



Parkland School Division No. 70
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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20 April 2010

InCamera: 9:00 AM
Public Session: 10:00 AM

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

20 APRIL 2010

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Parkland School Division Centre for Education, Stony Plain

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1. **CALL TO ORDER at 9:00 AM**
 - 1.1. Board Incamera (9:00-10:00)
 - 1.2. National Anthem
 - 1.3. Announcements
 - 1.4. Changes to the Agenda
 - 1.5. Approval of the Agenda

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2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - 2.1. Regular Meeting of 06 April 2010

3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

4. **DELEGATION**
Greystone Centennial Middle School

5. **BOARD CHAIR REPORT**
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 - 7.2. Keephills School (T. Monds)

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8. **TRUSTEE REPORTS**
 - 8.1. Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (Trustee Linder)
 - 8.2. Benefits Committee (Trustee Kilduff)

9. FUTURE BUSINESS

9.1. Meeting Dates:

Open to the Public:

- 27 April 2010..... Student Advisory Committee (9am)
- 04 May 2010 Regular Board Meeting (7pm)

Closed to the Public:

- 23 April 2010..... Long Service Awards (6pm)
- 06 May 2010 Municipal Partners Meeting (7pm)

9.2. Topics for future agendas

9.3. Requests for Information

9.4. Responses to Requests for Information

10. ADJOURNMENT

UNADOPTED

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF PARKLAND SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 70 HELD AT THE PARKLAND SCHOOL DIVISION CENTRE FOR EDUCATION IN STONY PLAIN, ALBERTA ON 06 APRIL 2010

TRUSTEE ATTENDANCE:

Richard Gilchrist, Chair	Present
Dorcas Kilduff, Vice-Chair	Regrets
Kathleen Linder	Present
Irene Goebel	Present
Robert Gillard	Present
Darcy Kolodnicki	Present
Elsie Kinsey	Present

ADMINISTRATION ATTENDANCE:

Mary Lynne R. Campbell, Superintendent of Schools - Regrets
Tim Monds, Deputy Superintendent
Kelly Wilkins, Associate Superintendent
Claire Jonsson, Associate Superintendent (Business and Finance)
Ben Beil, Associate Superintendent (Learning Services) – Regrets
Emilie Keane, Acting Associate Superintendent (Learning Services)
Ed Paras, Manager, Facilities
Stacey Vermeulen, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Richard Gilchrist, at 6:00 p.m.

Res 054-2010

MOTION TO MOVE INCAMERA

MOVED by Trustee Goebel that the Board of Trustees moves to incamera at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Trustee Kolodnicki arrived at 6:02 p.m.

Res 055-2010

MOTION TO REVERT TO A PUBLIC MEETING

MOVED by Trustee Linder that the Board of Trustees moves out of incamera at 6:27 p.m.

CARRIED

RECESS

A recess was called and the meeting resumed at 7:00 p.m.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Following the playing of the national anthem, the Chair requested a moment for attendees to reflect on their purpose here this evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustees shared written reports regarding their recent attendance at various school and community events.

The Chair provided opportunity for discussion and questions.

Tim Monds welcomed Mrs. Emilie Keane, Acting Associate Superintendent of Learning Services.

Claire Jonsson shared a slide show presentation of photos from the 19 March 2010 Official Opening of Memorial Composite High School.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer

UNADOPTED

5.1.5 –Alberta Education – Re: Excellence in Teaching Semi-Finalists.

Res 056-2010

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED by Trustee Kolodnicki that the Agenda be approved with the addition.

CARRIED

Res 057-2010

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOVED by Trustee Goebel that the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 March 2010 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Chair Gilchrist reported on items received since the Board's last regular meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Res 058-2010

2010 TEN YEAR FACILITIES PLAN

MOVED by Trustee Linder that the Board of Trustees approve the 2010 Ten Year Facilities Plan as presented at the Regular Meeting of 06 April 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mrs. Jonsson introduced Mr. Chris Woollard of ONPA Architects to present the 2010 Ten Year Facilities Plan to the Board.

Mr. Wollard and Mr. Paras answered Trustee questions.

Res 059-2010

THREE YEAR CAPITAL PLAN AND PORTABLE RELOCATION

MOVED by Trustee Gillard that the Board of Trustees approves the Three Year Capital Plan as presented at the Regular Meeting of 06 April 2010 and further, approves the Portable Relocations as identified in the Ten Year Facilities Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mrs. Jonsson presented the Three Year Capital Plan to the Board and answered Trustee questions.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Res 059-2010

EDUCATION PLAN PRIORITY REPORT – PEDAGOGY AND PRACTICES WHICH PROVIDES DEVELOPMENTALLY RESPONSIVE CURRICULUM FOR ALL STUDENTS KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 12

MOVED by Trustee Goebel that the Board of Trustees receives as information Parkland's Three Year Education Plan Progress Report of the priority; "*Pedagogy and practices which provide developmentally responsive curriculum for all students Kindergarten through Grade 12*" as presented at the Regular Meeting of 06 April 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Monds presented the report to the Board and answered Trustee questions.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

PSBAA

Trustee Linder provided an update on the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta. The Public School Boards' Council will be meeting in Stettler April 8-10, 2010.

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer

UNADOPTED

ASBA

Trustee Kinsey provided a written report of highlights from the ASBA Zone 2/3 meeting of 26 March 2010.

Res 060-2010

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MOVED by Trustee Goebel that the Board of Trustees receives as information, the Education Committee Minutes of 09 March 2010 as presented at the Regular Meeting of 06 April 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FUTURE BUSINESS

Meeting Dates

Open to the Public:

20 April 2010Regular Board Meeting (daytime)

27 April 2010Student Advisory Committee

Closed to the Public:

23 April 2010Annual Long Service Awards Banquet

Topics for Future Agendas

There were no requests for future agenda items.

Requests for Information

There were no requests for information.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer



MEMORANDUM

Date: 20 April 2010

To: Board of Trustees

From: Mary Lynne Campbell, Superintendent

Originator: Tim Monds, Deputy Superintendent

Resource: Schollie Research & Consulting Report: surveys of students, parents and staff
Learning Services

**Subject: 2009/2010 SATISFACTION SURVEY
(MONITORING REPORT ONE)**

Recommendation

That the Board of Trustees approves Parkland School Division's 2009/2010 Satisfaction Survey Monitoring Report One, as presented at its Regular Board Meeting of 20 April 2010.

Background

Parkland's Satisfaction Survey Monitoring Report One provides an overview of the 2009/2010 survey results. This report is part of the Division's Accountability and Monitoring Cycle. A summary of the Satisfaction Survey will be included in Parkland School Division's 2010-2013 Three Year Education Plan.

