Regular Board Meeting

Meeting Type: Regular Board Meeting
Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2017
Start time: 12:30 PM
Location: Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools Board Room

Attendance

Present were:
- Trustee
  - Barb Johnson
  - Karen Becker
  - Dave Gursky
  - Lynn Ware
  - Stephanie Wilson
  - Leanne Axelsen
  - Randy Ermineskin
  - Jayne Pettifor
- Superintendent
  - Terry Pearson
- Associate Superintendent
  - Rick Hayes
  - Brian Taje
  - Sherri Senger
- Communications Coordinator
  - Sherry Knull

Absent:

Call to Order

Board Chair Lynn Ware called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools to order at 12:42 p.m.

Treaty 6 Land Acknowledgement

Board Chair Lynn Ware began the meeting with the Treaty 6 Land Acknowledgement as follows:

"We acknowledge that we are on Treaty Six territory and we recognize all the many First Nations, Metis, Inuit and non-First Nations whose footsteps have marked these lands."

Approval of Agenda

Resolution #WR20171024.1001
Moved By: Barb Johnson
That the agenda be approved for the Regular Board Meeting (2017/10/24) with the following amendments:
- 10.3 WCHS Awards Night Invitation to Present (#20171019001)
- 13.4 Benefits Presentation - Director Business Services
- 15.2 WCHS Pumpkin Carving Contest

Carried Unanimously

Minutes Approval

Resolution #WR20171024.1002
That the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting (2017/10/10) be adopted as presented.

ASBA Zone 4
(Representative Reports)
(Issue #20171012003)
There was no report at this time.

Information

Canadian Parents for French
(Representative Reports)
(Issue #20171012005)
There was no report at this time.

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Leaders of Tomorrow
(Representative Reports)
(Issue #20171016004)
There was no report at this time.

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Public School Board Association
(Representative Reports)
(Issue #20171012006)
There was not report at this time.

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Rural School Boards Caucus
(Representative Reports)
(Issue #20171016005)
There was no report at this time.

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School Community Health Education Partnership (SCHEP)
(Representative Reports)
(Issue #20171016003)
There was not report at this time.

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Teacher Employer Bargaining Authority
(Representative Reports)
(Issue #20171016006)
There was not report at this time.

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Wetaskiwin Community Learning Council
(Representative Reports)
(Issue #20171016007)
There was not report at this time.

Information

Yellowhead Regional Library
(Representative Reports)
(Issue #20171016002)
There was not report at this time.

Information

Regular Board Meeting 2017/10/24
Trustees representatives reported on their respective school councils.

Information

Trustee Dave Gursky advised that we have received a letter dated August 17, 2017 from the Town of Millet. The letter indicates that the Council was interested in participating in a public meeting to collect input from residents and local organizations about the potential use by the community of the Millet School.

The Board responded in a letter dated September 13, 2017 that it was interested in participating in a Town of Millet/WRPS Board of Trustees jointly hosted public meeting. The Board asked the Town of Millet to propose some possible dates, times and locations. The attached letter from the Town of Millet dated October 2, 2017 proposes dates, time and locations for a meeting of the Joint Liaison Committee to address the topics listed in the aforementioned letter.

The Board's Town of Millet Joint Liaison Committee needs to determine which date, time and location works best for the Committee members.

It was determined that the Millet representatives Trustee Johnson and Trustee Gursky meet with the Town of Millet to commence the planning for the public consultation meetings. A letter will be forwarded back to the Town of Millet advising who the representatives are and that November 7, 2017 would be the best date for the first meeting.

Information

Mr. Brian Taje, advised that the calendar consultation practice includes preparation of draft calendars for circulation and stakeholders' feedback in accordance with Administrative Procedure 130 - School Year. The calendar consultation package is prepared and included for reference. Rationale and timelines for the development of the draft calendars was provided.

The Associate Superintendent Instruction advised that he provides administrative support to the Board for the calendar consultation. However, the Board determines how the calendar consultation will proceed, including format and timelines.

