



MEMORANDUM

Date: 05 April 2011
To: Board of Trustees
From: Tim Monds, Superintendent of Schools
Originator: Irene Goebel, Trustee
Ron Heinrichs, Trustee
Resource Person: Kelly Wilkins, Deputy Superintendent
Subject: **Communications Committee**

Recommendation

That the Board of Trustees approves a motion to dissolve the Communications Committee of the Board and further that the Board makes appropriate adjustments to Board Policy 8 – Article 4, Communications Committee, as necessary.

Background:

The Communications Committee has been a standing committee of the Board for many years. The purpose of the Committee has been to provide an opportunity for all employee group representatives to meet with Trustees to discuss common topics. There have been a very limited number of agenda items over the course of the past two years. Therefore, the number of meetings was reduced from 6 meetings per year to 3 meetings per year for the 2010-2011 school year. Even with the reduction in the number of meetings, there have been no agenda items submitted by members over the course of this year. Therefore, the Communications Committee members discussed the future of the Committee at their 08 March 2011 meeting. There was a very high level of satisfaction expressed with the working relationships between the employees and Parkland School Division and with communication within the school division.

All members of the Committee were in agreement that the Committee is no longer relevant and that effective and improved communication channels have replaced the need for the Committee.

As the Board of Trustees is committed to ongoing, positive relationships and engaging stakeholders in promoting open and transparent communication, the Board may wish to consider a yearly opportunity to meet with employee groups in a different format.


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