



Excellence in Education

MEMORANDUM

Date: 07 February, 2012
To: Board of Trustees
From: Tim Monds – Superintendent
Subject: **PSD Tomorrow Committee Minutes**

Recommendation

That the Board of Trustees receives as information, the PSD Tomorrow Committee Minutes of 17 January, 2012 as presented at the Regular Meeting of 07 February, 2012.



**MINUTES OF THE PSD TOMORROW COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT CENTRE FOR EDUCATION, STONY PLAIN, ALBERTA
ON TUESDAY, 17 JANUARY 2012.**

ATTENDANCE:

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gilchrist called meeting to order 1:10 pm.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

7.0 Update on Busses

2.0 Change item 2.0 from Board Role to Grande Yellowhead Public School Division

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.0 ABLE LEARNERS

Ms. Keane provided Trustees with the terminology and definition for a “Gifted Student” also known “as above average able learner” as used by Parkland School Division. Trustees were informed on how Parkland School Division supports gifted students. While there are no specific programs for students, teachers provide differentiated instruction to support our more able learners. PSD teachers and Learning Services continue to look at ways to support these students and to build capacity in meeting their needs. Discussion ensued.

3.0 SATISFACTION SURVEY

Ms. Keane shared that Parkland School Division has changed the Satisfaction Survey format. There is a committee that is working on developing our own survey tool. The topic for this year will be “Communication”. The survey will be available online and will include a written response. The survey will be sent out within the next 6 weeks and to be completed by spring break. A paper copy of the survey will also be available. Discussion ensued.

2.0 GRANDE YELLOWHEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION

Chair Gilchrist informed Trustees that Grande Yellowhead Public School Division’s Superintendent is talking with Mr. Monds about the school attendance boundaries with west end schools. Superintendents from both school divisions will continue to discuss options and will provide more information to Trustees.

4.0 FRIENDS OF PARKLAND

Ms. Wilkins provided information on the history of the Friends of Parkland event. After discussion, Trustees choose to recognize School Councils at the annual event to be held May 24, 2012.

5.0 LEARNING IN ACTION

Ms. Wilkins informed Trustees that Senior Executive have started to organize school tours for Trustees. The planned dates are March 5, April 5 and April 12. Half of the schools will be visited this spring and the rest will be completed in the fall. Trustee Cameron has requested the opportunity to visit the Brightbank site. More detail to follow.

7.0 UPDATE ON BUSSING

Mr. Monds informed Trustees that due to poor weather conditions, busses will not be running on Wednesday, 18 January, 2012.

1.0 COMPUTER TRAINING FOR LAPTOPS

Tracy Newton, Director of Information Technology and members of the IT team provided laptop training to Trustees. Trustees shared issues and concerns that they have had with the laptop. The IT department is researching options and costs to access WiFi at sites outside of Division Office.

Issues:

- Accessing and writing notes on documents
- WIFI

ADJOURNMENT

R. Gilchrist adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 14 February, 2012 @ 12:00 pm
Centre for Education