Regular Board Meeting

Meeting Type: Regular Board Meeting
Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2018
Start time: 9:30 AM
Location: Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools Board Room

Attendance

Present were:

Trustee

- Lynn Ware
- Dave Gursky
- Leanne Axelsen
- Karen Becker (via telephone)
- Randy Ermineskin (via telephone)
- Barb Johnson
- Jayne Pettifor

Superintendent

- Terry Pearson

Associate Superintendent

- Rick Hayes
- Brian Taje
- Sherri Senger

Communications Coordinator

- Sherry Knull

Guest

- Rhonda Peters

Call to Order

Board Chair Lynn Ware called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools to order at 9:31 a.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 #WR20180227.1001
Moved By: Barb Johnson
That the agenda for meeting Regular Board Meeting (2018/02/27) be
approved with the addition of 12.4 Time Sheet Discrepancy.

Carried Unanimously

Minutes Approval

Resolution #WR20180227.1002
Moved By: Barb Johnson
That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting (2018/02/13) be adopted with the following revisions.
Board Retreat - Remove the sentence "in Wetaskiwin at By-the-lake-park"

Carried Unanimously

Acquisition of Locally Developed Courses

Mr. Brian Taje, Associate Superintendent : Instruction advised that Wetaskiwin Composite High School, Pigeon Lake Regional School, and Buck Mountain Central School expressed interest in offering the newly approved LDC "Understanding Video Games 15" (5 credits) developed by Parkland School Division, and "Film and Media Studies 15-25-35" (3 or 5 credits) developed by Calgary School District for the 2018-2019 school year. In order to proceed, a Board motion to authorize the acquisition of these courses is required.

Locally Developed Courses (LDCs) provide unique opportunities for high school students to explore a range of interests in subject areas or extend the learning outcomes in provincial programs. The Board previously approved the acquisition of the following LDCs: Learning Strategies, Abnormal Psychology, Yoga, Instrumental Jazz, Reading, Vocal Jazz, and Forensic Science Studies, all of which continue to be used by our high schools.

Section 39 of the School Act states:

1. The Minister may do the following:

   a. prescribe courses of study or education programs, including the amount of instructional time;
   b. authorize courses of study, education programs or instructional materials for use in schools;

Mandatory requirements for courses are outlined in a “Program of Studies”. A Program of Studies contains each of the following components:

- Program Rationale and Philosophy
- Outcomes
  - General Outcomes
  - Specific Outcomes

Alberta Education publishes The Guide to Education, which is developed for the use of school systems to support the delivery of quality basic education. The document is:

Consistent with the objectives and underlying principles of the School Act and contains key requirements and other information for the implementation of educational programming and the operation of schools.

Most courses offered to students are developed by Alberta Education, identified in the Guide to Education and have a defined Program of Studies. However, there is the following provision:
School authorities have the flexibility to **develop** or **acquire** locally developed courses to address particular student and/or community needs. These learning opportunities complement, extend and/or expand upon provincial programs of study.

**Resolution #WR20180227.1003**  
Moved By: Barb Johnson  
That the Board authorizes the acquisition of Locally Developed Course Understanding Video Games 15 (5 credit course) developed by Parkland School Division for use beginning in the 2018-2019 school year.  
Carried Unanimously

**Resolution #WR20180227.1004**  
Moved By: Barb Johnson  
That the Board authorizes the acquisition of Locally Developed Course Film and Media Studies 15-25-35 (3 or 5 credit courses) developed by the Calgary School District for use beginning in the 2018-2019 school year.  
Carried Unanimously

**Additional Sidewalks at Early Education & Family Wellness Centre and Norwood School**  
(Committee Reports)  
(Move #20180214003)

Ms. Sherri Senger, Associate Superintendent: Business advised that the City of Wetaskiwin plans to construct sidewalks on 56 Ave adjacent to the Early Education & Family Wellness Centre (EEFWC) and Norwood School. Attached are maps of the proposed sidewalk locations. The City of Wetaskiwin has asked that WRPS contribute 50% of the cost of constructing the sidewalks. They believe these new sidewalks would provide safer access and mobility to the school property for students, staff, and parents.

Construction of the sidewalk along EEFWC is scheduled to be completed during the summer of 2018 and is estimated to cost $28,000. Included in WRPS's IMR plan is the expansion/reconfiguration of the parking lot at EEFWC. It would make sense to address the parking lot at the same time as the sidewalk. The City has indicated they are willing to work with WRPS to ensure any changes to the sidewalk and access to the parking lot met both organizations needs.

Construction of the sidewalk at Norwood School is anticipated to take place the following year due to a significant amount of work required to reallocate existing utilities. The cost of the sidewalk is estimated to be $57,000.

The Board discussed the Norwood School sidewalk and would like further information before making a final decision.