Satisfaction Survey results for the 2009-2010 school year indicate a high degree of satisfaction overall with Parkland School Division. Parkland School Division sets a target of 85% satisfaction. Results from 2009-2010 show an increase in satisfaction overall. The strong levels of satisfaction are an indication that the revision of policies, programming choices, and educational initiatives continue to flourish and have a positive impact in teaching and learning within Parkland School Division.

Administration will be pleased to respond to any questions.



**DIVISIONAL SATISFACTION SURVEY
PARKLAND SCHOOL DIVISION No. 70
Progress Report**

*Presented to Board of Trustees 20 April, 2010
By Tim Monds, Deputy Superintendent
Resource Personnel: Schollie Research and Consulting and
Leah Andrews, Curriculum Facilitator*

REPORTING PERIOD: September 2009 – April 2010

BACKGROUND

High standards for education are a top priority for Parkland School Division No 70 (PSD), thus resources are deployed in a manner that best supports our critical work to improve educational opportunities for our students and learning organization. In February of each year Parkland School Division conducts a satisfaction survey to assess progress toward achieving the goals outlined in the Three-Year Education Plan. The three identified goals in the survey are: high quality learning opportunities for all, excellent learner outcomes achieved by students, and responsive and responsible services and operations. Alberta Education added a goal *Success for First Nations, Métis and Inuit students* in the 2009-2010 school year. Currently, there are no survey questions that correspond with this new goal as we are gathering data through other sources. Schollie Research & Consulting administer surveys to a grade specific sample of parents and students, and to all staff.

Questions regarding transportation were removed this year and replaced with a more comprehensive transportation survey administered by PSD Transportation Department, see appendix A. This change was made to ensure that all Parkland families accessing transportation services were surveyed regarding our transportation services. Additionally, only parents of grade 11 students were asked career preparation questions. During our review of survey results with principals/staff (spring 2009) staff noted that most of the career preparation work with students begins in grade 9.

Surveys were conducted with the following groups:

- Students in grades 3, 6, 9, and 12
- Parents of students in grades 2, 5, 8, and 11
- Parents of students receiving special education services
- Teaching, Support and Division Office staff

The jurisdiction's target for all questions is an 85% or higher level of satisfaction from respondents.

2009-2010 Survey Results

The following tables show satisfaction results in relation to the jurisdiction's goals. The percentages listed represent the percent of respondents who indicated "strongly agree" or "agree" on the student survey, or the number of respondents who indicated "very satisfied" or "satisfied" on all other surveys. Blank areas of the table indicate that a result is not available because the question was not asked to that group.

SATISFACTION SURVEY RESPONSE RATES										
	Parents with students in Grades 2, 5, 8, 11		Special Education Parents		Grade 3 and 6 Students		Grade 9 and 12 Students		Staff	
	2008-2009	2009-2010	2008-2009	2009-2010	2008-2009	2009-2010	2008-2009	2009-2010	2008-2009	2009-2010
Survey Response Rates	21%	21%	18%	14%	89%	90%	63%	67%	75%	67%

SATISFACTION LEVELS RELATED TO GOAL 1: <i>High quality learning opportunities for all.</i>										
	Parents with students in Grades 2, 5, 8, 11		Grade 3 and 6 Students		Grade 9 and 12 Students		Staff			
	2008-2009	2009-2010	2008-2009	2009-2010	2008-2009	2009-2010	2008-2009	2009-2010		
Overall quality of education / I like my school (gr. 3/6)	88%	90%	90%	92%	87%	83%	98%	97%		
School Characterized by dignity, respect, and caring	85%	85%	95%	96%	88%	86%	91%	88%		
Dignity & Respect			88%	87%	79%	80%				
Friends at school			97%	97%	97%	96%				
Safe environment:	87%	91%	93%	93%	89%	88%	92%	94%		
Building			95%	95%	93%	92%				
Classroom										
Grounds	79%	85%	83%	82%						
Bus	85%	N/A	82%		75%					
Students are treated fairly	88%	90%	91%	92%	84%	80%	97%	97%		
Satisfaction with the variety of program choices available	84%	88%			82%	84%	92%	97%		
Teachers use computer technologies to help learn	85%	87%	94%	96%	86%	86%	91%	90%		
Technology improves student learning			92%	92%	81%	81%				
The School/Teachers provide help and support	87%	86%	95%	96%	84%	84%				
Process to respond to needs of at-risk students							84%	85%		
Parents satisfaction with access to special needs services ¹	80%	82%								
Parents satisfaction with timeliness of special needs services ¹	76%	82%								
Students with special needs are meeting their IPP goals ¹	76%	82%					90%	89%		
Early/Middle years focus is meeting students' needs	84%	84%					78%	89%		

SATISFACTION LEVELS RELATED TO GOAL 2: *Excellent Learner Outcomes Achieved by Students.*

	Parents with students in Grades 2, 5, 8, 11		Grade 3 and 6 Students		Grade 9 and 12 Students		Staff	
	2008-2009	2009-2010	2008-2009	2009-2010	2008-2009	2009-2010	2008-2009	2009-2010
Students are prepared for world of work	71%	74%			76%	72%	86%	91%
Students are prepared for post-secondary studies	69%	79%			84%	80%		
Students have information re: next steps in learning programs	85%	86%			85%	84%		
Satisfaction with career planning assistance	62%	68%			74%	66%		
Students are being prepared to be good citizens	91%	91%	93%	95%	76%	76%	91%	95%
Students know how they should behave			98%	98%	97%	97%		
Satisfaction with progress and achievement of your child	87%	87%						

SATISFACTION LEVELS RELATED TO GOAL 4: *Responsive and Responsible Services and Operations.*

	Parents with students in Grades 2, 5, 8, 11		Grade 3 and 6 Students		Grade 9 and 12 Students		Staff	
	2008-2009	2009-2010	2008-2009	2009-2010	2008-2009	2009-2010	2008-2009	2009-2010
Satisfaction with opportunity for involvement in decision making	86%	88%					86%	84%
School's effort to involve parents in child's learning experiences	85%	84%					97%	97%
Satisfaction with involvement of special needs specialists ¹	77%	72%						
Satisfaction with quality of special education services overall ¹	75%	76%						
School Council has meaningful role							90%	94%
Teachers are available discuss child's education	92%	94%						
School always works to improve the quality of education offered	88%	88%					97%	98%
Way school informs about progress & achievement	85%	86%	92%	94%	86%	83%	99%	98%
Satisfaction with communications from the school/Division	87%	88%					83%	92%
Satisfaction that educational dollars are well spent in school	78%	81%						
Access to Professional Development activities							91%	89%
Quality of professional development activities							91%	89%

OVERVIEW OF ACHIEVEMENTS AND AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

Grade 3 and 6 Students

- Results are relatively consistent with last year (within 1-2%) and the majority of results either increased or stayed the same as last year.
- Agreement with “My school is clean” improved by 3% to 90% this year – the highest result in the past 5 years.

