

**Public Schools Branch**  
Second Public Board of Directors Meeting  
September 27, 2016

Minutes

The Board of Directors for the Public Schools Branch met on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at Three Oaks Senior High School.

Present: Susan Willis, Board Chair  
Harvey MacEwen  
Pat Mella

Also in Attendance:

Parker Grimmer, Director  
Bob Andrews, School Reorganization Project Manager  
Karen Redmond, Manager of Policy and Planning  
Cindy MacLean, Confidential Board Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by the Board Chair.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

09/16/06 **It was moved by Pat Mella and seconded by Harvey MacEwen that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.**

**MINUTES OF THE SEPT. 19, 2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

09/16/07 **It was moved by Harvey MacEwen and seconded by Pat Mella that the minutes of the Sept. 19, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting be adopted as presented. Motion carried.**

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

1. Report on Recent School Evacuation

The Director reported that all Prince Edward Island schools had been evacuated on Sept. 21, 2016 as a result of a threat. Investigation into the incident continues and supports were organized for students who may have been troubled by the event. The process of debriefing and fine-tuning evacuation plans has begun. Mr. Grimmer expressed appreciation to school and community members for their cooperation in ensuring the safety of students.

2. Review of Schools Presentation

Director Grimmer provided an overview of the School Change Policy, then introduced Bob Andrews as his designate in conducting a Review of Schools.

Mr. Andrews provided current data on school utilization and demographic trends, then presented Review of Schools information for the following:

- Bluefield Family of Schools
- Charlottetown Rural Family of Schools
- Colonel Gray Family of Schools
- Kensington Family of Schools

- Kinkora Family of Schools
- Montague Family of Schools
- Morell Family of Schools
- Souris Family of Schools
- Three Oaks Family of Schools
- Westisle Family of Schools

Mr. Andrews presented a summary and recommendations for each Family of Schools to the Board.

### **BOARD CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM REVIEW OF SCHOOLS**

09/16/08 **It was moved by Pat Mella and seconded by Harvey MacEwen that the Board of Directors accept the recommendation in the Review of Schools for the Bluefield Family of Schools that the status quo be maintained in each school in the Bluefield Family of Schools, but that the situation at the following schools be monitored:**

- **Westwood Primary School;**
- **Eliot River Elementary School;**
- **East Wiltshire Intermediate School.**

**Motion carried.**

09/16/09 **It was moved by Pat Mella and seconded by Harvey MacEwen that the Board of Directors accept the recommendation in the Review of Schools for the Charlottetown Rural Family of Schools that a more in-depth study of each school in the Charlottetown Rural Family of Schools be done and that options for a Category II Change be explored in conjunction with the Colonel Gray Family of Schools. The schools in the Charlottetown Rural Family of Schools include:**

- **Charlottetown Rural Senior High School;**
- **Donagh Regional School;**
- **Glen Stewart Primary School;**
- **L. M. Montgomery Elementary School;**
- **Sherwood Elementary School;**
- **Stonepark Intermediate School;**
- **Stratford Elementary School.**

**Motion carried.**

09/16/10 **It was moved by Harvey MacEwen and seconded by Pat Mella that the Board of Directors accept the recommendation in the Review of Schools for the Colonel Gray Family of Schools that a more in-depth study of each school in the Colonel Gray Family of Schools be done and that options for a Category II Change be explored in conjunction with the Charlottetown Rural Family of Schools. The schools in the Colonel Gray Family of Schools include:**

- **Colonel Gray Senior High School;**
- **Birchwood Intermediate School;**
- **Parkdale Elementary School;**
- **Prince Street Elementary School;**
- **Queen Charlotte Intermediate School;**
- **Spring Park Elementary School;**

- St. Jean Elementary School;
- West Kent Elementary School;
- West Royalty Elementary School.

**Motion carried.**

09/16/11 **It was moved by Pat Mella and seconded by Harvey MacEwen that the Board of Directors accept the recommendation in the Review of Schools for the Kensington Family of Schools that the status quo for the Kensington Family of Schools be maintained for the following schools:**

- Kensington Intermediate Senior High School;
- Queen Elizabeth Elementary School.

