

WILD ROSE SCHOOL DIVISION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2020

To improve the life chances of ALL students

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Wild Rose School Division was held electronically on Tuesday, April 28, 2020, commencing at 9:34 am.

Present:
Chair, Russ Hickman
Trustees, Julie Andrew, Mae Tryon, Heidi Hetherington, Gary Thompson, Daryl Scott
Superintendent, Brad Volkman
Deputy Superintendent, Greg Wedman
Secretary-Treasurer, Ama Urbinsky
Recording Secretary, Dawn Beeman

CAAMSE representatives Deb Goddard and ATA representative Mike Wheeler joined the meeting at 9:34 am.

In light of the electronic format of this meeting, and to save time, it was decided that after the first vote, only oppositions to the motions need to be voiced, silence was assumed support of motion.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

25/20 Moved by Daryl Scott:
 “that the April 28, 2020 Regular Board Meeting agenda be adopted as amended:

6.10 Education Week
6.11 Notification of Special Meeting on May 28, 2020
8.4 Friends of the Corridor Schools”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

26/20 Moved by Mae Tryon:
 “that the following minutes be adopted as presented;

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 24, 2020.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS

TRUSTEE EXPENSE / ACTIVITY FORMS / TRUSTEE REMUNERATION REPORT

27/20 Moved by Mae Tryon:
 “that the Trustee Expense / Activity Forms be approved as presented”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSURE OF LESLIEVILLE SCHOOL K-7 PROGRAM

28/20 Moved by Heidi Hetherington:
 “that the Board close the Leslieville School K-7 program effective June 30, 2020.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INFORMATION ITEMS

- **White Activity Bus Use, Principals Dean Pilipchuk, Lara Jollymore and Miles Treiber, as well as Director of Transportation Kristen Disley joined the meeting to discuss white activity bus use at the schools.**
 - There is a concern about the Board discontinuing the use of these buses in the smaller communities, where there are fewer alternatives to transportation. Is there a way to slow this process down so that schools can make a better informed decision. More clarification on the RFP and how it would affect the smaller remote schools would be appreciated before a final decision is made. They do not want to lose programming and opportunities to students due to the loss of affordable transportation. They currently have staff who are committed to obtaining the required training and providing the transportation for their students.
 - Paperwork is not coming in completed properly, and our transportation department is having to continually follow up with this. If we get audited and we don't have the proper paperwork, we will be fined heavily and possibly shut down.
 - We will proceed with the RFP for contracted transportation services so that we can make an informed decision. We will ask for Principals to gather feedback from parents and school councils on alternative ways to provide transportation and invite them to share their ideas with the Board. This information will be presented and reviewed at the June board meeting.
- **Director of Student Services Kathy Murch and Student Services Coordinator, Leah Odynski gave an update on the previously proposed before and after school care program in Drayton Valley.**
 - Advertised again in January for more registrations, and unfortunately we do not have enough to make this a viable program.
 - There will be further investigation to see if they can amalgamate the current registrations from Aurora and Evergreen into one Evergreen program, utilizing the current bus hub transportation, to make it viable.
- **Director of Human Resources Dave Elwood introduced this year's Edwin Parr nominee, Lauren Bolton and her Principal from École Rocky Elementary School, Tim Bowman.**

WRSD POLICY REVIEW

29/20

Moved by Julie Andrew:

“that the Board of Trustees approve the recommended revisions to the following policies as amended:

Policy 02 - Appendix C - Naming of Facilities

Policy 03 - Role of the Trustee

Policy 07 - Board Operations

Policy 08 - Appendix L - Transportation Liaison Committee

Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:05 pm.

Meeting reconvened at 12:35 pm.

