



Board of Education

Meeting Type : Board of Education

Date : Wednesday, February 11, 2015

Start time : 9:00 AM

Location : Boardroom

Call to Order

Trustees Present: S. Ball, C. Butler (Chair), C. Huelsman, R. Fisher, T. James, G. Kerr

Trustees Absent: H. Bilton, S. Cooper, J. Swainson

Staff: S. Bexon – Communications Officer, R. Hoppins - Associate Superintendent System Services, S. Russell – Associate Superintendent People Services, K. Sacher – Superintendent/CEO, A. Tarnoczi – Associate Superintendent Corporate Services, S. Babb – Recording Secretary

Chair C. Butler called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Agenda Approval

Chair C. Butler called for additional agenda items.

Resolution #20150224009

Moved By: C. Huelsman

Motion to approve the agenda with the following addition:

4.4 Draft Standards for Educational Services Agreement

Carried

Minutes Approval

The minutes from the January 14, 2015 Board of Education meeting were provided for review.

Resolution #20150224011

Moved By: G. Kerr

Motion to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2015 Board of Education meeting as presented.

Carried

Resolution #20150224012

Moved By: R. Fisher

Motion to move the meeting In Camera at 9:02 a.m.

Carried

It was noted that S. Ball, C. Butler, R. Fisher, C. Huelsman, T. James, G. Kerr, S. Russell, K. Sacher and A. Tarnoczi remained in the meeting at this time.

S. Russell left the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

Resolution #20150224014

Moved By: T. James

Motion to return to the regular meeting at 10:22 a.m.**Carried****RECESS:** 10:23 a.m.**RECONVENE:** 10:37 a.m.

S. Bexon, S. Babb, and R. Hoppins entered the meeting at this time.

Personnel

During the In Camera portion of the meeting, Associate Superintendent People Services S. Russell provided an update on personnel items.

Accounts Payable

During the In Camera portion of the meeting, the listing of Accounts Payable cheques over \$500 and direct deposits for January 2015 were provided for review.

Personnel Committee

During the In Camera portion of the meeting, Chair C. Butler provided an update from the Personnel Committee.

Student Transportation

During the In Camera portion of the meeting, Associate Superintendent Corporate Services A. Tarnoczi provided an update on student transportation.

Resolution #20150224020

Moved By: S. Ball

Motion to refer the Transportation Committee Plan to the Education Committee for further discussion.**Carried****Facilities Update**

During the In Camera portion of the meeting, Associate Superintendent Corporate Services A. Tarnoczi provided a facilities update.

Red Deer Festival of the Performing Arts Request

A letter received from the Red Deer Festival of the Performing Arts, dated January 7, 2015, requesting financial support for the 2015 festival was provided for review.

Resolution #20150224023

Moved By: R. Fisher

Motion that Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 Board of Education approve a donation of \$700 to the Red Deer Festival of the Performing Arts for the 2015 festival.**Carried****ASBA Response to Draft Regulations**

ASBA's response to the draft regulations were provided for information. The document will be reviewed at the Education Committee meeting if necessary.

Carstairs Planning Committee Report

The Carstairs Planning Committee, consisting of Trustees S. Ball, R. Fisher, G. Kerr, school and central office administration and key community members, was formed to examine the population growth in Carstairs and develop a plan for moving forward. The group met regularly over three months with open and honest discussions around short term and long term

possibilities. An online community survey was completed with over 200 responses received. Positive comments were shared by all regarding the process.

The Board reviewed The Carstairs Plan developed by the Committee which includes the following recommendations for new spaces in the community:

- Phase 1: Apply for additional spaces at Carstairs Elementary School with a long term vision of making it a PreK-4 school
- Phase 2: Apply for a new PreK-4 elementary school
- Phase 3: Apply for a new 9-12 high school
- Phase 4: Transition Hugh Sutherland into a 5-8 middle school

Based on the population projections, this plan would accommodate long term growth from 850 to 2000 students in 10 years. It was noted that the plan must remain realistic, flexible and adaptable and will be reviewed annually.

In order to address the short term space problems within Carstairs Elementary, the grade 3's must move to Hugh Sutherland in the fall. Detailed plans for the transition including programming will be presented in the near future.

Chair C. Butler extended thanks to the Committee for their hard work and to Associate Superintendent System Services R. Hoppins for pulling together a great report.

Resolution #20150224026

Moved By: S. Ball

Motion that Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 Board of Education approve the Carstairs Plan as presented.

Carried

Resolution #20150224027

Moved By: S. Ball

Motion that Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 Board of Education authorize administration to reconfigure the grades in Carstairs so that Carstairs Elementary School offers grades K to two and Hugh Sutherland School offers grades three to twelve effective the 2015/2016 school year.

Carried

Resolution #20150224028

Moved By: S. Ball

Motion that Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 Board of Education approve the 2015/2018 Capital Plan requests as amended.

Carried

**Draft Standards
for Educational
Services
Agreement**

Information on the draft Education Services Agreement (ESA) Standards was provided for information only. The standards enable First Nations students living on reserve to attend public, separate, charter and francophone schools.

Audit Committee	No report at this time.
Finance Committee	No report at this time.
Education Committee	<p>The minutes of the January 28, 2015 Education Committee meeting were provided for review.</p> <p>Resolution #20150224033 Moved By: R. Fisher Motion that Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 Board of Education endorse the Policy Committee pursuing the Policy Development Initiative.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p> <p>The Trustees reiterated their concerns regarding the time required for the Policy Development Initiative.</p>
Facilities and Maintenance Committee	No report at this time.
Negotiations Committee	No report at this time.
Parents Matter Committee	<p>K. Sacher provided an update from the January 28th Parents Matter Committee meeting. The minutes of the meeting were provided for review. Positive comments were shared regarding the RAWG exercise.</p> <p>A correction was made to the minutes as S. Ball was not in attendance and G. Kerr, T. James and C. Butler were.</p> <p>Feedback to the community from the Parents Matter Committee was discussed. Superintendent K. Sacher reported that they will strategize how to encourage the sharing of information back to the community for the next meeting.</p>
Policy Committee	No report at this time.
Teachers Matter	No report at this time.
Technology Committee	No report at this time.
Transportation Committee	No report at this time.
Carstairs Adhoc Committee	An update was provided under Item 4.3 (Carstairs Planning Committee Report).

