



## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** 08 November 2011  
**To:** Board of Trustees  
**From:** Tim Monds – Superintendent  
**Subject:** **PSD Tomorrow Committee Minutes**

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### **Recommendation**

That the Board of Trustees receives as information, the PSD Tomorrow Committee Minutes of 18 October 2011 as presented at the Regular Meeting of 08 November 2011.

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**MINUTES OF THE PSD TOMORROW COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING HELD AT CENTRE FOR EDUCATION, STONY PLAIN,**  
**ALBERTA ON TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER, 2011.**

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**ATTENDANCE:**

Richard Gilchrist, Board Chair  
 Elsie Kinsey, Vice-Chair  
 Irene Goebel, Trustee  
 Kathleen Linder, Trustee  
 Eric Cameron, Trustee  
 Ron Heinrichs, Trustee  
 Tim Monds, Superintendent  
 Kelly Wilkins, Deputy Superintendent  
 Emilie Keane, Associate Superintendent  
 Darlene Smith, Recording Secretary

Dorcas Kilduff, Trustee - Regrets  
 Claire Jonsson, Associate Superintendent – Regrets

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Gilchrist called meeting to order 12:30 pm.

**2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

**3. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**3.1 TRIPARITE**

Chair Gilchrist will reply to Jackie Hansen, President, ASBA indicating that our Board supports the ASBA but formal confirmation will be provided by a resolution at the Nov. 8, 2011 Board meeting.

**3.2 FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT**

The amounts listed in the table represent the *additional* funding PSD will receive and will appear on PSD's FES/RACERS reports as "*Budget 2011 Update Funding*". The allocations are based on PSD's 2010/2011 frozen funded enrolments.

| <b>Grant</b>                                 | <b>Additional Funding Allocation<br/>(Sept. to March, 2012)</b> |
|--|---|
| Relative Cost of Purchasing Goods & Services | \$216,372   |
| Stabilization                                | \$0   |
| Alberta Initiative for School Improvement    | \$388,257   |
| Small Class Size – Grades 4 to 6             | \$365,143   |
| Enrolment Growth and Decline                 | \$38,629  |
| Enhanced ESL/Francisation                    | \$6,309   |
| Intra-jurisdiction Distance                  | \$16,222  |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>\$1,030,932</b>  |

- Jurisdictions were provided a Q&A sheet. PSD will have to provide a report to Alberta Education on how these additional funds will be used.
- PSD made a conscious decision to draw from reserves for the 2011-2012 school year rather than release teachers. The question now is should we show that we added this money from our draw down reserve, or should we look at recovering some of it.
- Additional funding is not sustainable funding – it's a 1 year deal.
- Discussion occurred on how funds will support classroom instruction.

**3.3 OECD CONFERENCE – INNOVATIVE LOEARNING ENVIRONMENTS**  
Chair Gilchrist and Mr. Monds attended the OECD Conference in Banff, Oct. 10-12. There were 120 delegates representing 8 countries. The focus was to share projects going on in different parts of the world and how to move from isolated centers of excellence and enterprise to being able to bring everything to mainstream education. Mr. Gilchrist found it fascinating to see the differences in countries and how far ahead Alberta & PSD are. It was an opportunity to set up greater levels of networking. Overall understanding that the status quo will not do!

**3.4 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY LEADERSHIP LEARNING FORUM**  
The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Leadership Learning Forum was a continuation of a lot of the same themes of the OECD conference with delegates from various provinces and countries from around the world. Delegates were astounded by what Alberta is doing. Examples of what employers want in graduates was discussed. Cenovus Energy wants critical thinkers and problem solvers. They hire people and train them specific to their jobs.

**3.5 SATISFACTION SURVEY**  
Schollie Research has been contracted to do PSD Satisfaction Surveys for many years. The Division is looking at administering a new form of satisfaction surveys that look forward at innovation. Mrs. Keane is heading up a committee to develop 10 to 20 Division survey questions that will provide baseline data. Each school will have the opportunity to add 3 or 4 of their own questions.

#### **4. OTHER**

**4.1 BULLYING & SAFETY ON BUS**  
Trustee Linder was asked by a parent what our policy is regarding bullying on the bus. Mrs. Wilkins indicated that the school bus is an extension of school and discipline. There was reference to a bus that was over crowded for a field trip last year and Mr. Monds indicated that the issue was resolved.

**4.2 FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS**  
Jolene Cote's funeral is on Friday at 11:00 am at West Meadow Baptist Church. The entire staff of Greystone Centennial Middle School has been asked to form the honor guard. Greystone Centennial Middle School will be closed on Friday. Chair Gilchrist, Trustee Cameron, Superintendent Monds, Deputy Superintendent Wilkins and Associate Superintendent Keane will leave PSBAA to attend funeral. RCMP has been very good about keeping PSD informed. Mr. Hauptman has arranged supervision by other schools at the GCMS transfer sight on Friday.

**4.3 RESOURCE CENTRE –** Superintendent Monds indicated that usage of the Resource Centre has declined. Administration is now looking on closing the Resource Centre in September 2012. Administration will look at how to most effectively distribute the current resources to teachers/schools and look at alternatives to support instruction.

It was noted that Alberta Education will request jurisdictions to align media resources and libraries with the 21<sup>st</sup> way of learning. There is expectation that we are being accountable in our libraries with a focus that libraries become learning centre of schools.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

R. Gilchrist adjourned the meeting at 1:46 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, 08 November, 2011 @ 12:30 p.m.

Centre for Education