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

**APPROVED BY THE
BOARD ON
APRIL 11, 2011**

Board Room, Administration Building,
Winnipeg, March 21, 2011.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Winnipeg School Division was held this day at 7:05 p.m.

The Secretary-Treasurer called the meeting to order.

Present: Trustees K. Barr (7:10 p.m.), C. Collins, R. Hildahl, D. Bautista, M. Babinsky, J. Sneesby, A. Ramos

In Attendance: P. Clarke, R. Appelmans, C. Caetano-Gomes, R. Chartrand, D. Persaud, L. Wilson, G. Heath, B. Lapointe

Regrets: S. Hrynyk (Chair), J. Bateman

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Babinsky-Bautista That the Agenda for the regular meeting of the School Board to be held this evening, March 21, 2011 be approved. – Carried.

Bautista-Babinsky That an In Camera item regarding MSBA be added to the Agenda under Business Matters as defined in Rule 41.4. – Carried.

The Agenda as amended was voted on and declared. – 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:

Hildahl-Collins Regular Meeting – March 7, 2011 – Carried.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

The following reports were considered:

Superintendent's Report No. 5-2011
Children's Heritage Fund Committee Report No. 2-2011

Dated March 21, 2011
Dated March 8, 2011

Superintendent's Report No. 5-2011

- Collins-Babinsky That the recommendation for Clause No. 1a (Accounts List/ Summaries of Salaries and Wages) be approved. – Carried.
- Collins-Babinsky That the recommendation for Clause No. 1b (Accounts List/ Summaries of Salaries and Wages) be approved. – Carried.
- Bautista-Hildahl That the recommendation for Clause No. 2 (2011 Summer Session) be approved. – Carried.
- Trustee Barr arrived at 7:10 p.m. and assumed the Chair.
- Sneesby-Hildahl That the recommendation for Clause No. 3a (Recognition for Special Accomplishments) be approved. – Carried.
- Sneesby-Hildahl That the recommendation for Clause No. 3b (Recognition for Special Accomplishments) be approved. – Carried.
- Bautista-Babinsky That the recommendation for Clause No. 3c (Recognition for Special Accomplishments) be approved. – Carried
- Babinsky-Bautista That the recommendation for Clause No. 4 (George V School – Gymnasium and Elevator Addition) be approved. – Carried.

Children's Heritage Fund Committee Report No. 1-2011

- Collins-Ramos That the Children's Heritage Fund Committee Report No. 1-2011 be received. – Carried.
- Collins-Ramos That the recommendation for Clause No. 3 (Charitable Donations) be approved. – Carried.

ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS139 – Treaty Education Initiative – James Wilson, Treaty Commissioner

Trustee Hildahl informed trustees that she attended the Treaty Education Initiative Networking Mixer held at Inn at the Forks and was able to meet the new Treaty Commissioner for Manitoba, Jamie Wilson. Trustee Hildahl informed trustees that she was very impressed with his speche during the Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) conference held this past week.

140 – Conference - Chief Clarence Louie, Canad Inn Fort Garry

Trustee Hildahl informed trustees that she attended a conference at the Canad Inn Fort Gary in which Chief Clarence Louie spoke about the progress on his reserve in Osoyoos, British Columbia. Trustee Hildahl shared with trustees that the Chief informed those in attendance that his belief is that every young person living on a reserve should go to school to have an education that would enable them to gain employment and contribute to society. The presentation was well received and was inspirational.

141– Aboriginal Circle of Educators: Education Awards Banquet

Trustee Hildahl informed trustees that she attended the Aboriginal Circle of Educators: Education Awards Banquet at the Victoria Inn where a number of teachers from the Winnipeg School Division were honoured. Congratulations to all those honoured for their contributions to education.

Trustee Hildahl informed trustees that she also attended the Aboriginal Circle of Educators plenary session on Traditional Teachings and Contemporary Mediums.

142 – Buggy Malone, River Heights School

Trustee Hildahl informed trustees that she recently attended the River Heights School musical Buggy Malone and that she would like to recognize and commend the students, staff and parents for the creative work.

143 – Manitoba Council for Exceptional Children: Awards Presentation

Trustee Hildahl informed trustees that she attended the Manitoba Council for Exceptional Children Awards Presentation and it was a beautifully done ceremony. Many of the past recipients presented the awards.

144 – Update on Manitoba School Boards Association Conference (MSBA)

Trustee Hildahl informed trustees that she attended the Manitoba School Boards Association annual conference along with the Chief Superintendent and six other trustees from the Winnipeg School Division.

Trustee Hildahl informed trustees of the excellent keynote speakers she was able to hear during the conference. Retired NHL hockey player, Sheldon Kennedy, spoke of the child abuse he suffered from his hockey coach and his recovery and the program he created called Respect in School, which has been implemented in schools. Trustee Hildahl also heard from an Aboriginal leader in the community, Kevin Chief, who spoke about developing strong and vibrant communities as well as the concept of developing our cultural I.Q.'s.

Trustee Hildahl informed trustees that the Interlake School Division put on a workshop at the MSBA Conference titled, Relationship, Resiliency and Re-Engagement: The 3R's of Alternative Education. Trustee Hildahl informed trustees that should would like to see the Winnipeg School Division share our accomplishments at next year's convention.

