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Regular Board Meeting
Meeting Type: Regular Board Meeting
Date: Tuesday, October 23, 2018
Start time: 9:30 AM
Location: Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools Board Room

Attendance
Present were:

Trustee
• Lynn Ware
• Dave Gursky
• Leanne Axelsen
• Randy Ermineskin
• Barb Johnson
• Rhonda Peters
• Jayne Pettifor

Superintendent
• Terry Pearson

Associate Superintendent
• Rick Hayes
• Brian Taje
• Sherri Senger

Communications Coordinator
• Sherry Knull

Absent:
• Karen Becker

Information

Call to Order
Board Chair Barb Johnson called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools to order at 9:35 a.m.

Treaty 6 Land Acknowledgement
Board Chair Barb Johnson 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."

Information

Consideration of Agenda
Resolution #WR20181023.1001
Moved By: Leanne Axelsen
That the agenda be approved with the addition of:
9.5 Policy Amendments
10.3 Council of School Council
Minutes Approval

Resolution #WR20181023.1002
Moved By: Dave Gursky
That the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting (2018/10/09) be adopted as presented.

Carried

Board Policy Review

It has been the Board's practice to review each Board Policy after an election year.

The Board reviewed the following Policies:

Board Policy 5: Role of the Board Chair
Board Policy 6: Role of the Board Vice-Chair
Discussion ensued regarding revisions.

Information

Trustee School Visits

The purpose of Trustee School Visits is reviewed in October as part of the Board Annual Work Plan suitable arrangements for Trustee School visits are arranged.

Dr. Pearson spoke to the Board's previous conversation at the October Committee of the Whole meeting regarding Trustee School Visits to:

- determine suitable arrangements based on purpose;
- establish a schedule based on trustee availability; and
- develop and circulate a Trustee School Visit communication to schools

Information

Gwynne Transportation Appeal

Trustee Lynn Ware advised the Board that Ms. N. McCallum is appealing an administrative decision regarding student transportation and the location of a bus stop in Gwynne. Trustee Ware reviewed Ms. McCallum’s written presentation with the Board.

Ms. Sherri Senger, Associate Superintendent Business reviewed the map outlining the current bus stops located in Gwynne and the proximity of the McCallum residence, with the Board. She indicated that Board policy was followed in dealing with the establishment of the bus stop and the denial of Ms. McCallum’s request.

Billie Louiselle, Transportation Manager, spoke to the traffic counts recently taken by both the County of Wetaskiwin and his department on the roadway in question. A traffic count was submitted by the County of Wetaskiwin but it was received prior to the commencement of the Board meeting. As such, Mr. Louiselle did not have time to ensure a clear understanding of the data. It was determined that Mr. Louiselle and Ms. McCallum should meet with a County representative to ascertain the meaning of the data.

Trustee Lynn Ware declared a conflict of interest regarding this transportation appeal removed herself from the discussion and decision.
Resolution #WR20181023.1003
Moved By: Jayne Pettifor
That the Board postpone the decision regarding the transportation appeal to the November 13, 2018 meeting at 10:00 a.m.
Postponed

The Transportation Appeal delegation left the meeting at 10:38 a.m.
Information

Commencement of School Year Calendar Review & Consultation
(Action)
(Issue #20181012002)

Under "Selected Responsibilities" in Board Policy 2, the Board shall:
1. Approve Division school-year calendars.

The School Year Calendar consultation commences in October in accordance with the Board Work Plan in preparation for Board review and approval.
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 is provided.
The Superintendent and Associate Superintendent Instruction provide administrative support to the Board for the calendar consultation. However, the Board determines how the calendar consultation will proceed, including format and timelines.
In prior years the Board of the day invited teachers, support staff and families to provide individual input through the use of Google Surveys. To summarize the findings, calendar principles in AP130 were validated with the exception of spring break, which some respondents wished to see scheduled for the final week of March, independent of Good Friday and Easter Monday.
Responses at the time also 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 suggested a perception that non-instructional days were a "day off" for teachers.

