

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF PRAIRIE LAND PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION
Tuesday, August 27, 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
Ken Macfarlane
Marsha Tkach

Lindsay Bond
Jinel Ference (Google Meet)
Scott MacPherson

Cam McKeage
Steve Nielsen
Sharon Orum
Jennifer Cooper

Superintendent
Deputy Superintendent
Secretary Treasurer
Administrative Assistant

Call to Order	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.
Review of Agenda	Motion 2023-2024-98 – L. Bond That the agenda be amended to include the following items: 8B Bus Routes 4I Add Board Policy 10 to agenda item Carried
Adoption of the June 18, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes	Motion 2023-2024-99 – S. Davies That the minutes of the June 18, 2024 Board meeting be adopted as presented. Carried
Advocacy and Action Committee (AAC) MLA Meeting	The next meeting date will be held on September 10, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.
ASBA School Board Innovation and Excellence Award	The Altario Agriculture Academy nomination for the ASBA School Board Innovation and Excellence Award was reviewed. The deadline to submit nominations is September 16, 2024.

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	<p>Motion 2023-2024-100 – J. Ference That the Alberta School Boards Association consider the nomination of Prairie Land Public School Division for the 2024 School Board Innovation and Excellence Award.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>
Cell Phone Policy	<p>The draft cell phone policy regarding the Ministry’s use of personal mobile devices and social media in schools was reviewed. The policy was shared with principals last week. The draft policy will be sent to all staff and school councils. The Mobile Device Usage Policy needs to be approved by January 1, 2025.</p>
Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy	<p>The Artificial Intelligence (AI) AP was reviewed. The AP was shared with principals last week. The AP will be shared with School Councils and will be discussed at the upcoming principal meetings.</p>
Robert’s Rules of Order	<p>Discussion was held on Robert’s Rules of Order and if the Board should use this for their Board meeting process. This will be discussed further at the AAC meeting and the Organizational Board meeting.</p>
PSBAA: PEP	<p>The Board Vice-chair and superintendent attended online meetings for PSBAA’s Promote Elevate Protect (PEP) initiative.</p>
Board Team Building Session	<p>The Board team building session will be held on September 30 & October 1, 2024. Agenda items will be determined at the AAC meeting. Further details will be shared at the September board meeting.</p>
Organizational Board Meeting	<p>The Organizational Board meeting date for September 2024 needs to be set. The fourth Tuesday will be September 24. The regular meeting will follow the organizational meeting.</p>
	<p>Motion 2023-2024-101 – M. Tkach That the Organizational and Regular Board meetings be held on September 24, 2024.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>
	<p>The Organizational Board meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. and the Regular Board meeting held at 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>S. Battle asked about the 2024-2025 Board meeting dates. Discussion was held on possibly having the AAC meetings in</p>

	the evenings. This will be discussed at the Organizational meeting.
Board Policies 13, 14 & 10	Board policies 13, 14 & 10 were reviewed.
	Motion 2023-2024-102 – S. MacPherson That <i>Board Policy 13 – School-Based Decision-Making</i> , be approved as reviewed. Carried
	Motion 2023-2024-103 – S. Davies That <i>Board Policy 14 – Student Transportation</i> , be approved as revised. Carried
	Motion 2023-2024-104 – K. Macfarlane That <i>Board Policy 12 – School Closure</i> , be approved as revised. Carried
PSBC	H. Smith and M. Tkach attended the PSBC meeting in August. The general meeting will be held on October 16-18, 2024.
Rural Caucus	S. Battle and S. MacPherson attended the Rural Caucus meeting. S. MacPherson will send the budget information to trustees.
Reports Superintendent – Green Dome School Update	The Green Dome school is not ready yet so the students will be using portals for classes for a while. Hopefully in November the classrooms will be ready. 150 students are enrolled in ECS to Grade 2.
Reports Superintendent – Morrin Hub	The Morrin Hub is coming along. The demolitions were completed over the summer. Friends of Morrin School Council is working with the committee regarding the Hub.
Reports Superintendent – Staffing Update	The superintendent provided a staffing update. The Veteran Vice-principal is Whitney Berg and the Altario School Vice-principal is Lance Goudie.
Reports Superintendent – Altario Agriculture Online Academy	Teacher Jamie Galloway has created online agriculture courses. These courses can be done across the province. The online agriculture courses will be up on the website soon.

Reports Superintendent – Around the Division	The superintendent shared happenings from around the division.
School/Community Happenings	Trustees provided information on happenings in the communities.
Recognition	<p>The Board acknowledged the maintenance staff for all their hard work over the summer months.</p> <p>The Board acknowledged Veteran parent Amanda Chapman and Veteran community member Janice Chapman for raising funds for the new swing set at Veteran School.</p>
Motion to Move Into Closed Session	<p>Motion 2023-2024-105 – M. Tkach That the Board move into a closed session at 11:49 a.m. to discuss the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CUPE Ratification • IUOE Ratification • Bargaining Directives <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>
Motion to Adjourn The Closed Session	<p>Motion 2023-2024-106 – L. Bond That the Board adjourn the closed session at 12:17 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>
	J. Ference left the meeting at 12:17 p.m.
CUPE Collective Agreement	<p>Motion 2023-2024-107 – M. Tkach That the Board accept the Mediators recommendation for the conclusion of the collective agreement between CUPE and Prairie Land.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>
IUOE Memorandum of Understanding	<p>Motion 2023-2024-108 – L. Bond That the Board ratify the Memorandum of Understanding between the IUOE and Prairie Land.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>
Recess	Recessed for lunch at 12:15 p.m.
Reconvene	Reconvened at 12:41 p.m.
Motion to Move Into Closed Session	<p>Motion 2023-2024-109 – M. Tkach That the Board move into a closed session at 12:51 p.m. to discuss the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee Self-evaluations and Honorariums • ASBA Zone 5 • TEBA

	Carried
Motion to Adjourn The Closed Session	Motion 2023-2024-110 – S. Davies That the Board adjourn the closed session at 1:26 p.m. Carried
Board Highlights	The Board set the following items as <i>Board Highlights</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cell Phone Policy• Artificial Intelligence (AI) AP
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 1:26 p.m.


Holli Smith
Board Chair


Sharon Orum
Secretary-Treasurer