**Resolution #WR20180227.1005**  
Moved By: Barb Johnson  
That the Board contribute 50% of the cost of constructing sidewalks on 56 avenue along the Early Education & Family Wellness Centre with the City of Wetaskiwin.  
Carried Unanimously

**Teacher Board Advisory Committee**  
(Committee Reports)

The Teacher Board Advisory Committee (TBAC) met on February 13, 2018, and as per Policy 9, the minutes of those meetings are submitted to the Board for review.

Dr. Terry Pearson, Superintendent of Schools reviewed the minutes of the
TBAC meeting with the Board as information. The next meeting will be held on May 8, 2018, in the WRPS Boardroom. ATA Local will chair the meeting and the WRPS Board will host supper.

**Information**

**Board Advocacy Committee**

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

Board Chair Lynn Ware discussed a possible dinner meeting with STAR Catholic; the tentative date is March 12, 2018.

**Information**

**January 2018 Financial Statements**

Ms. Sherri Senger provided the financial statements for the five months ended January 31, 2018, as information.

**Information**

The meeting recessed at 10:33 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:43 a.m.

The Board Annual Work Plan was presented as information.

Board Chair Lynn Ware presented to the Board regarding retreat opportunities. Discussion ensued. It was the consensus of the Board that an invitation be extended to Brian Callahan to attend on the afternoon of March 13, 2018, to facilitate a discussion of Board Governance.

**Information**

Dr. Terry Pearson advised that the ASBA has appointed Dr. Terry Pearson, Superintendent of Schools SiPP governance board.

**Information**

Trustee Leanne Axelsen requested clarification regarding time spent in a Committee meeting that was held over the lunch hour on a Board meeting day. Discussion ensued. It was determined that as policy states the Committee meetings are to be claimed separately from Regular Board meetings.

**Information**

Trustee Barb Johnson presented a report as the representative on the ASHORO Friendship Society. Trustee Johnson advised that 65 ASHORO students will be visiting in September and that the City of
Wetaskiwin has removed their support for the ASHORO partnership. It was noted that the program is in jeopardy without the support of the City and local businesses.

Information

ASBA Zone 4 Representative Jayne Pettifor reported on ASBA Zone 4 held on February 26, 2018 as information.

Information

Barb Johnson the Board representative for the Canadian Parents for French indicated that there was not report at this time.

Information

Jayne Pettifor the Board representative on the School Community Health Education Partnership (SCHEP) presented a report as information.

Information

Leanne Axelsen is the Leaders of Tomorrow representative indicated that the Leaders of Tomorrow Awards Event will be held on April 16, 2018, at the Reynolds Alberta Museum. Nominations have closed and 29 nominations for Leaders of Tomorrow have been received.

Information

Trustee Karen Becker, PSBAA Representative presented a report on PSBAA activities.

Information

The Board’s representative Trustee Karen Becker advised that the Rural School Boards Caucus had no report at this time.

Information

Barb Johnson the Board’s representative of the Teacher Employer Bargaining Authority advised that there was no report at this time.

Information

Trustee Barb Johnson the representative of the Wetaskiwin Community Learning Council advised that there was no report at this time.

Information

There was nothing to report on the Yellowhead Regional Library at this time.

Information

As trustee representatives on their respective school councils, trustees presented their reports to the Board.
Reports
(Representative Reports)
(Issue #20180212012)
Trustee Ware - Gwynne, Clear Vista & Colony Schools
Trustee Becker - Alder Flats, Buck Mountain Central, Winfield & Lakedell
Trustee Randy Ermineskin - Maskwacis
Trustee Johnson - Norwood, EEWFWC, & Pipestone
Trustee Gursky - Griffiths-Scott Middle School & Falun School
Trustee Axelsen - WCHS & Parkdale
Trustee Pettifor - Centennial & Ecole Queen Elizabeth
The Maskwacis Education Council Meeting will be held March 14, 2018, from 5-7 p.m. at Centennial School.

Upcoming Events
(Upcoming Events)
(Issue #20180220003)
February 27, 2018, Regular Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.
March 7, 2018, COSC Meeting
March 1, 2018, Leadership Team Meeting 9:00 a.m.
March 13, 2018, Regular Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.
March 14, 2018 Maskwacis Education Council 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
March 21, 2018, Public Forum - Millet School 7:00 p.m.
March 26, 2018, ASBA Zone 4 Meeting

Classification Study
(Confidential)
(Issue #20180219001)
Resolution #WR20180227.1006
Moved By: Barb Johnson
That the meeting go in to In-Camera, at 1:20 p.m., pursuant to Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act, 2000, Chapter M-26 and amendments thereto, and Division 2 of Part 1 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter F-25 and amendments thereto, to discuss Privileged Information with regards to the Classification Study and Anonymous Complaint.

Adjournment
Resolution #WR20180227.1007
Moved By: Jayne Pettifor
That the meeting is adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

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Board Chair

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Associate Superintendent: Business