Superintendent Update

Superintendent K. Sacher provided a verbal update:

- Contrary to previous communication, notice was received from the Deputy Minister that Grade 6 PATS will be offered for two more years.
- Teacher's Matter will be meeting on February 27th and the agenda has been sent out.
- The new Sylvan Lake school principal position has been advertised and interviews are scheduled for February 26th. C. Butler, J. Swainson, S. Russell and K. Sacher will participate as voting members with L. Steele as a non-voting member.
- An update on the Benalto viability study was provided.
- The heat issue at Horizon School is being resolved as an air conditioning unit is being purchased using the trust fund.
- Follow-up with the K-12 and high school administrators has been completed regarding field trip deadlines. Reminders will also be built into the calendar.
- The Acorn software has had tremendous success with over \$400,000 in fees going through the software. An update will be provided at the Teachers Matter Committee meeting.
- Sympathy cards will be sent to the Peace River School Division and Holy Family Catholic School Division regarding the tragic bus accident.
- The survey results regarding the division wide PD day will be forwarded to the Trustees. The plan will be to eliminate the PD day and create a 5th collaborative day. Please let K. Sacher know if you have any questions.

RECESS: 11:15 A.M.

RECONVENE: 11:24 A.M.

Community Learning Campus

Associate Superintendent System Services R. Hoppins reported that the expansion at the CLC is fully functional with a few minor items outstanding.

Enrolments

Superintendent K. Sacher reviewed the Division enrolments as of January 20, 2015.

Correspondence

Chair C. Butler reviewed the following correspondence:

- Thank you card from Marilyn Mann regarding her retirement gift.
- Invitation from the Olds College to the "Growing the Legacy" Gala being held March 6, 2015.

Resolution #20150224047

Moved By: C. Huelsman

Motion to send Trustees H. Bilton and R. Fisher to the Olds Gala being held March 6, 2015.

Carried

- Letter from Early Child Development Mapping Project Alberta Executive Director Dr. Susan Lynch, dated January 19, 2015, sharing a copy of the report *How are our young children doing? Final report of the Early Child Development Mapping Project (ECMap)*. A copy of the report will be provided to the Trustees that indicated they would like one.

- Letter from Deputy Minister Lorna Rosen, dated January 21, 2015, approving the reappointment of Superintendent K. Sacher. The Board congratulated Mr. Sacher on his reappointment.
- Email from Dave Phillips, Olds Koinonia Christian School Society Chair, dated January 24, 2015, thanking the Board for providing a stable funding model.
- Letter from Henry Pilipchuk, Education Manager, dated January 27, 2015 regarding the 2014/2015 Three Year Education Plan and 2013/2014 Annual Education Results Report.

The Board congratulated Communications Officer S. Bexon for her feature "Moving Mountains to Motivate Writers" in the Olds Gazette.

Trip Requests

No trip requests received.

Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

Chair C. Butler called for January Trustees Remuneration and Expenses.

Alberta School Boards Association

C. Butler provided an update on recent ASBA items:

- The next Zone 4 meeting is being held in the Boardroom on February 23rd. Associate Superintendent People Services S. Russell will be showcasing Inspiring Leaders at the meeting. S. Ball, C. Butler, R. Fisher, T. James and H. Bilton indicated they would be attending. A calendar request will be sent.
- An update was provided from the Zone 4 meeting in Stettler. It was noted that Nancy McClure has resigned her position of Chair of Wild Rose School Division. The Division is also in the process of selecting a new Superintendent and their Vice Chair is moving. A bi-election will be called.
- A copy of ASBA's Bylaw Amendments and Proposed Policy Positions was provided for feedback. The Trustees agreed that a draft resolution regarding transportation funding should be submitted in the fall. C. Butler will follow-up with Buffalo Trails to determine if they are planning to put something forward.

Public School Boards Association

C. Butler and T. James provided an update from the Public School Boards Council meeting:

- T. James provided details of a PD session she attended on workplace investigations and policies.
- Nominations for long service awards need to be submitted prior to June 1st. Recognition now starts at eight years.
- Topics of discussion included transparency in government funding, home schooling, Bill 10, and separate school expansions.
- Arlene Hrynyk met with the Minister and reported that he does not support from the removal of principals from the ATA or 5 year renewable teacher certificates.
- PSBA is working together with the Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association, the Federal Conseil Scolaires de l'Alberta and the Alberta

School Board in support of the public funded education system.

- A presentation was made by Merit Contractors regarding an education initiative to encourage students to enter into the trades. Superintendent K. Sacher will find out if CESD is involved.
- The next Public School Boards Council meeting is being held in Fort McMurray from August 20-22, 2015.

**Canadian School
Boards
Association**

No report at this time.

**National School
Boards
Association**

No report at this time.

**Meeting
Evaluation**

A verbal evaluation of the meeting was provided by Chair C. Butler. Trustee T. James will provide the evaluation at the March meeting.

Adjourned

Resolution #20150224056

Moved By: C. Huelsman

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:59 a.m.

Carried

C. Butler - Chair

R. Fisher - Vice Chair

A. Tarnoczi - Corporate Secretary