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

**APPROVED BY THE
BOARD ON
DECEMBER 2, 2013**

Board Room, Administration Building,
Winnipeg, November 18, 2013.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Winnipeg School Division was held this day at 7:02 p.m.

The Chair of the Board called the meeting to order.

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

In Attendance: P. Clarke, R. Appelmans, K. Seiler, C. Caetano-Gomes, R. Chartrand, D. Persaud, E. Barnaby, G. Heath, B. Lapointe

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ramos-Wasyliv That the Agenda for the regular meeting of the School Board to be held this evening, November 18, 2013, be approved.

Hrynyk-Ramos That an in Camera item regarding Employment Equity be added to the Agenda. – Carried.

READING AND CONFIRMING OF MINUTES

A copy of the minutes to be considered had previously been distributed to the Trustees. A motion was now adopted for these minutes to be taken as read, and approved as follows:

Ramos-Sneesby Regular Meeting – November 4, 2013

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

The following reports were considered:

Superintendent's Report No. 15-2013

Dated November 18, 2013

Superintendent's Report No. 15-2013

Collins-Barr

That Clause No. 1a (Accounts List/Summaries of Salaries and Wages) be approved. - Carried.

Collins-Barr

That Clause No. 1b (Accounts List/Summaries of Salaries and Wages) be approved. - Carried.

Babinsky-Bautista

That Clause No. 2 (Recognition for Special Accomplishment) be approved. - Carried.

ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**87 – Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation Act and Liquor and Gaming Control Act**

Trustee Collins informed trustees that she received a response from Minister Dave Chomiak advising that The Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation Act and Liquor and Gaming Control Act is currently before the legislature and that the new Liquor and Gaming Authority of Manitoba has a research project currently underway. The research project is in the planning stages and it is unknown at this time when the final report will be available; however, the Division will be informed as the research project moves forward.

Trustee Babinsky suggested that Minister Chomiak give consideration to including a component on crime and alcohol in the research project.

88 – Cultural Proficiency Institute

Trustee Barr informed trustees that she was a speaker at the Cultural Proficiency Institute forum held from November 13 to 15th, 2013. This event was designed to bring educators and other professionals together to discuss critical issues of diversity, equity, and opportunity. Throughout the Institute, participants use reflection and dialogue to guide the examination of their values and behaviors and their organizations' policies and practices. Trustee Barr informed trustees that she spoke about anti homophobia and the Division's policies. There were approximately 30 staff and administration from the Winnipeg School Division in attendance.

89 – Bullying Awareness Week Kick-Off

Trustee Hildahl informed the trustees she attended the Bullying Awareness Week Kick-Off at Collège Churchill. The Honourable James Allum, MLA for the Fort Rouge/Riverview area and presently, Minister of Education and Advanced Learning, and Ms Nancy Allan, now Legislative Assistant to Mr. Allum were also in attendance.

The former Minister of Education, Ms Allan, championed the government's anti bullying, Bill 18, the Public Schools Amendment Act (Safe and Inclusive Schools).

Ms Holly Klos, Regional Manager of Community Fundraising and Corporate Development of Kids Help Phone spoke about the critically important work the organization is doing for troubled children across Canada.

Minister Allum, Minister of Education and Advanced Learning stated bilingual posters about Kids Help Phone will be sent to all middle and senior high schools so that children know they can access professional help any time during the day or night. This organization already receives close to a quarter million calls a year from children.

Students and guests enthusiastically thanked Churchill's Junior Choir for their performance. As well, Ross Penner's anti-bullying piece was well received, especially by the students who participated in the video.

90 – Disaster Relief

Trustee Ramos informed trustees that he is aware that schools in the Division are accepting donations and raising funds for the typhoon that recently hit the Philippines leaving millions affected by this natural disaster. Trustee Ramos wished to thank the many schools for their support and involvement in raising funds to help survivors and rebuild the damaged areas of the Philippines.

Trustee Hrynyk suggested that the Division's website link to the Canadian Red Cross website for users to make an online donation.

91 – Youth Wellness Conference

Trustee Babinsky informed trustees that he attended the Youth Wellness Conference held at R. B. Russell High School on November 6th to bring greetings on behalf of the Board. The event was held as a result of a partnership between the Division and the Winnipeg Police Service. The conference was made up of select Grade 7 and 8 students from across the Division and featured presentations on cyber bullying, street safety, nutrition & health, and youth wellness. The Honourable Kevin Chief, Minister of Children and Youth Opportunities and Chief of Police Devon Clunis were in attendance to kick off the event. Also presenting were Henoc and Cauchy Muamba from the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. They spoke of the importance of nutrition and health. Students also took part in sessions that included discussions on street safety and the Cool 2B Kind anti-bullying program.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT NO. 15 - 2013

To the Chair and Members
Winnipeg School Board

November 18, 2013

1. Accounts List/Summaries of Salaries and Wages

Summaries of salaries and wages paid during the month of October 2013, and Accounts List for the month of October 2013 have been provided to the trustees.

Recommendations:

- (a) That the list of Salaries and Wages paid during the month of October 2013, as summarized on Accounts List 2013-10 be approved and confirmed.
- (b) That the October 2013 list of payment of accounts be approved and confirmed.

2. Recognition for Special Accomplishment

Six students from Sisler High School have been selected to present a multi-media, anti-tobacco presentation at the 8th Annual National Conference on Tobacco and Health in Toronto, Ontario on November 25 to 27, 2013.

Sisler's staff and students have been in the forefront in the effort to eliminate tobacco use, particularly amongst young people. Attendance at this conference will profile our participants and enable them to network more effectively and speak more authoritatively regarding the dangers in tobacco use.

The total costs for six students and two teachers have been estimated at \$9,166. Sisler High School has been able to secure a promise of up to \$5,000 from The National Conference on Tobacco and Health. S.T.A.N.D (Sisler Teens Against Nicotine and Drugs) hope to raise \$500 through their own projects.

It is recommended that in accordance with Board Policy AGAB - Recognition for Special Accomplishment, six students and two teachers receive funding in the amount of \$400 each (total \$3,200) to support their attendance at the conference and that funding for substitute costs for one teacher only for up to three days be approved.

Recommendation

That in accordance with Board policy AGAB – Recognition for Special Accomplishments, that authority be given for six students and two teachers from Sisler High School to receive funding in the amount of \$400 each (total \$3,200) to support their attendance at the 8th Annual National Conference on Tobacco and Health in Toronto on November 25 to 27, 2013 and that funding for substitute costs for one teacher only for up to 3 days be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

P.E. CLARKE
Chief Superintendent