Policy 13 - Appeals Regarding Student Matters

Policy 15 - School Closures

Policy 19 - Disposition of Lands

Policy 20 - Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning and Working Environments

Revised policies will be posted for 28 days for stakeholder feedback.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INFORMATION ITEMS - CONTINUED

- Director of Instruction, Jen Lefebvre presented the January Diploma Exam results.
 - These will be the only results for WRSD this year - there will be no writers in April, or June and this report doesn't include November results.
- Superintendent's Report: Instructional Support during COVID-19, Health and Safety Committee, 2020-2021 Teacher Staffing Allocations, Acceleration of Capital and Maintenance Renewal Funding, Indigenous Languages in Education, Stronger Together.
- Deputy Superintendent, Greg Wedman gave a report on the current method of education delivery.
 - WRSD is doing lots to engage students and provide valuable learning opportunities. It is estimated that across the division, schools have connected with over 90% of the students, with between 70-90% of students actively engaged. Staff, including Educational Assistants are committed to making the connections with students and collaborating with their peers. A lot of the online tools have been made available for free, and schools are investing in hardware that improves student learning. Professional development is continuing across the division.
- Monthly Fiscal Report
- Board Operations / Scheduling
 - Clarified the upcoming Board schedule and commitments. School tours, PSBAA and ASBA conferences are cancelled. The organizational meeting in June may require secret ballots, so this meeting may need to be postponed to August. Trustee recognition of graduation ceremonies may need to be delivered differently. Long service award celebrations and dinner will be postponed.
- Gerald Kujala Scholarship - Secretary Treasurer Ama Urbinsky reviewed this scholarship with the Board.

GERALD KUJALA SCHOLARSHIP

30/20 Moved by Julie Andrew:
"that the balance of the funds from the Gerald Kujala Scholarship will be distributed to his widow Maria as requested, and the board will consider the matter final."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

EDUCATION WEEK

31/20 Moved by Daryl Scott:
"that we share a news release celebrating education week by thanking all of our staff for the extraordinary work they are doing during this time."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SPECIAL MEETING

32/20 Moved by Russ Hickman:
"that we will hold a Special Meeting on May 28, 2020 at 9:30 am for the purpose of discussing the Division's insurance."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BOARD ITEMS

Committee Reports

- **Zone 4 ASBA Report** - ASBA is recommending one screen per board for voting, recognizing the social distancing criteria in place for the upcoming AGM.
- **Edwin Parr Committee Update** - The committee is interviewing the candidates, and they will make a decision after all interviews are complete. There will not be a banquet this year.
- **PSBAA Council Report** - There is a deadline of May 25 for an appeal on the Theodore case. The award ceremony is postponed. The new work plan is being developed by the new Director. PSBAA is looking at a bylaw amendment regarding FNMI groups becoming a paid member of the PSBAA. There is a possibility of significantly reducing the number of trustees attending future meetings. Council meetings will be held at schools instead of at the Doubletree in the future.

CORRESPONDENCE

- The Chair reviewed a letter from Breton High School requesting the Boards support of it's application for the CWB Welding Foundation grant.

BRETON HIGH REQUEST FOR SUPPORT

33/20

Moved by Mae Tryon:

“that the Board provide written support for the Breton High School's request for support of it's application for the CWB Welding Foundation grant.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSED SESSION

34/20

Moved by Daryl Scott:

“that the Board of Trustees now (3:29 pm) meet in closed session to deal with the following items:

- HR Update
- TEBA

Mike Lundstrom joined the meeting for the Friends of the Corridor discussion

- Friends of the Corridor
- DTHS Site”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

35/20

Moved by Daryl Scott:

“that the Board of Trustees now (4:15 pm) meet in open session.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRIDOR REPLACEMENT SCHOOL UPGRADES

36/20

Moved by Gary Thompson:

“that the Board utilizes the funds raised by the Friends of the Corridor Schools to make the proposed enhancements to the new schools in the corridor, based on current estimates. If the enhancements end up being more than the current estimates, the Board is prepared to cover the difference. Adjustments may need to be made to the proposed enhancements to prioritize the gym first, kitchen second and CTS facilities last.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

37/20 Moved by Gary Thompson:
 “that the Regular Board Meeting of April 28, 2020, be adjourned at (4:36 pm)”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Russ Hickman
Chair

Ama Urbinsky
Secretary Treasurer