Grade 9 and 12 Students

- While results decreased from last year on 15 out of 27 questions, most are still comparable to previous years. Last year, 14 of 28 questions reached 5 year highs.
- Similar to Grade 3 and 6 students, agreement that “My school is clean” improved by 5 % from last year to 84 % and is at a 5 year high. It is also a 10% increase over 5 years ago.
- Agreement with “I know how well I am doing in my school” decreased by 3% from last year to 83% which is the lowest result over the past 5 years.

Parents

- Most parent results are quite consistent with 2009 results (within 1-2%); however there are a few results worth pointing out.
 - Satisfaction with “the adequacy of the school facilities” improved 4% from last year to 83% this year – a 5 year high.
 - Satisfaction with “safety of the school” improved to 91% - the highest result in the past 5 years.
 - Similarly, satisfaction with the “safety of the school grounds” improved to 85% this year – another 5 year high.
- Satisfaction with “the effectiveness of the School Board” improved again this year to 76% - a 10% increase from 2 years ago.
- After peaking at 60% satisfaction last year, parent satisfaction with “Alberta Education’s funding of Parkland School Division” decreased by 9% to 51% this year.
- Satisfaction with “the choice of programs available in the school system” also reached a 5 year high at 88%.

Staff

- Staff results have some notable increases this year – particularly with questions regarding their relationship with Parkland School Division.
- Satisfaction with “the overall communication between the Division office and your school/work site” improved by 9% from last year to a 5 year high of 92%.
- Satisfaction with “the recognition you receive at the jurisdiction level for your contributions” increased by 11% from last year to 79% this year – another 5 year high.
- Staff satisfaction that “the Board of Trustees is decisive in setting directions” increased 13% from last year – also a 5 year high.
- Staff satisfaction that “the Board of Trustees provides support/is helpful” also increased by 9% from last year to 73% this year – the highest result over the past 5 years.
- Satisfaction that “Parkland School Division is a good place to work” improved by 7% from last year to 93% this year – another 5 year high.
- Staff satisfaction with “the quality of learning resources available to students (e.g. library and classroom materials, computers, textbooks)” increased by 5% this year to 87% - a 5 year high and 15% increase over 5 years ago.
- Similar to parents, staff satisfaction with “the choice of programs offered to students in the school system” also reached a 5 year high at 97%.

- Similar to parents, staff satisfaction with “Alberta Education’s funding of Parkland School Division” has decreased from last year by 8% to 44%.

Special Education Services

- Special education services results improved from last year on 8 of the 11 questions.
- The biggest decline from last year was satisfaction “with your involvement in the development of your child’s Individual Program Plan” which decreased 8% from last year to 77% this year.

CONCLUSION

Among all surveyed groups, there is significant satisfaction in relation to Goal One: *High quality learning opportunities for all*.

There is significant satisfaction among grades 3 and 6 students and staff in relation to Goal Two: *Excellent learner outcomes achieved by students*. A continued focus is needed to increase satisfaction levels among grades 9 and 12 students and the parent group in the area of preparing students for post Kindergarten – Grade 12 education.

In relation to Goal Four: *Responsive and responsible services and operations*, there is significant satisfaction among both student groups and the staff group. A continued focus is needed to increase satisfaction levels from the parent group in the area of special education.

Parkland School Division is proud of these survey results and celebrates the hard work and dedication demonstrated by staff and students and will continue to provide many opportunities for our students to be successful.



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MEMORANDUM

Date: 20 April 2010
To: Board of Trustees
From: Mary Lynne Campbell – Superintendent
Originator: Claire Jonsson, Associate Superintendent, Business & Finance
Subject: **FINANCIAL REPORT – PERIOD
ENDING 31 MARCH 2010**

Recommendation

That the Board of Trustees approves the monthly financial report for the period ending 31 March 2010 as presented at the regular meeting of 20 April 2010.

Background

The Monthly Financial reports are part of the Accountability responsibility and authority of the Corporate Board, as defined and directed by Policy A3: Accountability. The Budget year for our Learning Organization commences 01 September of each year and concludes on 31 August. Within the context of a full school year, Administration provides four Quarterly Financial reports as follows:

- First Quarterly Report (December)
- Second Quarterly Report (March/April)
- Third Quarterly Report (June)
- Final Audited Statements (December – of the subsequent school year)

The Board will recall that in December 2009 it received and approved the Final Audited Statements for the 2008/2009 school year. The Monthly Financial statement included within this agenda is for the period ended 31 March 2010. The Final Audited Statements for the current school year will be presented to the Board in December 2010.

With each financial report, sites are expected to be at or below the percentage thresholds defined by the point within the budget/reporting cycle. The Financial Statements include details on any variances within any site reports that are greater than 2%. For example, the Transportation Site Budget will show a higher percentage used in all monthly statements because the Transportation Department expends its annual budget over a ten month period rather than a twelve month period.

Administration would be pleased to respond to any questions regarding this report.

CJ:rs

Statement of Revenues and Expenses- March 31, 2010
Parkland School Division

	Approved Budget¹ 2009-10	Revised Budget² 2009-10	YTD Actuals Mar 31/10	\$ Revised Budget Remaining	% Budget Used
Revenues					
Instruction (ECS to Grade 12)	65,529,162	66,069,595	40,841,766	25,227,829	61.82%
School Generated Funds	317,285	2,636,185	1,432,511	1,203,674	54.34%
Operation and Maintenance	7,501,400	7,501,400	4,439,826	3,061,574	59.19%
Transportation	8,405,912	8,549,767	5,176,832	3,372,936	60.55%
Board and System Administration	3,281,439	3,296,039	1,896,236	1,399,803	57.53%
External Services	38,680	38,680	108,405	-69,725	280.26%
Supported Capital Interest	145,321	145,321	56,018	89,303	38.55%
Infrastructure Maintenance Renewal	924,703	899,703	303,853	595,850	33.77%
Capital & Debt Services	2,333,924	2,503,924	1,467,951	1,035,973	58.63%
Total Revenues	88,477,825	91,640,614	55,723,399	35,917,215	60.81%
Expenses					
Instruction (ECS to Grade 12)	69,297,173	70,011,358	41,742,607	28,268,751	59.62%
School Generated Funds	317,285	2,636,185	1,432,511	1,203,674	54.34%
Operation and Maintenance	7,962,229	7,962,229	4,418,253	3,543,976	55.49%
Transportation	8,786,539	8,930,393	6,200,119	2,730,275	69.43%
Board and System Administration	3,309,577	3,449,177	1,945,522	1,503,655	56.41%
External Services	38,680	38,680	86,922	-48,242	224.72%
Supported Capital Interest	145,321	145,321	56,018	89,303	38.55%
Infrastructure Maintenance Renewal	924,703	899,703	303,853	595,850	33.77%
Capital & Debt Services	3,384,411	3,384,411	2,013,084	1,371,327	59.48%
Total Expenses	94,165,918	97,457,458	58,198,889	39,258,569	59.72%
Surplus/(Deficit)	(5,688,093)	(5,816,844)	(2,475,490)		
Target Percentage					58.33%