Three possible calendars are presented for Board consideration. One calendar tries to have the job-embedded professional development days every three weeks as much as possible. Another calendar is very similar to the 2018 - 2019 calendar regarding the placement of the job-embedded professional development days. The last calendar provides consideration for job-embedded professional developments days to be placed on Mondays as opposed to Fridays.
The Superintendent requested feedback regarding the three possible calendars and how the Board would like the calendar consultation to proceed.
The Board discussed and confirmed its support to initiate the 2019 - 2020 School Year calendars consultation. It is understood, that the Board still must decide whether it will continue its support of the ten or eleven job-embedded professional development days and that will be made clear to stakeholders during the consultation process.
Discussion ensued. Mr. Brian Taje, Associate Superintendent: Instruction will circulate two versions of the calendars the have job-embedded professional development days on Fridays. 

The meeting recessed at 10:35 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

2019-2020 Modular Classroom Program (Action) (Issue #20181015001)

Dr. Terry Pearson, Superintendent of Schools, noted that November 2, 2018 is the deadline for school boards to submit their requests for modular classrooms for the 2019-2020 school year. The Associate Superintendent, Business needs direction from the Board as to whether to submit a request. At this time administration does not see a need to apply for modular classrooms in 2018-2019. The Board determined that no request for modular classrooms would be submitted.

Policy Amendments (Action) (Issue #20181017001)

The Board met in Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 to review and amend Policy 1: Foundational Statements and Policy 2: Role of the Board. The amended policies are attached for Board approval. The Board discussed further revisions to wording and revised as needed.

Resolution #WR20181023.1004
Moved By: Randy Ermineskin
That Policy 2: Role of the Board be approved as amended. 

Carried

Winfield School - Public Forum November 29, 2018 (Action) (Issue #20181018002)

The Board determined at the October 9, 2018 Regular Board Meeting that it would like to embark on a broader community consultation that would include discussion of potential partnerships. The Board decided to host the consultation on November 29, 2018 at the Winfield School.

The Board would like to determine if there are opportunities to partner:

- Determine possible partnerships to offer programming and services as part of the construction of a new Winfield School
- How many partnership opportunities there might be?
- Determine if there is community interest and support for such partnerships.
- See if there are alternatives that could be included in the facility that would enhance the community.

A draft poster and documents were presented for planning purposes. The Board directed administration to distribute the poster notifying stakeholders of the consultation, to draft a letter of invitation and develop a key message map.

Information

December Board Meeting (Action) (Issue #20181023001)

Due to a scheduling conflict with TEBA Board Chair Barb Johnson requested that the December 11, 2018 Board Meeting be rescheduled to December 18, 2018.
Resolution #WR20181023.1005
Moved By: Lynn Ware
That the December 11, 2018 Board Meeting be rescheduled to December 18, 2018.

Carried

Teacher-Board Advisory Committee Meeting
(Country Reports) (Issue #20181010001)
Trustee Jayne Pettifor, reported on the October 9, 2018 Teacher Board Advisory Committee meeting as information.
Information

Board Advocacy Committee
(Country Reports) (Issue #20181015003)
The meeting recessed at 11:55 a.m.
The meeting reconvened at 1:02 p.m.

Policy Amendments (Action) (Issue #20181017001)
Resolution #WR20181023.1006
Moved By: Lynn Ware
That Policy 1: Foundation Statements be approved as amended.
Carried

Board Advocacy Committee
(Country Reports) (Issue #20181015003)
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
Trustee Lynn Ware reviewed the parking lot items and using some of these topics during lunch meetings in January and February with MLA's and candidates who will run in the upcoming Provincial election.
Information

ASBA Zone 4
(Representative Reports) (Issue #20181001005)
Trustee Jayne Pettifor reported on the ASBA Zone 4 meeting that was held on Monday, October 22, 2018.
Information

Council of School Councils
(Committee Reports) (Issue #20181018001)
The Council of School Councils met on October 17, 2018 and as per Policy 9 the minutes of those meetings are submitted to the Board for review. Trustee Leanne Axelsen presented a report as information.
Information

Canadian Parents for French (CPF)
(Representative Reports) (Issue #20181001006)
Trustee Barb Johnson indicated that Canadian Parents for French have not had a meeting.
Information

