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

**APPROVED BY THE
BOARD ON
MARCH 3, 2014**

Board Room, Administration Building,
Winnipeg, February 3, 2014.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Winnipeg School Division was held this day at 7:00 p.m.

The Chair of the Board called the meeting to order.

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

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Wasyliw-Barr That the Agenda for the regular meeting of the School Board to be held this evening, February 3, 2014, be approved. – 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-Sneesby Regular Meeting – January 13, 2014

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS OF PETITIONS

The following correspondence was dealt with as indicated:

OC01-14 From James Allum, Minister of Education and Advanced Learning

Providing approval for By-Law 1219, to change the present three ward system with three trustees in each ward to a nine ward system with one trustee representative in each ward.

Barr-Hildahl That this correspondence be received as information. – Carried.

OC02-14 From James Allum, Minister of Education and Advanced Learning

Announcing a Provincial funding increase of \$24.4 million or 2% for 2014/2015.

Collins-Wasyliw

That this correspondence be received as information. – Carried.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

The following reports were considered:

Superintendent's Report No.2-2014

Dated February 3, 2014

Finance/Personnel Committee Report No. 1-2014

Dated January 13, 2014

Finance/Personnel Committee Report No. 2-2014

Dated January 20, 2014

and January 27, 2014

Pension Committee Report No. 1-2014

Dated January 22, 2014

Superintendent's Report No. 2-2014

Hildahl- Sneesby

That Clause No. 1a (Recognition for Special Accomplishments) be approved. – Carried.

Sneesby-Wasyliw

That Clause No. 1b (Recognition for Special Accomplishments) be approved. – Carried.

Wasyliw-Hildahl

That Clause No. 1c (Recognition for Special Accomplishments) be approved. – Carried.

Finance/Personnel Committee Report No. 1-2014

Collins- Wasyliw

That the Finance/Personnel Committee Report No. 1-2014 be received – Carried.

Finance/Personnel Committee Report No. 2-2014

Collins- Wasyliw

That the Finance/Personnel Committee Report No. 2-2014 be received - Carried.

Pension Committee Report No. 1-2014

Collins- Babinsky

That the Pension Committee Report No. 1-2014 be received – Carried.

ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

131- Winter Safety on Ice and Snow

Trustee Wasyliw informed trustees of a accident involving a nine year old child who was playing in the snow which led parents to ask if the Division provides programs or information to students regarding the wintertime hazards. The Chief Superintendant informed trustees that schools remind parents and students of the dangers associated with ice covered ponds/rivers as well as the dangers associated with snow banks.

132- LaVérendrye School

Trustee Wasyliw informed trustees that parents from LaVérendrye school are concerned about the issues related to class space and the increasing student enrolment. Trustees Wasyliw would like to know what communication has been provided to parents and what measures are in place to deal with these issues. The Chief Superintendent informed trustees that an analysis of student enrolment projections and the space requirements has been undertaken by administration. The administration is reviewing possible solutions to address the future needs of the school.

133- Manitoba Education Resource Network Forum

Trustee Hildahl informed trustees that she attended the Mern Forum held on Friday, January 31, 2014, where the Director of Research, Planning and Technology was a presenter on Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Initiatives. Trustee Hildahl suggested the Director be invited to a future Policy/Program meeting to present on the BYOD –pilot program and the technology plan for the Division.

134-Ukrainian Christmas

Trustee Babinsky informed trustees that he, along with Trustees Hrynyk, Bautista and newly appointed Superintendent of Schools – North, Ms Mota attended the Ukrainian Christmas Dinner held at Ralph Brown School. The meal was prepared by the parents and the students performed during the celebration. The food was excellent and the singing and dancing performed by the students was outstanding. Trustee Babinsky congratulated everyone involved for making this celebration a huge success.

135- Gordon Bell Fundraiser

Trustee Babinsky informed trustees that Gordon Bell High School is hosting a fundraiser on March 14, 2014 to raise funds for further development of the Green Space Project. Trustees are encouraged to attend and members of the community.

136-Park Smart

Trustee Ramos informed trustees that at a previous meeting he had indicated that the City of Winnipeg distributed a pamphlet entitled “Park Smart” regarding the importance of child safety and parking illegally around schools. Trustee Ramos provided a copy of the pamphlet for information and suggested that consideration be given to distributing the pamphlet to all students and parents.

