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MEMORANDUM

Date: 04 October 2011
To: Board of Trustees
From: Tim Monds – Superintendent
Subject: **PSD Committee Minutes**

Recommendation

That the Board of Trustees receives as information, the PSD Tomorrow Committee Minutes of 20 September, 2011 as presented at the Regular Meeting of 04 October 2011.



MINUTES OF THE PSD TOMORROW COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD AT CENTRE FOR EDUCATION, STONY PLAIN,

ALBERTA ON TUESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER, 2011.

ATTENDANCE:

Richard Gilchrist, Board Chair
Elsie Kinsey, Vice-Chair
Dorcas Kilduff, Trustee
Irene Goebel, Trustee
Kathleen Linder, Trustee
Eric Cameron, Trustee
Ron Heinrichs, Trustee
Tim Monds, Superintendent
Emilie Keane, Associate Superintendent
Claire Jonsson, Associate Superintendent
Brenda Scott, Recording Secretary

Kelly Wilkins, Deputy Superintendent – Regrets

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gilchrist called meeting to order 1:15 pm.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

3.1 SCHOOL VISITS

Trustees discussed what format they would like to see for school visits for Trustees. Trustees agreed that they have had many opportunities to visit school for events and celebrations. They would also like the opportunity to visit schools in a more formal format so that they may see the various programs that are being offered in schools and for the opportunity to meet with teachers, students and administration. T. Monds and administration will research and organize visits for Trustees to schools over the next school year.

3.2 COMPUTERS

R. Gilchrist reported that he has been trying out various technology tools, such as the Playbook and a netbook computer, to assist him in meetings and managing the large use of paper. Trustees discussed the benefits and concerns of using these tools for Trustees. Trustees have asked administration to research options available for a tool that would allow for less paper and improved communication opportunities for Trustees.

3.3 LINKAGES

As a follow-up to the Regular Board meeting held 06 September, 2011, Trustees provided feedback for Trustee Kilduff for the Linkages Committee.

3.4 BOARD WORK PLAN AND MEETING DATES

Trustees reviewed the proposed work plan and meeting dates for 2011-2012 school year. Discussion occurred with regard to start time and in camera time.

3.4 BOARD ORGANIZATION MEETING – COMMITTEE UPDATES

Trustees discussed the format for the Board Organization meeting to be held 04 October, 2011. The Linkage committee was added to the list of Board Representatives as there has been a trustee attending these meetings on a regular basis.

4. UPDATES

4.1 PARKLAND VILLAGE RESILIENCY PROJECT

T. Monds informed Trustees that Parkland School Division has received a donation and that the donor has requested that the funds be used on a project to support students and families in need. They have requested that the project support the students in Parkland Village. A coordinator for the project has been hired.

4.2 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

T. Monds informed the Board that a School Resource Officer has been hired and will be working with the two high schools shortly.

4.3 SYSTEM REVIEW

T. Monds informed the Board that Hugh Skinner has been hired to assist the Board and Senior Executive as they continue with the System Review for Parkland School Division.

4.4 ENROLLMENT

C. Jonsson provided a brief update as to enrollment numbers as of Friday, September 16, 2011. To date Parkland School Division has 103 more students than predicted. She also provided information on the effect of school enrolment as a result of the boundary changes last year.

5. SEPTEMBER 26, 2011 – BOARD PLANNING SESSION

T. Monds provided a brief summary of the agenda for the session being held September 26, 2011 at the Best Western Suites and Inn, Stony Plain.

6. ADJOURNMENT

R. Gilchrist adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 18 October, 2011 @ 12:30
Centre for Education