

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF PRAIRIE LAND PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION
Tuesday, March 25, 2025, 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, Shandele Battle, Jinel Ference (Google Meet), Marsha Tkach, Scott MacPherson, Cam McKeage – Superintendent, Mark Nikota – Secretary Treasurer, and Jennifer Cooper – Administrative Assistant

Absent with Regrets: Lindsay Bond
Shauna Davies
Ken Macfarlane

1. Call To Order

Board Chairperson, H. Smith, called the March 25, 2025, Regular Board Meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

The Board of Trustees of Prairie Land School Division approved the March 25, 2025, Regular Board Meeting agenda, as amended.

Carried (2024-2025-68)

3. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

The Board of Trustees of Prairie Land School Division reviewed the February 25, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as presented.

5. Reports of Officers

A. Administration

C. McKeage, Superintendent, presented the administration report.

6. Reports of Committees

A. Rural Caucus

S. Battle emailed the Rural Caucus report to trustees.

B. Rural Symposium

M. Tkach emailed the Rural Symposium report to trustees. The Minister of Education was in attendance on the Sunday evening for a question period. S. MacPherson participated in the trustee panel.

4. Presentations

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7. Standing Order of Business

A. Prairie Land Strategic Plan

The Prairie Land Strategic Plan was reviewed. The Strategic Plan will be revised to be more specific regarding outcomes and actions.

Recess held at 9:51 a.m.

Board Chair, H. Smith, called the Board Meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Marty McCrea entered the Board meeting at 10:06 a.m.

B. Budget Considerations

M. McCrea presented the Budget Guiding Principles and the Budget Allocation Parameters. The draft budget will be presented at the April Board meeting, then at the May 13 Advocacy and Action meeting and the final at the May 27 Board meeting.

Brian Corry entered the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

M. McCrea left the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

F. 2025-2028 Three-Year Capital Plan

B. Corry presented the Three-year Capital Plan. Discussion was held on the March 20 Board School Tours in regards to the Three-year Capital Plan. Youngstown School will be placed as priority #1 and Consort CTS Shop will be placed as priority #2.

Moved by M. Tkach that the 2025-2028 Three-year Capital Plan be approved as amended.

Carried (2024-2025-69)

B. Corry left the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

Recess held at 11:00 a.m.

Board Chair, H. Smith, called the Board Meeting to order at 11:12 a.m.

C. Board Governance and Operations Manual

The code of ethics session was reviewed for the Board Governance and Operations Manual. It was suggested to review sections of the Board & Governance Manual over a few Board meetings, like the Board Policies are reviewed.

Moved by M. Tkach that the Board Governance and Operations Manual be approved as amended.

Carried (2024-2025-70)

D. Board Orientation Manual



The superintendent provided some edits to the Board Vice-chair for the Board Orientation Manual.

E. Board & School Councils Agenda

The in person meetings with the School Councils will be held on April 1 & 7, 2025. April 1 will be held at Consort School and April 7 will be held at Delia School. Agenda items will be Prairie Land Board Legacy, Trustee Election, Role of the Board, Role of the Trustee, Role of the School Council, Councils conversation to share ideas with the Board on school celebration, school challenge and/or a school wish and trustee question and answer period.

Recess held at 12:07 p.m.

Board Chair, H. Smith, called the Board Meeting to order at 12:39 p.m.

G. Meeting with the Minister and MLA

There has been no reply from the Minister of Education. The Minister of Finance is unable to meet in March but his assistant can meet in April. Letters will be sent to the MLA's of the Calgary schools to set up meetings with them. An email will be sent to the Minister of Finance to see when Minister Horner is able to meet.

H. AA Meeting- April 8, 2025

Discussion was held on the Advocacy and Action meeting format and attendance of trustees. In April the Advocacy and Action meeting will continue and quorum will need to be present in order to proceed with the meeting. The next Advocacy and Action meetings will be held on April 15 at 10:00 a.m. and May 13, time to be determined.

8. Announcements

No announcements.

Recess held at 1:20 p.m.

Board Chair, H. Smith, called the Board Meeting to order at 1:25 p.m.

9. Closed Session

Moved by J. Ference that the Board move into closed session at 1:26 p.m..

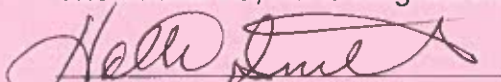
Carried (2024-2025-71)

Moved by S. MacPherson that the Board adjourn the closed session at 2:05 p.m..

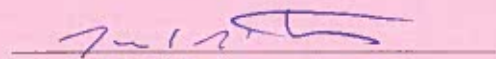
Carried (2024-2025-72)

10. Adjournment

The March 25, 2025 Regular Board meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.



Holli Smith
Board Chair



Mark Nikota
Secretary-Treasurer