Block	Approved Surplus/(Deficit)	Revised Surplus/(Deficit)	Actual Surplus/(Deficit)
Instruction	(3,620,248)	(3,624,000)	(375,414)
Board and System Administration	(129,384)	(254,384)	(90,070)
Operations and Maintenance	(514,632)	(514,632)	53,563
Transportation	(282,682)	(282,681)	(928,267)
External Services	-	-	5,845
Fiscal Correction	(1,141,147)	(1,141,147)	(1,141,147)
Total	(5,688,093)	(5,816,844)	(2,475,490)

1 Approved by the Board of Trustees, 17 November 2009

2 Includes known adjustments at 28 February 2010

Revenue

	Approved Budget ¹ 2009-10	Revised Budget ² 2009-10	YTD Actuals Mar 31/10	\$ Revised Budget Remaining	% Budget Used
Revenue Alberta Education					
School Jurisdiction Base Funding					
Base Instruction (Gr 1-12)	47,456,766	47,456,766	29,328,341	18,128,425	61.80%
Early Childhood Services (ECS)	2,137,618	2,107,763	1,256,953	850,810	59.63%
Home Education	10,458	10,458	6,236	4,222	59.63%
Outreach Schools	183,135	183,135	109,212	73,923	59.63%
Fiscal Correction	-1,141,147	-1,141,147	-1,141,147		100.00%
Sub Total	48,646,830	48,616,975	29,559,595	19,057,380	60.80%
Alberta Education - Administration					
Administration allocation 4% of instruction	3,158,024	3,158,024	1,841,610	1,316,414	58.32%
Sub Total	3,158,024	3,158,024	1,841,610	1,316,414	58.32%
Differential Cost Funding					
ECS Program Unit	2,011,134	2,162,369	1,333,191	829,178	61.65%
Enhanced ESL & Support Services	9,184	9,184	5,175	4,009	56.35%
Enrolment Growth/Decline	84,348	84,348	48,641	35,707	57.67%
English as a Second Language	26,565	26,565	16,516	10,049	62.17%
First Nations, Metis & Inuit Education	674,520	646,800	385,650	261,150	59.62%
Intra-Jurisdiction Distance Funding	26,389	28,055	16,716	11,339	59.58%
ECS - Mild Moderate	80,454	80,454	40,558	39,896	50.41%
Relative Cost of Purchasing Goods & Services	683,890	720,503	429,427	291,076	59.60%
Severe Disabilities	3,013,095	3,013,095	1,795,256	1,217,839	59.58%
Small Schools by Necessity	767,956	776,624	462,727	313,897	59.58%
Socio - Economic Status	757,113	702,859	418,824	284,035	59.59%
Daily Physical Activity	21,093	21,093	22,200	-1,107	105.25%
Sub Total	8,155,740	8,271,948	4,974,882	3,297,067	60.14%

1 Approved by the Board of Trustees, 17 November 2009

2 Includes known adjustments at 28 February 2010

Revenue

	Approved Budget ¹ 2009-10	Revised Budget ² 2009-10	YTD Actuals Mar 31/10	\$ Revised Budget Remaining	% Budget Used
Differential Cost Funding - Operations and Maintenance					
Operations & Maintenance Support	7,273,301	7,273,301	4,310,246	2,963,055	59.26%
Sub Total	7,273,301	7,273,301	4,310,246	2,963,055	59.26%
Alberta Education - Other					
CTS Evergreening Funding	195,318	195,318	195,318		100.00%
Institutional Programs	210,881	246,748	144,399	102,349	58.52%
Learning Resources Credit	104,019	104,019		104,019	
Innovative Technology Funding	312,754	312,754	312,724	30	99.99%
High School Completion		66,555	66,555		100.00%
Supporting Innovative Classrooms	119,929	119,929	119,929		100.00%
Sub Total	942,901	1,045,323	838,925	206,398	80.26%
Transportation Funding					
Transportation - Rural	6,121,744	5,976,479	3,664,738	2,311,741	61.32%
Special Education Transportation	679,375	629,505	375,070	254,435	59.58%
Transportation - Disabled - ECS	137,719	168,357	100,310	68,047	59.58%
Transportation - In Home - ECS	30,076	31,004	18,472	12,531	59.58%
Urban Transportation	1,018,466	1,273,698	645,805	627,894	50.70%
Sub Total	7,987,380	8,079,043	4,804,396	3,274,648	59.47%
Provincial Priority Targeted Funding					
School Board Class Size Funding	3,136,288	3,136,288	1,875,227	1,261,060	59.79%
Student Health Initiative			10,580	-10,580	
Children and Youth with Complex Needs		369,025	337,477	31,548	91.45%
Supernet Service	151,050	151,050	88,113	62,938	58.33%
Alberta Initiative for School Improvement	1,230,066	1,256,537	760,953	495,584	60.56%
Sub Total	4,517,403	4,912,900	3,072,350	1,840,550	62.54%
Capital Funding					
Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal	924,703	899,703	303,853	595,850	33.77%
Sub Total	924,703	899,703	303,853	595,850	33.77%
Federal French Funding					
Federal French Funding	84,460	84,460		84,460	
Sub Total	84,460	84,460		84,460	
Other Provincial Support Funding - Alberta Finance					
Supported Capital Interest	145,321	145,321	56,018	89,303	38.55%
Sub Total	145,321	145,321	56,018	89,303	38.55%
Other - Government of Alberta					
Specialized Support Services Program	544,530	544,530	312,810	231,720	57.45%
Sub Total	544,530	544,530	312,810	231,720	57.45%
Federal Government					
First Nations Tuition's	1,425,580	1,425,580	673,998	751,583	47.28%
Sub Total	1,425,580	1,425,580	673,998	751,583	47.28%
From Alberta School Authorities					
Tuition Fees	24,255	54,643	54,643		100.00%
Transportation Fees		31,000	31,000	0	100.00%
Sub Total	24,255	85,643	85,643	0	100.00%