Trustee Hildahl informed trustees that she attended a workshop with Trustee Sneesby at the MSBA Conference regarding International Education in Manitoba. In response to an enquiry from Trustee Hildahl regarding exchange programs in the Winnipeg School Division, the Chief Superintendent informed trustees that the Division does not offer an international education program, but discussions may be held in the future.

Trustee Hildahl also informed trustees that she accepted an award from the Manitoba School Boards Association on behalf of former trustee, Cindy Gilroy-Price, which acknowledges her service to the MSBA.

Trustee Hildahl informed trustees that a Grade 12 student and the Student Council President at Elmwood High School won the Student Citizenship Award for Region 6 from the Manitoba School Boards Association.

Lastly, Trustee Hildahl informed trustees that she was pleased to receive the MSBA 2011 Premier Award for School Board Innovation on behalf of the Winnipeg School Division. The Argyle Alternative High School received this honour for their video production of the film "Of Mice and Men". Trustee Hildahl informed trustees that Xerox provided the Division with a \$3,000 promissory note and plaque.

Trustee Ramos also suggested that a letter of congratulations be sent from the Board Chair to Argyle Alternative High School for receiving an award for their video production of the film "Of Mice and Men" and specifically to Pat Graham and John Barrett for this milestone.

Trustee Hildahl informed trustees that she received a report from the Canadian Association of Family Resource Programs titled, Family is the Foundation: Why Family Support and Early Childhood Education Must be a Collaborative Effort. This report was a response to the reorganization of early childhood services in many jurisdictions across Canada and of integrating and collaborating early childhood education in schools along with community organizations. Trustee Hildahl forwarded a copy of the report to the administration for review.

145 – MSBA Aboriginal Presentation – Myra Laramée

Trustee Barr informed trustees that she attended a workshop with Trustees Bautista and Collins at the MSBA Convention called Ripples in the Pond presented by a retired administrator of the Winnipeg School Division. The presentation gave a delightful account of how Aboriginal education had developed in the Division, and in particular, the work that happened in the inner city district under the leadership of our current Chief Superintendent when she was the superintendent of the Inner City District. Trustee Barr informed trustees that it was the most comprehensive explanation of how the Winnipeg School Division became a leader in the country in Aboriginal education.

146 – MSBA Long Service Award

Trustee Barr informed trustees that she was honoured to receive a long service award at the MSBA Convention and is wearing her lapel pin with pride for her twelve years of service.

147 – Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) Presentation

Trustee Collins informed trustees that she was able to hear a principal and parent of a former student with FAS in the Winnipeg School Division speak about being both a parent and a teacher of a child with FAS. The presenter was very informative and supplied those in attendance with a book called Fallen Angels.

148 – Broadcast of Montreal School Board Meeting

Trustee Collins informed trustees that at the MSBA Conference she along with the Chief Superintendent attended a session from a Montreal school division regarding new technology to engage the public, such as live Board meetings.

149 – Hugh John Macdonald School Article

Trustee Collins informed trustees that the Winnipeg Jazz Society's magazine called Dig!, published an article titled, The Bridge Program, regarding students from Hugh John MacDonald School who are participating in the Faculty of Music outreach initiative by the University of Winnipeg.

150 – Santa Claus Parade

Trustee Collins informed trustees that she received a thank you letter and a photograph from the Santa Claus Parade held in November and looks forward to participating in the parade again next year.

151 – North District School Visits

Trustee Bautista informed trustees that she has finished visiting all the North District schools and was impressed with the way contemporary issues have been incorporated into the different grade levels especially with the use of the smartboard. Trustee Bautista would like to commend the Division for the implementing the use of technology to keep students involved in what is going on around the world, such as the devastation from the earthquake in Japan.

In response to an enquiry from Trustee Bautista regarding whether the Division has any students from Japan, the Chief Superintendent informed trustees that she was unaware of any students, and will confirm this at a future meeting.

152 – CUPE Retirement Dinner

Trustee Barr informed trustees that she along with Trustees Ramos, Bautista, the Director of Buildings and the Chief Superintendent, attended the CUPE retirement dinner at which nine retirees were being honoured.

AGENDA INFORMATION ITEMS

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| Sneesby-Collins | That Information Correspondence No. IC14-11 – IC16-11 be received as information. – Carried. |
| Collins-Bautista | That Superintendent's Information Report No.4-2011 be received as information. – Carried. |

BUSINESS MATTERS AS DEFINED IN RULE 41.4Committee of the Whole

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| Bautista-Babinsky | That the Board recess into Committee of the Whole in camera at this time. - Carried. |
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The Board then recessed into Committee of the Whole in camera at 7:35 p.m. with Trustee Ramos, Acting Vice Chair.

Upon the Board resuming in public session at 7:38 p.m., Trustee Ramos, Acting Vice Chair of the Committee of the Whole presented the following recommendation of that Committee:

153 - Leaves of Absence – Without Salary

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| Ramos-Babinsky | That the leaves of absence without salary as outlined in the confidential report dated March 21, 2011 be granted. – Carried. |
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Upon the Board resuming in public session at 7:40 p.m., Trustee Ramos, the Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole, informed the Board that the Committee of the Whole had received an update regarding the Manitoba School Boards Association representative.

NOTICE OF MOTION

The following Notice of Motion was presented during the meeting by Trustee Babinsky:

“That the Winnipeg School Division consider naming the new gymnasium at George V after former Premier of Manitoba Gary Doer.”

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer