

Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees MINUTES

Thursday, June 25, 2020 5:00 PM HPSD Learning Support Centre - High Prairie, AB

Present: Steve Adams, Chair

Karın Scholl, Vice Chair Ali Mouallem, Trustee Adrian Wong, Trustee Lynn Skrepnek, Trustee Lorrie Shelp, Trustee Joyce Dvornek, Trustee

Staff Present: Laura Poloz, Superintendent

Margaret Hartman, Deputy Superintendent

Jody Frowley, Secretary-Treasurer & Recording Secretary

Kyle Nichols, Communications Officer Treva Emter, Assistant Superintendent

1. Call to Order

Chairperson, Steve Adams, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Q & A: Re-entry Plan

The Re-entry Plan document was presented to the Board.

3. ACTION: Collaboration and Communication of the Re-entry Plan

Superintendent Poloz provided the Trustees with an update on Occupational Health and Safety Committee, Council of School Councils, and First Nations and Métis. The Trustees discussed sharing of the plan with our municipal counterparts

4. Q & A: School Closure Plan

Superintendent Poloz indicated that Administrative Procedure 130 - Early Dismissal and Closure and any other related Administrative Procedures will be provided to the Trustees before the August 19, 2020 Board meeting for discussion at the board table.

5. ACTION: Daily Cleaning and Associated Costs

The Trustees discussed the costs associated with daily cleaning of our schools

Resolution SP20200625.1001 Moved By: Joyce Dvornek

That The High Prairie School Division ask the Ministry of Education for access of up to \$750,000 00 in reserves should we not realize savings from the Alberta Risk Management Insurance Consortium (ARMIC) insurance quote.

Carried

6. Q & A: Delivery of Courses

The Trustees discussed the plan for delivery of in-school and distance courses.

Resolution SP20200625.1002 Moved By: Joyce Dvornek

That The High Prairie School Division write to the Minister of Education, with copies to the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) and the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA), asking for input and direction on the position of the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) in their Planning for Re-entry to Schools in September Information Memo dated June 25, 2020, and that a separate letter be written to the Deputy Minister of Education, the College of Alberta School Superintendents (CASS) and Association of School Business Officials of Alberta (ASBOA) to ensure the Ministry of Education takes a position on the ATA's memo of June 25, 2020.

Carried

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7. ACTION: School Preparation Time for Principals

Steve Adams declared a conflict on this item. (Chair Adams recused himself because his spouse is an employee of The High Prairie School Division.)

Chair Adams left the room prior to the discussion. He returned after the motion was made and carried.

The school Administrators have worked many additional hours during the COVID-19 pandemic. Administration requested additional paid time or days in lieu as compensation.

Margaret Hartman and Kyle Nichols entered the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Resolution SP20200625.1003

Moved By: Ali Mouallem

That The High Prairie School Division approve a maximum expense of \$65,000.00 to allow each Principal and Vice Principal up to 5 additional, paid days off or time in lieu.

Carried

8. Q & A: Visitor Restrictions

Superintendent Poloz provided background information on closed campuses. The Trustees discussed restricting visitors and how schools would manage the return of students if they leave the facility during the school day.

9. ACTION: Field Trips

The Trustees discussed whether or not to allow field trips in the upcoming school year. The Board postponed the decision regarding local field trips and those within Alberta, British Columbia's Peace River Block, and Yellowknife until after the Minister of Education's scheduled August 1, 2020 announcement.

Resolution SP20200625.1004

Moved By: Lorrie Shelp

That The High Prairie School Division cancel all national and international field trips for the 2020-2021 school year.

Carried

10. Q & A: School Preparation

The Trustees discussed the preparations in place in the schools and the responsibilities of school staff regarding re-entry in September.

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11. Recess

To recess the meeting at 6.48 p.m.

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