137- Transportation in Cold Weather

Trustee Babinsky suggested that information related to transportation services provided during the cold weather be provided to parents, students and staff on cold weather delays. In response to an enquiry, Trustee Babinsky was informed that media is contacted when school buses are cancelled or parents may contact the school or transportation department directly to receive an update on transportation.

138- Installation of Automated External Defibrillators

Trustee Hrynyk requested that the administration provided an update at a future meeting on the AED training provided for staff and parents to ensure that the Division is in compliance with legislation.

142- By-Law No. 1223 – FIRST READING
Religious Instruction at Lord Selkirk School

- Babinsky- Ramos That By-Law No. 1223, a by-law of the Winnipeg School Division for the purpose of permitting religious instruction at Lord Selkirk School, be introduced and read a first time in short.
- Babinsky- Ramos That a recorded vote be taken – Carried
- The motion was voted on and declared – Carried, the vote being recorded as follows:
- Ayes: Trustees Hildahl, Collins, Bautista, Babinsky, Ramos, Sneesby -6
 Nays: Trustees Barr, Wasyliw, Hrynyk, -3
- By-Law No. 1223 then read accordingly.

143- MSBA Representative - Term Commencing March 2014

- Hildahl -Ramos That Trustee Cathy Collins be named as the MSBA Regional Director for the term commencing March 2014. - Carried.

144- MSBA MUST Fund Representative – Term Commencing February 1, 2014

- Wasyliw-Babinsky That Trustee Kristine Barr be named as the Board's representative to the MSBA Manitoba Universal Standards Trust Fund for the term commencing February 1, 2014. - Carried.

AGENDA INFORMATION ITEMS

- Sneesby-Barr That Information Correspondence No. IC03-14 be received as information - Carried.
- Sneesby-Ramos That Superintendent's Information Report No. 2-2014 be received as information. – Carried.

BUSINESS MATTERS AS DEFINED IN RULE 42.7

Committee of the Whole

- Ramos-Collins That the Board recess in Committee in camera at this time.
 – Carried

The Board then recessed in Committee of the Whole in camera at 7:40 p.m. with Trustee Wasyliw in the Chair.

Upon the Board resuming in public session at 9:08 p.m., Trustee Wasyliw, the Chair of the Committee of the Whole presented the following recommendations of that Committee.

145- Leaves of Absence – Without Salary

Wasyliw-Collins That the leaves of absence without salary as outlined in the confidential report dated February 3, 2014 be granted.- Carried.

146- Suspension Report September to December 2013

Wasyliw-Ramos That the Suspension Report for September to December 2013 be received as information.- Carried.

147- Manitoba School Boards Association- Student Citizenship Award

Wasyliw-Hildahl That the students named in the confidential memorandum from the Chief Superintendent dated February 3, 2014 be submitted to the Manitoba School Boards Association for consideration for the MSBA Student Citizenship Award and the Student Group Award.
- Carried.

148- Premier Award for School Board Innovation – Nomination

Wasyliw-Barr That Technical Vocational High School's Aerospace Technologies program be nominated for the 2014 Premier Award for School Board Innovation to the Manitoba School Boards Association.
- Carried.

149- Principal - École Lansdowne
Administrative Appointment

Wasyliw-Barr That effective February 17, 2014, Vincent Audino be appointed to the position of Principal at École Lansdowne.- Carried.

150- Principal – Lord Nelson School
Administrative Appointment

Wasyliw-Babinsky That effective February 17, 2014, Sandra Intrater be appointed to the position of Principal at Lord Nelson School.- Carried

151- Administrative Appointment
Principal - Collège Churchill

Wasyliw-Hildahl That effective February 4, 2014, Elaine McKenna be appointed to the position of Principal at Collège Churchill. – Carried

152- Administrative Appointment
Supervising Vice-Principal - Grant Park High School

Wasyliw-Hildahl That effective February 4, 2014, Bonnie McEachern be appointed to the position of Supervising Vice-Principal (B) at Grant Park High School.- Carried.

153- Administrative Appointment
Teaching Vice-Principal - Winnipeg Adult Education Centre

Wasyliw-Barr That effective February 4, 2014, Paulo Teixeira be appointed to the position of Teaching Vice-Principal at Winnipeg Adult Education Centre- Carried.

Trustee Wasyliw, the Chair of the Committee of the Whole reported that there was a discussion regarding Children's Heritage Fund Committee, Metro Winnipeg Community Safety Protocol Students Engaging in High Risk Threat Making Behaviours, and Manitoba School Boards Association Regional Meetings.