1 Approved by the Board of Trustees, 17 November 2009

2 Includes known adjustments at 28 February 2010

Revenue

	Approved Budget ¹ 2009-10	Revised Budget ² 2009-10	YTD Actuals Mar 31/10	\$ Revised Budget Remaining	% Budget Used
From Out of Province					
Tuition Fees	8,755	8,755		8,755	
Sub Total	8,755	8,755		8,755	
From Municipalities					
Joint Use Agreements	25,000	25,000	26,007	-1,007	104.03%
Sub Total	25,000	25,000	26,007	-1,007	104.03%
Private Organizations					
Transportation - Private Schools	16,806	16,806	10,950	5,856	65.16%
Transportation Insurance	124,236	145,428	141,339	4,089	97.19%
Sub Total	141,042	162,234	152,289	9,945	93.87%
Individuals					
Tuition Fees			8,450	-8,450	
Transportation Fees	270,432	270,432	252,191	18,241	93.25%
Donations		220,806	61,864	158,942	28.02%
Rentals - Facilities	13,680	13,680	25,216	-11,536	184.33%
Instructional Material Fees (ECS)	37,398	37,398	14,490	22,908	38.74%
Instructional Material Fees	622,046	622,046	586,899	35,147	94.35%
Instructional Material Fees Prior Year			19,419	-19,419	
School Based Course Material Fees	422,146	422,146	472,334	-50,188	111.89%
Fundraising		1,747,674	871,612	876,062	49.87%
Other Student Fees		568,672	443,771	124,901	78.04%
Misc. Sales	347,690	387,098	421,400	-34,302	108.86%
Sub Total	1,713,391	4,289,951	3,177,644	1,112,307	74.07%
Other					
Interest & Investment Income	108,000	108,000	57,388	50,612	53.14%
School Generated Funds	317,285				
Sub Total	425,285	108,000	57,388	50,612	53.14%
Other					
Gains on Disposals of Property and equipment			7,796	-7,796	
Amortization of Capital Allocations	2,333,924	2,503,924	1,467,951	1,035,973	58.63%
Sub Total	2,333,924	2,503,924	1,475,747	1,028,177	58.94%
TOTAL REVENUES	88,477,825	91,640,614	55,723,399	35,917,215	60.81%

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Expenses

By Program	Approved Budget¹ 2009-10	Revised Budget² 2009-10	YTD Actuals Mar 31/10	\$ Revised Budget Remaining	% Budget Used
Early Childhood Services	3,437,863	3,648,672	1,671,362	1,977,310	45.81%
Instruction	66,176,595	68,998,871	41,503,756	27,495,115	60.15%
Board & System Administration	3,309,577	3,449,177	1,945,522	1,503,655	56.41%
Plant Operations & Maintenance	7,962,229	7,962,229	4,418,253	3,543,976	55.49%
Infrastructure Maintenance Renewal	924,703	899,703	303,853	595,850	33.77%
Transportation	8,786,539	8,930,393	6,200,119	2,730,275	69.43%
External Services	38,680	38,680	86,922	-48,242	224.72%
Debt Services	145,321	145,321	56,018	89,303	38.55%
Amortization of Property and equipment	3,384,411	3,384,411	2,013,084	1,371,327	59.48%
TOTAL EXPENSES	94,165,918	97,457,458	58,198,889	39,258,569	59.72%

By Category	Approved Budget 2009-10	Revised Budget² 2009-10	YTD Actuals Mar 31/10	\$ Revised Budget Remaining	% Budget Used
Salaries, wages and benefits	67,581,408	68,020,249	41,624,994	26,395,256	61.20%
Services, contracts and supplies	21,812,789	22,720,546	13,003,119	9,717,427	57.23%
Direct cost of fundraising and fees		2,287,227	1,197,821	1,089,406	52.37%
School generated funds	317,285				
Infrastructure maintenance renewal	924,703	899,703	303,853	595,850	33.77%
Amortization of Property and equipment	3,384,411	3,384,411	2,013,084	1,371,327	59.48%
Interest on long-term debt	145,321	145,321	56,018	89,303	38.55%
TOTAL EXPENSES	94,165,918	97,457,458	58,198,889	39,258,569	59.72%

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Expenses by Site - March 31, 2010
Parkland School Division