**Motion carried.**

09/16/12 **It was moved by Pat Mella and seconded by Harvey MacEwen that the Board of Directors accept the recommendation in the Review of Schools for the Kinkora Family of Schools that a more in-depth study of the Kinkora Family of Schools be done and that options for a Category II Change be explored for the following schools:**

- Kinkora Regional High School;
- Amherst Cove Consolidated School;
- Somerset Elementary School.

**Motion carried.**

09/16/13 **It was moved by Pat Mella and seconded by Harvey MacEwen that the Board of Directors accept the recommendation in the Review of Schools for the Montague Family of Schools that a more in-depth study of the Montague Family of Schools be done and that options for a Category II Change be explored for the following schools:**

- Montague Regional High School;
- Belfast Consolidated School;
- Cardigan Consolidated School;
- Georgetown Elementary School;
- Montague Consolidated School;
- Montague Intermediate School;
- Southern Kings Consolidated School;
- Vernon River Consolidated School.

**Motion carried.**

09/16/14 **It was moved by Harvey MacEwen and seconded by Pat Mella that the Board of Directors accept the recommendation in the Review of Schools for the Morell Family of Schools that a more in-depth study of the Morell Family of Schools be done and that options for a Category II Change be explored for the following schools:**

- Morell Regional High School;
- Morell Consolidated School;
- Mt. Stewart Consolidated School.

**Motion carried.**

09/16/15 **It was moved by Pat Mella and seconded by Harvey MacEwen that the Board of Directors accept the recommendation in the Review of Schools for the Souris Family of Schools that the status quo for Souris Regional School be maintained. Motion carried.**

09/16/16 **It was moved by Pat Mella and seconded by Harvey MacEwen that the Board of Directors accept the recommendation in the Review of Schools for the Three Oaks Family of Schools that the status quo for the Three Oaks Family of Schools be maintained for the following schools:**

- **Three Oaks Senior High School;**
- **Athena Consolidated School;**
- **Elm Street Elementary School;**
- **Greenfield Elementary School;**
- **Miscouche Consolidated School;**
- **Parkside Elementary School;**
- **Summerside Intermediate School.**

**Motion carried.**

09/16/17 **It was moved by Harvey MacEwen and seconded by Pat Mella that the Board of Directors accept the recommendation in the Review of Schools for the Westisle Family of Schools that a more in-depth study of the Westisle Family of Schools be done and that options for a Category II Change be explored for the following schools:**

- **Westisle Composite High School;**
- **Alberton Elementary School;**
- **Bloomfield Elementary School;**
- **Ellerslie Elementary School;**
- **Hernewood Intermediate School;**
- **M. E. Callaghan Intermediate School;**
- **O'Leary Elementary School;**
- **St. Louis Elementary School;**
- **Tignish Elementary School.**

**Motion carried.**

The Board Chair acknowledged the work of Bob Andrews, School Reorganization Project Manager, in development of the Review of Schools, and noted Mr. Andrews will continue with the in-depth study work on the six identified families of schools.

Mr. Andrews indicated that consultations with organizations and members of the public will begin within a week to seek input to help identify viable options for presentation to the Board later in the year. The full documents and data for the Review of Schools will be made available on the Public Schools Branch and *Better Learning for All* websites.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The Board Chair acknowledged Director Grimmer and the staff of the Public Schools Branch for their extraordinary response during the school evacuation on Sept. 21.

Ms. Willis announced that the next meetings of the Board of Directors are as follows:

- Oct. 18, 2016, 7:30 p.m. at Souris Regional School;
- Nov. 15, 2016, 7:30 p.m. at Tignish Elementary School;
- Dec. 20, 2016, 7:30 p.m. at Somerset Elementary School.

The Board Chair extended appreciation to Jeff Clow, Principal of Three Oaks Senior High School, and his staff for hosting the meeting at their school.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.