Committee of the Whole

Ramos-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 9:10 p.m. with the Chief Superintendent, Secretary- Treasurer in attendance.

Upon the Board resuming in public session at 9:15 Trustee Wasyliw, the Vice-Chair of the Committee of the Whole presented the following recommendation of that Committee.

154- Appointment
Director of Aboriginal Education

Wasyliw- Barr That Robert Riel be appointed to the position of Director of Aboriginal Education at a date to be determined by the Chief Superintendent.- Carried

Trustee Wasyliw reported that there was a discussion re regarding a personel matter.

The Meeting adjourned 9:13 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT NO. 2 - 2014

To the Chair and Members
Winnipeg School Board

February 3, 2014

1. **Recognition for Special Accomplishment**

- a) Byren Gregorchuk, a grade 11 École secondaire Kelvin High School student, has been selected to participate in the Forum for Young Canadians from March 2 – 7, 2014 in Ottawa, Ontario. The Forum for Young Canadians offers students a week of intensive academic adventure immersing them in the exciting world of national politics and public affairs.

The cost to participate in the program is \$895 (includes accommodations, meals, instructional materials, staff, transportation and special activities). Travel costs are provided by the Department of Canadian Heritage through its Exchanges Canada program. A portion of the costs will be offset by parent support.

It is recommended that in accordance with Board AGAB – Recognition for Special Accomplishment, that Byren Gregorchuk, a student from École secondaire Kelvin High School receive funding in the amount of \$750 to support his attendance at the event from March 2 – 7, 2014 in Ottawa, Ontario.

- b) Twelve students from École secondaire Kelvin High School Boys' Track and Field team have qualified to represent Manitoba in the Nike High School Grand Prix track meet being held in Toronto, Ontario on May 10, 2014.

The students will be chaperoned by two teachers from École secondaire Kelvin High School who will coach the team during the competition.

The total cost for twelve students and two chaperones to participate is \$9,450, which covers airfare, transportation, accommodations and meals for the students and two teachers. A portion of these costs will be offset by parent support.

It is recommended that in accordance with Board Policy AGAB – Recognition for Special Accomplishment, that the twelve students and two teachers receive funding in the amount of \$325 each (total \$4,550) to support their attendance at the event in Toronto, Ontario on May 10, 2014.

- c) École secondaire Kelvin High School's choir has been invited to participate in the Distinguished Concerts International New York (DCINY) Concert Series at Carnegie Hall's Isaac Stern Auditorium in New York, New York, from April 10-14, 2014.

The École secondaire Kelvin High School's choir will join with other choristers from around the world to form the Distinguished Concerts Singers International. The residency includes two days of rehearsals and clinics, culminating in the performance at Carnegie Hall on April 13, 2014.

Thirty-four students from École secondaire Kelvin High School and three chaperones have been identified to participate in the DCINY Concert Series.

The total cost for the students to participate is \$85,000 (\$2,500 per student), which covers airfare, accommodation and meals. A portion of the costs will be offset with various fundraising initiatives that are currently underway.

It is recommended that in accordance with Board Policy AGAB – Recognition for Special Accomplishments, each student receive funding in the amount of \$200 (total \$6,800) to support their attendance at the event from April 10-14, 2014 and that funding for substitute costs for two teachers for up to 3 days (total 6 days) be approved.

Recommendations:

That in accordance with Policy AGAB – Recognition for Special Accomplishments that authority be given for:

- a) Byren Gregorchuk from École secondaire Kelvin High School to receive funding in the amount of \$750 to support his attendance at the Forum for Young Canadians in Ottawa, Ontario from March 2 – 7, 2014.
- b) Twelve students and two teachers from École secondaire Kelvin High School to receive funding in the amount of \$325 each (total \$4,550) to support their attendance at the Nike High School Grand Prix in Toronto, Ontario on May 10, 2014.
- c) Thirty four students from École secondaire Kelvin High School to receive funding in the amount of \$200 each (total \$6,800) to support their attendance at the Distinguished Concerts International New York Concert Series in New York, New York, from April 10-14, 2014, and that funding for substitute costs for two (2) teachers for up to three (3) days each (total 6 days).