Site	Approved Budget Expenditures 2009-10	Revised Budget Expenditures 2009-10	Budgeted Reserves/ (Deficits) 2009-10	Total Revised Budget 2009-10	YTD Actuals Mar 31/10	\$ Revised Budget Remaining	% Budget Used	Variance Explanation
Governance	464,062	464,062	-	464,062	253,235	210,827	54.57%	
Office of the Superintendent	761,507	761,507	-	761,507	395,699	395,608	48.05%	
Human Resources	426,410	426,410	-	426,410	229,031	197,379	53.71%	
Deputy Superintendent	288,835	288,835	-	288,835	164,186	124,649	56.84%	
Learning Services	1,448,951	1,567,861	-	1,567,861	947,934	619,927	60.46%	
Business & Finance	1,660,131	1,774,731	-	1,774,731	1,027,845	746,886	57.92%	
Tech Support Services	1,491,469	1,491,469	75,000	1,566,469	893,576	672,893	57.04%	
Ikon Print Centre	138,200	138,200	-	138,200	105,340	32,860	76.22%	Outstanding billbacks to schools to be done in April (adj 60%)
Student Transportation	8,785,902	8,929,756	-	8,929,756	6,200,119	2,729,638	69.43%	Costs are incurred over 10 months (Target % is 70%)
Maintenance	4,503,402	4,503,402	-	4,503,402	2,454,164	2,049,238	54.50%	Combine Maintenance and Custodial (56.1%)
Custodial	3,251,031	3,251,031	-	3,251,031	1,894,402	1,356,629	58.27%	
Instructional Pool	1,918,937	1,793,874	-	1,793,874	1,181,784	612,090	65.88%	Outstanding benefits credits (est. adj 54.2%)
Instructional Pool - Projected Deficit	-	-	(1,467,766)	(1,467,766)				Projected deficit is a result of the 2009-10 funding correction and outstanding transfers due from schools.
Blueberry School	3,226,777	3,252,092	108,041	3,360,133	1,896,385	1,463,748	56.44%	
Brookwood School	3,023,635	3,049,697	16,863	3,066,560	1,917,261	1,149,299	62.52%	Technology and equipment budget spent at beginning of year
École Broxton Park School	5,470,351	5,430,927	-	5,430,927	3,360,055	2,070,872	61.87%	Shared costs yet to be allocated to Early Education Program
Connections for Learning	1,217,958	1,257,259	30,532	1,287,791	797,359	490,432	61.92%	Technology and equipment budget spent at beginning of year
Duffield School	1,979,591	2,004,877	114,507	2,119,384	1,170,466	948,918	55.23%	
Entwistle School	1,144,708	1,159,772	(7,075)	1,152,697	690,499	462,198	59.90%	
Forest Green School	1,868,374	1,898,265	47,000	1,945,265	1,074,469	870,796	55.24%	
Graminia School	3,359,565	3,398,236	148,590	3,536,826	1,996,881	1,539,945	56.46%	
Greystone Centennial Middle School	2,462,360	2,485,030	115,313	2,600,342	1,496,436	1,103,906	57.55%	
High Park School	2,217,389	2,286,835	172,975	2,459,810	1,296,285	1,163,525	52.70%	
Keephills School	502,365	506,565	(4,201)	502,365	352,047	150,318	70.08%	Supplies, Textbooks and Assessments for entire year purchased in September
Memorial Composite High School	7,615,551	7,765,520	181,186	7,946,706	4,822,556	3,124,149	60.69%	Combine Memorial Composite & Outreach (58.9%)
Memorial Outreach Program	780,034	786,156	-	786,156	320,530	465,626	40.77%	
École Meridian Heights School	4,036,174	4,074,210	11,626	4,085,836	2,397,659	1,688,176	58.68%	
Millgrove School	3,040,998	3,064,281	467,769	3,532,050	1,605,194	1,926,856	45.45%	
Muir Lake School	3,279,572	3,306,919	86,115	3,393,034	1,971,820	1,421,214	58.11%	
Parkland Village School	915,999	1,010,111	59,082	1,069,193	631,409	437,784	59.05%	
Seba Beach School	1,148,940	1,178,262	96,741	1,275,003	656,183	618,820	51.47%	
Spruce Grove Composite High School	6,644,130	6,666,736	333,988	7,000,724	3,824,967	3,175,757	54.64%	Combine Spruce Grove Composite & Outreach (55.4%)
Spruce Grove Outreach Program	883,110	888,304	15,829	904,133	550,462	353,671	60.88%	
Stony Plain Central School	3,006,930	3,032,736	(13,857)	3,018,879	1,845,741	1,173,137	61.14%	Special needs funding outstanding (adj 60.5%)
Tomahawk School	913,421	925,423	28,341	953,763	559,415	394,349	58.65%	
Wabamun School	824,524	831,497	93,239	924,796	508,665	416,131	55.00%	
Woodhaven Middle School	3,487,626	3,518,874	141,141	3,660,014	2,353,797	1,306,217	64.31%	Playground construction funded by donations and grants (adj 58.7%)
Early Education	1,978,274	1,999,110	-	1,999,110	1,190,257	808,854	59.54%	
Total Expenses	90,161,192	91,158,832	851,037	92,009,869	55,004,312	37,005,557	59.78%	

Target Percentage **58.33%**

Expenses by Site - March 31, 2010
Parkland School Division

Other Sites	Approved Budget Expenditures 2009-10	Revised Budget Expenditures 2009-10	Budgeted Reserves/ (Deficits) 2009-10	Total Revised Budget 2009-10	YTD Actuals Mar 31/10	\$ Revised Budget Remaining	% Budget Used	Variance Explanation
Capital and Debt Services	2,762,738	2,762,738	-	2,762,738	1,389,808	1,372,930	50.31%	
Infrastructure Maintenance Renewal	924,703	899,703	-	899,703	303,853	595,850	33.77%	905K of 2010-11 Funding expended
School Generated Funds	317,285	2,636,185	-	2,636,185	1,432,511	1,203,674	54.34%	
Parkland Village Daycare	-	-	-	-	1,351	(1,351)		
Tri-Community Adult Learning	-	-	-	-	65,808	(65,808)		
	4,004,726	6,298,626	-	6,298,626	3,194,578	3,104,049	50.72%	
Total Expenses	94,165,918	97,457,458	851,037	98,308,495	58,198,889	40,109,606	59.20%	



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MEMORANDUM

Date: 20 April 2010

To: Board of Trustees

From: Mary Lynne Campbell – Superintendent

Originator: Claire Jonsson, Associate Superintendent

Resource Person Brian Hauptman, Manager Student Transportation

Subject: **TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION REPORT 2009-2010**

Recommendation

That the Board of Trustees receives as information the Transportation Information Report, as presented at the Regular Meeting of 20 April 2010.

Background

Parkland School Division operates one of the largest regional student transportation systems in the province. This means that we not only provide safe, effective and efficient transportation services to Parkland students, but also to other school divisions, which includes Evergreen Catholic, Wild Rose, Black Gold, Grand Yellowhead, St. Thomas Aquinas, and Edmonton Public. We also provide services to Living Waters Christian Academy, St. Matthew's, Bosco and Devon Christian, which are private schools. In total, 48 schools are served that are located within Parkland County, Spruce Grove, Stony Plain, Drayton Valley, Devon and Edmonton. The department is open from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM during bus operational days. During this time, they will handle all facets of the operation including bus dispatch and all external and internal inquiries related to transportation services and school attendance boundaries.

Administration would be pleased to respond to questions.

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Transportation Information Report

2009 - 2010

Department Statistics

- To provide transportation services we utilize cabs, parent provided transportation and school buses ranging from 20 to 84 passengers.
- 161 buses
- 185 Bus Operators
- 33 Contractors
- 5.2 Office
- 9 Transfer Site Supervisors
- 8756 students transported 16,805 km/day

Route Changes

- Throughout the year 179 routes were changed to accommodate students' needs or improve efficiencies.

Increasing Bus Capacities

- Four more eighty four-passenger buses were introduced into the system, which has reduced the need for adding an additional two more bus routes, which represents a net savings yearly of \$62,496.

Implementation of Digital Video Recording System

- We continued our evergreening of our current VHS system and replaced an additional thirty five units this year.

Beta Testing New Transportation Program

- Part of our commitment to constant improvement is the involvement of a complete rewrite of the transportation routing software program. This will create significant improvements both to our internal and external audiences.

Installation of Pedestrian Crossing Arms

- The new Commercial Vehicle Safety Regulation established a new requirement. In instances where students were crossing in front of buses, a pedestrian crossing arm had to be utilized. In total, 58 buses were retrofitted at an average cost of \$204.00 per bus.

