

Livingstone Range School Division #68 Minutes of the Board of Trustees

The scheduled Board Meeting of Livingstone Range School Division No. 68 was held on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at 0930h at the Administrative Office, Claresholm, Alberta. Following are the minutes from the meeting.

Attendance: Trustees Kelly Hall, Dick Peterson - Chair, Martha Ratcliffe - Vice-Chair, Shannon Scherger and Clara Yagos.

Ellie Elliott, Superintendent of Schools
Stephen Harris, Assistant to the Superintendent
Kathy Olmstead, Associate Superintendent, Education Services
Don Olsen, Associate Superintendent, Business Services (Past)
Jeff Perry, Associate Superintendent, Business Services
Olwyn Buckland, Executive Assistant

A. Call to Order

Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 0930 h.

11-059 Chair Peterson requested an In-Camera Session. Trustee Hall moved the meeting to go in-camera at 0930 h.

Carried

11-060 Trustee Ratcliffe moved the meeting revert to regular session at 1030 h.

Carried

Students and staff from Willow Creek Composite High School entered the boardroom at 1030 h.

B. Additions to the Agenda

E.5 Tripartite Discussions - Trustee Hall

11-061 Trustee Scherger moved that the December 13, 2011 Agenda be approved by the Board of Trustees as amended.

Carried

C. Adoption of Minutes

11-062 Trustee Yagos moved that the minutes from the November 29, 2011 Board Meeting of Livingstone Range School Division No. 68 be approved by the Board of Trustees as presented.

Carried

Due to time constraints agenda items did not occur in the order as listed.

F. Putting Students First

F.1 WCCHS French Program

Darryl Seguin, Principal of Willow Creek Composite High School introduced four French 10 students, Bryn Goedhart, Rowan Kennedy, Emma Schulze and Kysha Rondeau, along with their volunteer French Teacher and community member Raj Lourdessamy and gave a brief introduction of the French 10 program at Willow Creek

Composite High School. Mr. Seguin explained that although the students originally signed up for video-conferencing with Crowsnest Consolidated High School, the number of students grew substantially so they could not accommodate the WCCHS students. They are currently taking the course through Alberta Distance Learning and have been fortunate to have a volunteer, Raj Lourdessamy, who has been in Canada for nine months and has a wealth of experience teaching French, work with the students three days a week for 1-1/2 hour sessions. Rowan Kennedy and Kysa Rondeau both spoke on their experiences and how they have benefited with the volunteer teacher. Mr. Lourdessamy also spoke on his background and the steps he has taken to become a certified teacher in Alberta.

The students and staff left the boardroom at 1050 h.

D. Action Items

D.1 Board Policies 8 and 9

11-063 Trustee Hall moved that the Board of Trustees approve Board Policy 8, *Board Operations* and 9, *Committees of the Board* as amended.

Carried

D.2 Committees of the Board

11-064 Trustee Hall moved that the Board of Trustees table the appointments of the LRSD Zone 6 Representative and an alternative until the January 10th Board Meeting.

Carried

The Board adjourned for lunch at 1200 hours. Willow Creek Composite High School's Foods class, taught by Teacher Konny Nelle, prepared a Christmas lunch for the Board and Central Office Staff. As this was also Associate Superintendent Don Olsen's last day before retirement, the Board presented a gift to Mr. Olsen and thanked him for his years of dedicated service.

The meeting was called back to order at 1325 hours.

E. Discussion Items

E.1 LRSD Board Work List

Chair Peterson headed discussions to update the Trustee's 2011-2012 Work List. Changes were made and an updated list will be distributed to all trustees.

E.2 ASBA 2012-2015 Strategic Plan

The Alberta School Boards' Association requested input on their initiatives, strategic plan and 2012-2013 Budget. Chair Peterson led the board in discussions to provide input to ASBA.

E.3 Monthly Financial Update

Associate Superintendent Business Services Jeff Perry reviewed the monthly financial update for the period ended November 31, 2011 which represents approximately 25% of the 2011-2012 school year.

E.4 Community Relations Committee

Trustees Yagos and Scherger joined the Administrative Council Meeting on December 6, 2011 to hear the school administrators' progress and development regarding the Community Engagement Initiative based on Jamie Vollmer's research. This session was taped and Superintendent Elliott showed the video to the Board. The Committee

also presented ideas for engaging the municipal governments within LRSD and ideas to make effective use of the media. Further discussion with the Board will take place at a later date.

E.5 Tripartite Discussions

Further to the progress of the tripartite discussions amongst the Government of Alberta, Alberta Teachers Association and the Alberta School Boards' Association, recently four new negotiation items were brought to the table. Briefing notes were distributed which included how the board would move forward on this issue.

G. Information

G.1 Response to Intervention Frameworks

Lorna Adrian, School Improvement Facilitator gave a presentation on the AISI Divisional Project: Responding to Student Needs. Response to Intervention is a school wide support model which uses the pyramid of interventions, assessments and collaborative coaching to support the needs of all students. One goal of the AISI Divisional Project is to support the development of a Pyramid of Interventions in every school in one core curricular area (primarily LA or Math). W.A. Day Principal Connie Dersch-Gunderson and Assistant Principal Jason Clifton joined Ms. Adrian to present their model of the Pyramid of Interventions developed in their school. They shared how their pyramid of interventions includes four levels to address the needs of all their students, enabling the administrators and teachers to ensure that the needs of all students are met in a timely manner where no students "fall through the cracks". Ms. Adrian concluded with emphasizing the importance of developing a school wide response that will dispel the "labeling of students" while ensuring that all students are supported based on their specific needs.

H. Reports

H.1 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Elliott distributed her November and December Reports which contained highlights since her last report.

H.2 Chairman's Report

Chair Peterson reported on events he has attended since his last report.

H.3 Trustee Reports

Trustees reported individually on events they attended since their last report.

H.4 Committee Reports

Trustees reported on the following committees.

- a) ASBA
- b) ATA Executive / LRSD Trustee Working Committee
- c) Awards Committee
- d) Community Relations Committee
- e) First Nations and LRSD Working Committee
- g) Policy Review Committee
- h) Professional Learning Committee

I. In-Camera

11-065

Trustee Ratcliffe moved the meeting go in-camera at 1540 h.

Carried

11-066 Trustee Yagos moved the meeting revert to regular session at 1618 h. **Carried**

J. Adjournment

11-067 Trustee Hall moved to adjourn the meeting at 1618 h. **Carried**

Chairman

Secretary-Treasure