Accountability Pillar Results
Highlights of the 2018 October Accountability Pillar results were provided in preparation for the upcoming review of the WRPS Strategic Education
Plan & Results Report.
Mr. Brian Taje, Associate Superintendent: Instruction presented results from the 2018 Accountability Pillar results.
Safe and Caring results are good in comparison to the provincial average.
Program of Studies results are slightly lower than provincial results.
Education Quality results are good and comparable to provincial results.
Work Preparation results are reasonable and slightly less than the provincial results.
Citizenship results have declined slightly and are lower than provincial results.
Parent involvement results are good and comparable to the provincial average.
School Improvement results are good and comparable to provincial results.
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.

Information

Wetaskiwin Community Learning Program
(Representative Reports)
(Issue #20181001007)

Trustee Jayne Pettifor reported on the Community Learning Program.

Information

Edwin Parr Local Committee
(Representative Reports)
(Issue #20181001008)

Trustee Lynn Ware reported on Edwin Parr inquiring if there are any first year teachers to be considered in 2018-2019.

Information

Leaders of Tomorrow
(Representative Reports)
(Issue #20181001009)

Trustee Leanne Axelsen indicated that there was no Leaders of Tomorrow meeting.

Information

Leadership Team
(Representative Reports)
(Issue #201810015002)

The Leadership Team met on October 11, 2018, Trustee Lynn Ware provided a brief report.

Information

Public School Boards
Association of Alberta
(Representative Reports)
(Issue #20181001011)

There was no report at this time.

Information

Rural School Board Caucus
(Representative Reports)
(Issue #20181001012)

There was not report at this time.

Information
Teacher Employer
Bargaining
Authority (TEBA)
(Representative Reports)
(Issue #20181001013)

Trustee Barb Johnson reported on the Teacher Employer Bargaining Authority (TEBA).

Information

Wetaskiwin/Ashoro
Friendship Society
(Representative Reports)
(Issue #20181001014)

Trustee Barb Johnson reported on Wetaskiwin/Ashoro Friendship Society as information.

Information

Resolution #WR20181023.1007
Moved By: Barb Johnson
That Trustee Pettifor be compensated for her contribution to the Ashoro Coordinator of International Relations selection committee.

Carried

Yellowhead
Regional Library
(Representative Reports)
(Issue #20181001015)

Trustee Gursky indicated that the YRL organizational meeting will be held in November.

It was determined that Trustee Ermineskin will become the alternate representative on the YRL committee replacing Trustee Peters.

Information

School Council
Reports
(Representative Reports)
(Issue #20181001016)

Each Trustees reported on their respective school council meetings.

Trustee Ermineskin advised the Board that Drop In Parent/Family Gatherings have been planned for 5-7 p.m. as follows:

• TBD - at Louis Bull Community Hall
• November 14, 2018 at Alder Flats
• November 21, 2018 at Pigeon Lake Regional School
• November 28, 2018 at Wetaskiwin Composite High School

Information

Board Annual
Work Plan
(Information)
(Issue #20181015004)

The Board Annual Work Plan was presented as information.

Information

Upcoming Events
(Upcoming Events)
(Issue #20181015005)

October 24-26 PSBAA U2 Fall AGM Hilton Hotel West Edmonton
October 26 Local Negotiations - Mediation Session 8:00 a.m.
November 1 Leadership Team Meeting
November 13 Regular Board Meeting
November 15 Local Negotiations - Mediation Session 8:00 a.m.
November 18 - 20 ASBA Fall General Meeting Westin Hotel
November 27 Regular Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.
November 29 Community Consultation - Winfield School
December 3 ASBA Zone 4 - Wetaskiwin to Host

Information

Board Policy
Review
(Action)
(Issue #20181012003)

Resolution #WR20181023.1008
Moved By: Lynn Ware
That the Board approve Policy 5 as amended.

Carried
Resolution #WR20181023.1009
Moved By: Rhonda Peters
That the Board approve Policy 6 as amended.

Carried

Adjournment

Resolution #WR20181023.1010
Moved By: Barb Johnson
That the meeting be adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

Carried

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Board Chair

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Associate Superintendent: Business