for Inviting Elected Public Officials to School Events, Awards Ceremonies and other related areas**

At a previous meeting, it was agreed that the topic of guidelines for participation of Elected Political Officials at schools, during events and awards ceremonies and other related areas would be developed for discussion by the Board of Trustees.

Your Committee reviewed the draft of School and Divisional Guidelines related to participation of elected public officials at schools, during events, and other related areas.

Your Committee agreed that it is important to provide students in the classroom with opportunities to learn about the democratic process by engaging in discussion with elected officials. Your Committee recommended that the guidelines be revised to require that the parents/legal guardians are notified of potential guest speakers.

Your Committee also recommended that the following words be deleted under the heading of Campaigning during an Election be revised to clarify that requests made by individual candidates to visit schools are not considered to be appropriate during an election campaign. These visits would include classroom visits or meeting with administrators.

Your Committee agreed to the revised changes in the guidelines.(attached)

Recommendation:

That the revised guidelines for inviting Elected Officials to schools, during events and awards ceremonies be approved.

2. **Full Day Kindergarten**

Your Committee was informed that at a meeting held October 7, 2013, a motion to implement a two year full day Kindergarten program for the Winnipeg School Division was referred to the Finance/Personnel Committee for further study and discussion. In order to assist Trustees in their consideration of this matter, the administration undertook a preliminary assessment of the fiscal implications of introducing a full day Kindergarten program in all elementary schools.

Your Committee was informed that during budget discussions the Board of Trustees provided direction that a pilot full day Kindergarten program be established in four schools. These schools were identified by available space for the program and the ability to offer the option of a full day Kindergarten program.

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Policy/Program Committee Report No. 2-2014

Your Committee was informed that the survey of interest for full day Kindergarten was distributed on April 21, 2014, to parents in each of the four schools identified as potential sites for the full day Kindergarten program. The administration of each school ensured that all the nursery parents received a survey and discussed the program with the parents individually. The survey results were collected on April 28, 2014.

Your Committee was informed that the parents of students who met the eligibility criteria as residing in the schools catchment area, resident students attending Nursery classes in 2013/14 at each school and/or resident children who had older siblings currently attending the school indicated an interest in the full day Kindergarten program.

Your Committee was informed that in general there was a wide range of feedback, many parents had positive comments and indicated an interest in a full day program. Your Committee was informed that most parents requested that their child remain at school during the lunch break. Your Committee gave direction to the administration to explore possible options that would be available to accommodate the children during the lunch break.

Your Committee was also informed that three of the four daycares servicing families in the school communities expressed concern regarding the implementation of a full day Kindergarten program.

Respectfully submitted,

RITA HILDAHL  
Committee Chair

In Attendance:

Trustees: S. Hrynyk, C. Collins, R. Hildahl, M. Wasyliv, M. Babinsky, J. Sneesby, K. Barr,  
A. Ramos (5:20)  
Administration: P. Clarke F. Mota, K. Seiler, C. Caetano-Gomes, R. Chartrand, E. Barnaby,  
G. Heath, B. Lapointe, K. Stuart  
Regrets: D. Bautista,