Additional Safety Equipment

- As part of our commitment to enhancing student safety, testing was performed on a new LED light that is mounted on the stop sign to alert motorists to stop when passengers are loading/unloading. Priority locations were determined, based on the frequency of locations where motorists were not stopping.

Bus Operators Safety Seminar

- The department organizes an annual Safety Seminar for all Bus Operators. This year, Alberta Transportation reviewed the new daily trip requirements. To ensure wellness for our bus operators, stress management strategies were presented.

First Aid Training

- Twenty six Bus Operators participated in first aid training.

"S" Endorsement Training

- Twenty-six Bus Operators completed this course, which consists of 20 hours of class instruction with a knowledge test after each series and a road evaluation.

"S" Endorsement Refresher

- Fifteen Bus Operators completed this course, which consists of 10 hours of class instruction with a road evaluation.

New Bus Terminal

- The new bus terminal which is located at the replacement Memorial Composite High has been completed and was operational the first day of school 2009 – 2010.

First Ride Program

- Prior to the commencement of the school year we offer this program, which is designed to teach new students and their parents all aspects of school bus safety procedures. It includes an actual school bus ride.
- 189 students participated in the program last year.

School Bus Rodeo

- Each year bus operators participate in friendly competition to see who will represent us at the provincial rodeo. From there, the winner participates in the international rodeo that is held in various locations throughout North America.

School Bus Safety Program

- During the school year, 1478 students from K-6 participated in class room presentations that include a school bus on site to participate in an actual rear door evacuation.

Emergency Bus Evacuations

- Two times a year rear and front door evacuations are performed to ensure all of our students are familiar with safely exiting a bus in an emergency situation.

Number of Collisions

- All collisions are investigated, with a follow up written report filed. This is a summary of all seven categories. Please note in all the categories reported there were no injuries as all the incidents were at low impact speeds, ranging from things like bus mirrors clipping to rear end collisions.

School Year	09/10
Theft	0
Incidents	6
Vandalism	0
Fire	0
Number Classified as Non-Preventable	2
Number Classified as Preventable	16
Number of Reported Accidents	24

Transportation Council Meeting Stakeholder Participation

- Transportation Council, which is comprised of Bus Operators and Contractors, meets once a month to discuss issues concerning transportation regulations, routing, bus operator concerns, new initiatives and participation in planning for events for Bus Operators. These events include the safety seminar and driver appreciation year end barbeque.

Communication

- Enhancements to our web site were added to improve better communication in the event of bus delays. The web address for the site is parklandtransport.ca. This information site is accessible for parents/guardians to be able to check, on a daily basis, the status of their child's bus routes, inclement weather policy, transportation fees and general information. The site also provides contractors and bus operators accessibility to forms and general information.

- A monthly newsletter is provided to our internal and external audience that has information for the current month in regards to important dates, general safety information and related transportation articles.

Route Monitoring

- As part of our constant commitment to safety, field monitoring is completed to ensure our safety standards are met and the approved routes are being followed.
- Total number of monitoring reports = 118

Parent Concerns

- We responded to a total of one hundred and twenty five concerns that are tracked electronically and summarized and resolved under the following categories: Routing Concerns, Student Actions, Bus Operator Actions, Driving Error, Bus Condition, Procedures and Monitoring Reports

Safe Stop Assessments

- During the year, fifty five safe stop assessments were conducted to ensure line of site and walk distance was in alignment with the board policies.
- We participated in a pilot project with Alberta Education that involved route assessment; every Bus Operator completed a form with a specific set of criteria to review the safe operation of their route.

Transportation Satisfaction Survey

- Results are included in Appendix A of Monitoring Report One

Operating Regulation Booklet

- Each year bus operators are provided with an updated booklet that covers off the latest information related to safe transportation services.



MEMORANDUM

Date: 20 April 2010
To: Board of Trustees
From: Mary Lynne Campbell, Superintendent
Originator: Tim Monds, Deputy Superintendent
Subject: **Keephills Viability Report Update**

Recommendation

That the Board of Trustees receives as information the Keephills Viability Report Update as presented at its Regular Board Meeting of 20 April 2010.

Background

An Enrollment and Viability Study was completed on Keephills School during the 2008-2009 School Year. The report reviewed:

- School profile
- What was strong and successful in the school community
- What areas require closer attention
- Plans to address areas of concern
- Options and rationale

The Keephills Viability Report Update provides a snapshot of the work accomplished by the School Community in 2009 – 2010.

Administration will be pleased to respond to any questions.



KEEPHILLS VIABILITY REPORT UPDATE PARKLAND SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 70

*Presented to the Board of Trustees 20 April 2010
By Tim Monds, Deputy Superintendent*

During the 2008-2009 school year an Enrollment and Viability Study was completed by the Keephills School Community and was presented to the Board of Trustees at the 09 June 2009 Regular Board Meeting.

As projected, 30 September 2009 enrollment was 66 students (62.5 FTE). Currently, enrollment at Keephills School is 69 students (65 FTE), two new families moved into the catchment area since 30 September. Attendance rates remain high, 96% of the students attend 90% of the time. Students continue to do well academically, staff differentiates for individual needs, and parents continue to be happy with the academic opportunities available at Keephills School.

During the 2009-10 school year, Keephills School Council and community partners such as Keephills 3 Construction project, Brightbank Lions and Trans Alta continued to support programs such as swimming at the Tri-Leisure Centre, GROW, fine arts initiatives, technology updates and field trips.

Additionally, the Keephills School Community undertook the following:

- Offered Hip - Hop lessons to grade 3-6 students
- Attended productions at Horizon Stage
- Hosted author – Jennifer Marcotte
- Increased parent/community involvement through invitations to:
 - First day coffee and muffin visit
 - BBQ during staff meeting
 - Student celebration assemblies
 - Winter Olympics
 - Christmas production
- Offered swimming program for grade 5/6 students
- Offered Hockey Academy Program
- Posting of Keephills activities on PSD online
- Submission of articles to the Stony Plain Reporter
- Completion of Keephills School brochure – shared with community at large
- Community lasagna supper and silent auction
- Continued events such as Christmas concert, Volunteer Tea, Talent Show
- Collaborated with Duffield school i.e. science review and year end dance for grade 6 students
- Offered a single kindergarten program (not combined with grade one)
- Submitted an application for an Artist in Residency program for the 2010-2011 school year
- Participated in Staff professional development opportunities through AISI
- Increased focus on balanced literacy

Keephills School Community is preparing for 100 Year Anniversary Celebration of the original Keephills School (end of May).