To support the development of the 2016-2017 School Year Calendar, the Board invited teachers, support staff and families to provide individual input through the use of Google Surveys. To summarize, calendar principles in AP130 were validated with the exception of spring break, which is being scheduled for the final week of March, independent of Good Friday and Easter Monday. Responses supported the development of a regular school calendar with approximately 182 days of instruction and 196 operational days. Responses indicated it is important to ensure non-instructional days are purposeful. Some parent responses suggest a perception that non-instructional days are a "day off" for teachers. Mr. Taje provided the Board with a complete review of the process including timelines for this process.
WCHS Awards Night Invitation to Present (Action) (Issue #20171019001)

The WCHS Awards Night is scheduled for Friday, November 3, 2017. WCHS is requesting the attendance of a Trustee to present the Highest Honors Academic Pins.

Discussion ensued and it was determined that Trustee Lynn Ware will attend as the Board Chair.

Information

Board Advocacy Committee (Committee Reports) (Issue #20171012001)

The Board determined the following topics would be placed as "parking lot" items on the Board Advocacy Committee agenda:

- Central Alberta RCSD Hold Harmless Funding
- PUF Funding
- School Fees
- STAR Transportation Agreement
- Option opportunities in schools
- Winfield School New School Construction
- Transportation Funding
- Operational and Maintenance Funding

Information

Achievement Results Review - English Language Arts and Math (Information) (Issue #20171017002)

Mr. Brian Taje, Associate Superintendent presented the English Language Arts and Mathematics results that have been analyzed in preparation for the annual review of the Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools Strategic Education Plan & Results Report. Mr. Taje presented a report based on students writing Provincial Achievement Tests and Diploma Exams.

In the Board's Strategic Education Plan, English Language Arts and Mathematics results are identified as key measures. Alberta Education provides detailed information about Provincial Achievement Test and Diploma Exam results in the Accountability Pillar Report. The information provided is used to support the development and review of division and school strategies.

In addition to Accountability Pillar Results, many schools use additional reading, writing and numeracy assessment tools to support the development and implementation of programs.

Mr. Taje advised the Board that all results will be reviewed individually with principals as well as at the Leadership Team to support interpretation in order to determine the development or continuation of division and school strategies.

Information

Trustee Johnson left the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

Information

Mrs. Shannon Dewald entered the meeting at 1:58 p.m.

Information

Accountability Pillar Results Review (Information) (Issue #20171017001)

Mr. Brian Taje, Associate Superintendent: Instruction provided an analysis of the 2017 October Accountability Pillar results is provided in preparation for the upcoming annual review of the WRPS Strategic Education Plan & Results Report. The analysis compares WRPS results to provincial results and considers results over time. A second Alberta Education report, the Socio-Economic Status Index and GAP Scores, is referenced to support the analysis.
Alberta Education requires school authorities to review Accountability Pillar results, which is comprised of seven categories and sixteen measures designed to “represent key aspects of education that are important to parents and the public.” They are further used to assess progress towards meeting Alberta Education learning goals in a three year planning and reporting cycle. A description of the Accountability Pillar measures is attached for reference.

Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools uses selected Accountability Pillar measures in the development of its strategic educational goals which align with the Board’s priorities. Both WRPS and its schools analyze this data and consider additional variables that may affect results, in order to improve student learning and achievement. The Accountability Results Review reports provincial and WRPS results for the current year and the previous three year average. WRPS results are further analyzed by school.

These results will be reviewed individually with each school principal and collectively at the November Leadership Team meeting to support interpretation of results and the development of recommendations to be presented to trustees when the Board reviews the WRPS Strategic Plan.

The Board Annual Work Plan was provided as information.

Ms. Shannon Dewald, Director of Business Services presented information to the Trustees on the eligible Alberta School Employee Benefit Plan coverage and required payroll documents.

The Board received a copy of a letter written by the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) to the Honourable Shaye Anderson, Minister of Municipal Affairs, dated October 10, 2017. The letter outlined the concerns the Alberta School Boards Association was submitting on behalf of its member boards regarding the proposed changes to the Municipal Government Act.

At its meeting on September 12, 2017 the Board approved Resolution No. WR20170912.1005 that reads as follows:

- That the Board approves the reappointment of the Superintendents of Schools for the period August 1, 2018 to July 31, 2020 subject to Ministerial approval. Carried

In a letter dated October 5, 2017 the Minister of Education approved the reappointment of the Superintendent of Schools.

October 25, 2017 New Board Orientation 9:00 a.m. in WRPS Board Room
October 25, 2017 Council of School Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. WRPS Boardroom
Information

Adjournment

Resolution #WR20171024.1003
Moved By: Leanne Axelsen
That the meeting be adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

Board Chair

Associate Superintendent: Business