

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF PRAIRIE LAND PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION  
Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at Hanna

*Each student will be provided personalized education through innovative practices while celebrating diversity and developing strong relationships that ensure student achievement and foster the growth of well-adjusted citizens.*

Present:

Holli Smith	Chair
Shandele Battle	Shauna Davies (Google Meet)
Jinel Ference	Scott MacPherson
Marsha Tkach	
Cam McKeage	Superintendent
Sharon Orum	Secretary Treasurer (Google Meet)
Jennifer Cooper	Administrative Assistant

Observers – Elaine Wasdal and Shari Simpson

Absent with Regrets:  
Lindsay Bond  
Ken Macfarlane  
Steve Nielsen Deputy Superintendent

<b>Call to Order</b>	Chair H. Smith called the regular meeting of Prairie Land Public School Division to order at 9:01 a.m. It was recognized that the meeting is being held on Treaty Seven Territory and the Territory of the Métis.
<b>Review of Agenda</b>	<b>Motion 2023-2024-46 – J. Ference</b> That the agenda be amended to include the following items: 4G Morrin School Grand Opening 4H PSBC Attendance 4I MLA Meeting <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p>
<b>Adoption of the December 19, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes</b>	<b>Motion 2023-2024-47 – S. Davies</b> That the minutes of the December 19, 2023 Board meeting be adopted as presented. <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p>
<b>Advocacy and Action Committee (AAC)</b>	ASBA will be contacted to book March 12, 2024 for the Robert's Rules workshop so all trustees can attend. February 13 will be the next AAC meeting date and it will be held in Consort at 1:00 p.m. The PSBC survey will be

	<p>completed as it is due on February 16. Other items will be Board policies and the Rural Caucus survey.</p>
<b>Community Engagement Meetings</b>	<p>Trustees discussed the Community Engagement meetings held at Veteran, BCCS, Al-Amal, Delia and Morrin.</p> <p>A report on the Family Resource Worker program was requested including information on the allocation to schools. This will be provided at the next Board meeting.</p> <p>The date of February 29 will not work for Altario School so alternate dates set were February 26 or March 13. February 29 at 3:30 p.m. will be the rescheduled date for the Al-Amal Academy meeting.</p>
<b>ASBA Proposed Policy Submissions</b>	<p>As per the <i>Board Annual Work Plan</i>, the Board discussed possible proposed policy submissions for Zone 5. There will be one more Board meeting held (February 27) before the February deadline. Speech Pathology was discussed as an option.</p>
<b>ASBA Position Statement Framework Survey</b>	<p>Trustees reviewed and completed the ASBA position statement framework survey.</p>
<b>Executive Contract Review</b>	<p>The Executive committee will meet on February 13 at 12:00 p.m. at Consort School to review the executive contracts.</p>
<b>Draft 2024-2025 Prairie Land Division Calendar</b>	<p>The draft 2024-2025 Prairie Land Division Calendar was presented. The initial draft has teachers returning to their schools on August 26, while our students first day back in class will be August 28, 2024. The November break is scheduled from November 11-15, the winter break from December 21 to January 5, 2025, and the spring break will be from April 18 – April 27, 2025.</p> <p>A draft 2025-2026 division calendar was created to look at the future dates.</p> <p>Discussion was held on professional development (PD) and not being able to get substitute teachers to be able to attend PD. It was suggested to have another early Tuesday where students would be done school early so staff can have time for PD. The superintendent will look at the instructional hours and come up with a plan for the early Tuesdays for professional development.</p>

 

	The calendar will be discussed at the February Board meeting for approval.
	J.C. Charyk Hanna School students Kalli Cooper and Natalie Karg entered the meeting at 10:32 a.m.
<b>J.C. Charyk Hanna School Presentation</b>	K. Cooper and N. Karg presented on the J.C. Charyk Student Wellness Action Team (SWAT) event to be held on February 1, 2024. This event is open to all youth in grades 7-12 and will be held at J.C. Charyk Hanna School starting at 3:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$10.00. The event consists of a concert by Garrett Gregory, a supper, a keynote speaker Chris Koch and a dance sponsored by Dally Up and Dance, Lori Hronek. The event information has been shared with schools in Prairie Land, posted on FaceBook, an article was in the newspaper, and posters were circulated. J.C. Charyk SWAT students presented information on the event to students at Delia, Morrin and Youngstown Schools. The students thanked the Board for the opportunity to present information on their event.
	K. Cooper and N. Karg left the meeting at 10:55 a.m.
	E. Wasdal and S. Simpson left the meeting at 10:59 a.m.
<b>Morrin School Grand Opening</b>	The superintendent stated that Alberta Infrastructure will inform us of a date for the opening. Once we get the date the plans will be made.
<b>PSBC Attendance</b>	The PSBC meeting will be held on February 8 & 9, 2024 in Edmonton. H. Smith will attend as M. Tkach is away. H. Smith and C. McKeage are presenting at PSBC.
<b>MLA Meeting</b>	The Board Chair stated a date for the MLA Meeting needs to be set. As Minister Horner maybe unavailable to meet, the Board will meet with his assistant. Dates to be considered are the March 26 or April 23 Board meeting or the April 9 Board Working Session.
<b>Rural Caucus</b>	S. MacPherson attended the Rural Caucus meeting in December. There will be a Rural Caucus meeting on the Sunday of the Rural Education Symposium.
<b>Reports Superintendent –</b>	AP 131 – <i>School Operation During Inclement Weather</i> was reviewed. The AP was reviewed with the principals at the

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<b>AP 131 &amp; HPS Property</b>	meeting on January 17. Discussion was held on wind chill and making the call the night before if buses are not running to give parents more time to prepare. The superintendent will review policies for divisions surrounding Prairie Land and will bring back AP 131 to another Board meeting. The Hanna Primary School property was discussed.
<b>Recess</b>	Recessed for lunch at 11:58 a.m.
<b>Reconvene</b>	Reconvened at 12:31 p.m.
<b>Motion to Move Into Closed Session</b>	<p><b>Motion 2023-2024-48 – S. MacPherson</b>                  That the Board move into a closed session at 12:31 p.m. to discuss the following item:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASBA Zone 5</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p>
<b>Motion to Adjourn The Closed Session</b>	<p><b>Motion 2023-2024-49 – M. Tkach</b>                  That the Board adjourn the closed session at 12:54 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p>
<b>School/Community Happenings</b>	Trustees provided information on happenings in the communities.
<b>Recognition</b>	There were no acknowledgements at this time.
<b>Board Highlights</b>	There were no Board Highlights for this meeting.
<b>Adjournment</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m.



Holli Smith  
 Board Chair



Sharon Orum  
 Secretary-Treasurer