Keephills School is projecting a student population of 65 (61 FTE) for the 2010-2011 school year. The school community continues to advertise, promote the school and implement all of the suggestions put forth in the 2009-2010 Viability Report. Despite the strong educational opportunities, additional programming, strong support by the community at large and the work done on option one of the Viability Report, enrollment is not increasing. Forty percent of the existing catchment area is industrial and is used by Trans Alta.

Administration will continue to monitor enrollment at Keephills School, review the enrollment numbers as of 30 September 2010 and support the positive efforts of the Keephills School Community.

MEMORANDUM

Date: 20 April 2010
To: Board of Trustees
From: Trustee Linder
Subject: **Public School Boards' Association of Alberta**

Recommendation

That the Board of Trustees receives as information the report on the Public School Boards' Council Meeting of 08-11 April 2010 as presented at the Regular Meeting of 20 April 2010.

PSBC, APRIL 8-11, 2010

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday, April 8

- Representatives toured Clearview Public Schools facilities
 - Wm. E. Hay High School in Stettler (N.B. Attachment)
 - Gus Wetter School in Castor (N.B. Attachment)
- Dinner at Boston Pizza
- First Choice Video productions
- Candle light vigil compliments of the Ramada Inn during the power outage

Friday, April 9

- Environment Scan
- Danielle Smith – guest speaker
- Whereas Clause workshop
- Student choir and choral reading presentations
- Gail Peterson the President of the Stettler Board of Trade brought greetings during lunch at the legion
- Workshop to identify key themes for a potential communication protocol
- Workshop to discuss potential implications of Alternate School Agreements
- Standing Committee presentation on the E4 Framework (Essential Elements of Excellent Education in Alberta Public Schools
- Current issues session – Association Resolution Policy
- Dinner at the Legion with the Wm. E. Hay improv drama class

Saturday, April 10

- Social media – hands on workshop in computer lab at Wm. E. Hay High School to introduce representatives to blogging, twitter, wikis and Google
- Intra-governmental Political Relations workshop to introduce the overview of the plan and gather input for ideas. The Committee is laying the ground work for an action plan to get underway immediately following the trustee elections
- The Stettler Rotary President, Vicki Leuck brought greeting during lunch at the legion

P.S.B.C. Formal Meeting

- The Mayor of Stettler, Dick Richards sent written greetings to the Council
- Representatives received updates about:
 - The Executive Committee's activities
 - The Executive Director's work
 - The Executive Director search which is underway again and the Committee hopes to hold interviews during May and have the new person in place by August 1st

PSBC, APRIL 8-11, 2010

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- The *Ad Hoc* Recognition Committee, which has surveyed all the PSBC Representatives to gather a broad base of opinions regarding recognition. The committee will provide the Executive Committee with recommendations by the end of April.

Council approved the following:

- Draft Whereas Clauses were approved as submitted, amended, or deleted and the final preamble recommended by the Association will read as follow:

“ WHERE AS excellent education for each and every person is the primary basis for free and effective citizens and for a strong and enduring democratic community;

AND WHERE AS parents have a right and ultimate responsibility to make informed decisions respecting the education of their children,

AND WHERE AS public school education focuses on the student in the context of the community, and exists to serve, equally, the potential of the student and the community;

AND WHERE AS it is in the public interest to provide public school education that is inclusive and a deliberate model of a civil democratic community, governed by locally elected school boards;

AND WHERE AS in Alberta the Legislature of Alberta has exclusive constitutional authority to make laws respecting education and chooses to regard the government of community as being in two parts, provincial and local, and acknowledges and upholds the provisions of the Constitution that allow separate, and francophone education to be provided under the auspices of a civil education authority;

AND WHERE AS in Alberta it is in the public interest to ensure substantial local self-government of public, separate, and francophone school education by trustees who are elected locally and accountable to their local electorate.

- The E4 – Essential Elements of Excellent Education for Alberta Public Schools was adopted by the Council with the understanding that the word diagnostic would be removed, and that recognition would be given to the primary role of parents in their child's education.
- A communications protocol *Ad Hoc* Committee will be established by the Executive Committee.

Saturday evening dinner

- Representatives concluded the evening with the premiere of the first ever First Choice Video presentations and awards.



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MEMORANDUM

Date: 20 April 2010

To: Board of Trustees

From: Mary Lynne Campbell – Superintendent

Resource Persons: Trustee Kilduff, Benefits Committee

Originator: Claire Jonsson, Associate Superintendent

Subject: **Benefits Committee Minutes of 23 March 2010**

Recommendation

That the Board of Trustees receives as information the Minutes of the 23 March 2010 Benefits Committee Meeting as presented at the regular meeting of 20 April 2010.



**MINUTES OF THE BENEFITS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT
THE PARKLAND SCHOOL DIVISION CENTRE FOR EDUCATION IN
STONY PLAIN, ALBERTA ON 23 MARCH 2010**

ATTENDANCE:

Dorcas Kilduff – Trustee
Carolyn Glen – NUG
Rick Fowlie - IUOE
Virginia Parrill – IUOE
Jay McGeough - IUOE
Christine Sauer – CAAMSE
Judy Taylor - CAAMSE
Gerry Maciejko, Benefex
T.L. Smith, Benefex
Claire Jonsson, Associate Superintendent
Margaret Jacob, Manager, Human Resources
Carla Tonhauser, Payroll
Jo-Ann Fowlie, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by the Chair Dorcas Kilduff.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda:

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

4.1 Group RRSP Plans

Gerry referred the committee to the Sun Life Group RRSP brochure. He noted that there are benefits to buying in bulk and if there are a large number of people buying RRSP's, there are savings and benefits on a group basis. On a group basis, there are more opportunities to invest with a variety of Fund Managers that are available. An information sheet will be developed by Benefex Consulting that we will be distributed to the memberships. Any questions that the memberships have will be forwarded to their representative for feedback to Benefex.

4.2 Health and Dental Experience Report by Quarter

Gerry Maciejko referred the committee to the ASO Health and Dental Experience Report for the period January 1 – December 31, 2009. The Health and Dental Claims Experience History was reviewed in detail. Gerry noted that utilization was far less than what was anticipated therefore health costs had a minimal increase of .5%. He also noted that there was a decline in prescription drug utilization which was a major factor in the minimal increase and commented that drug costs declined by 2% from 2008. Dental benefit utilization has seen an upward trend but only increased by 7.4% as compared to the forecasted 10% increase. Gerry commented that plan costs have begun to level off. There was good utilization of the Health Spending Account noting an increase of approximately 30% in claims paid from the previous year. He feels that the health and dental plans are in a good financial position.

5. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- Follow-up from Group RRSP
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6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next Benefits Committee meeting will be held May 25, 2010.