Respectfully submitted,
P.E. CLARKE
Chief Superintendent

FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1-2014

To the Chair and Members
Winnipeg Public School Board

January 13, 2014

Your Finance/Personnel Committee reports as follows:

1. 2014/2015 Budget Discussions

Your Committee was provided with an update on the process and timelines for the 2014/2015 Budget and discussed preliminary budget information. Your Committee received information regarding overall property assessment projections for 2013.

Your Committee gave consideration to a confidential memorandum from the Chief Superintendent outlining items required due to changes in rates or costs such as; salary increases, personal leave days, maternity/parental leave levels/trends, and vacation entitlements, and benefits. Your Committee also discussed increases in utilities, technology, network costs and maintenance costs. .

Your Committee agreed to continue budget discussions at the next Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting.

Respectfully submitted

CATHY COLLINS
Committee Chair

In Attendance:

Trustees: C. Collins, M. Wasyliv, M. Babinsky, D. Bautista, S. Hrynyk, R. Hildahl
(5:20),
J. Sneesby (5:13)
Administration: R. Appelmans, P. Clarke, D. Persaud, C. Caetano-Gomes, K. Seiler, G.
Heath,
E. Barnaby, T. Bobby, B. Lapointe, K. Stuart
Regrets: K. Barr, A. Ramos

February 3, 2014

Finance/Personnel Committee Report No. 2- 2014

FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2-2014

To the Chair and Members
Winnipeg Public School Board

January 20, 2014
January 27, 2014

Your Finance/Personnel Committee reports as follows:

1. 2014/2015 Budget Discussions

Your Committee gave consideration to a confidential memorandum from the Chief Superintendent outlining possible program and service enhancements for inclusion in the 2014/15 Budget for consideration.

Your Committee also discussed draft costs associated with the implementation of a full-day Nursery/Kindergarten program in the Division.

Your Committee also reviewed the possibility of utilizing funds from reserve for one time expenditures for upgrades to technology, building upgrades and student supports.

Your Committee also received and update on property tax projections and general property assessments.

Your Committee agreed to continue budget discussions at the next Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting.

Respectfully submitted

CATHY COLLINS
Committee Chair

In Attendance: - January 20, 2014

Trustees: C. Collins, M. Wasyliv, M. Babinsky, S. Hrynyk, R. Hildahl, J. Sneesby
Administration: R. Appelmans, P. Clarke, D. Persaud, C. Caetano-Gomes, K. Seiler, R. Chartrand,
G. Heath, E. Barnaby, T. Bobby, J. Smerchanski, D. Edmond, J. Millar, B. Lapointe,
K. Stuart
Regrets: K. Barr, D. Bautista, A. Ramos

In Attendance: - January 27, 2014

Trustees: C. Collins, M. Wasyliv, M. Babinsky, R. Hildahl, J. Sneesby, K. Barr,
A. Ramos
Administration: R. Appelmans, P. Clarke, D. Persaud, C. Caetano-Gomes, K. Seiler, G. Heath,
E. Barnaby, T. Bobby, D. Edmond, J. Millar, B. Lapointe, N. Roslinsky, K. Stuart
Regrets: S. Hrynyk, D. Bautista

PENSION COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1-2014

To the Chair and Members
Winnipeg Public School Board

January 22, 2014

Your Pension Committee reports and recommends as follows:

1. Contributions to the Pension Fund

Your Committee gave consideration to a statement dated January 22, 2014 regarding the contributions to the pension fund. Your Committee received the statement on Contributions to the Pension Fund as information.

2. Pension Plan Membership, Pensioners and Disability Recipients

Your Committee gave consideration to a report dated January 22, 2014 regarding the pension plan membership and disability recipients. Your Committee received the report on Pension Membership and Disability Recipients as information.

3. Disability Income Plan

Your Committee gave consideration to an application for disability income benefits on behalf of one member of the Plan. Disability benefits were approved for one member in accordance with the conditions of the Plan.

4. Appeal Process – Denying Benefits

Your Committee requested information on the appeal process when disability benefits are denied and will be provided at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

CATHY COLLINS
Chair

In Attendance:

Trustees:	C. Collins, M. Babinsky
Representatives	B. Morrison, L. Randa, P. Brown, L Tome
Observers:	J. Barrack, D. Bronk
Administration:	R. Appelmans, A. Schalk, T. Bobby, K. Stuart
Actuary:	B. Ellement
Regrets:	J. Sneesby, D. Bautista, P. Harold, R. Premack