

**Public Schools Branch**  
Third Public Board of Directors Meeting  
October 18, 2016

Minutes

The Board of Directors for the Public Schools Branch met on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at Souris Regional School.

Present: Susan Willis, Board Chair  
Harvey MacEwen  
Pat Mella

Also in Attendance:  
Parker Grimmer, Director  
Karen Redmond, Manager of Policy and Planning  
Cindy MacLean, Confidential Board Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., and the Board Chair welcomed those in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

10/16/01 **It was moved by Harvey MacEwen and seconded by Pat Mella that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.**

**SOURIS REGIONAL SCHOOL PRESENTATION**

Principal Sharon McIntosh welcomed the Board and provided an overview of students, programs, staff and community involvement at Souris Regional School.

Alyson MacCormack, President of the Souris Regional Student Council, presented a slide show to highlight student and school activities over the past year as well as planned events for this year.

The Board Chair expressed appreciation for the presentations, and thanked Principal McIntosh for hosting the meeting at Souris Regional School

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

10/16/02 **It was moved by Harvey MacEwen and seconded by Pat Mella that the minutes of the September 27, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting be adopted as presented. Motion carried.**

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **1. Report on the Review of Schools**

On September 27, the Board of Directors passed resolutions determining that six families of schools should have further study in how they are configured. As part of that process outlined in the School Change Policy, impacted schools were notified about the process and opportunities to have input.

Mr. Grimmer reported that since that time, Bob Andrews has shared the Review of Schools data with principals, District Advisory Councils, and at public meetings for all school families. The purpose of the initial meetings was to present the data and ensure people had opportunities to understand the data, the issues, and the school review process.

A second set of public meetings will be held in early November to provide an opportunity for the public to provide input on viable options for change. A third set of meetings will then be held by the Board once the recommendations are developed. In accordance with the School Change Policy there will be 60 days of public input on the recommendations.

### **2. Emergency Evacuation Plans Meeting**

School principals will meet with Public Schools Branch staff to share and discuss revised emergency response procedures around school evacuations on October 19.

### **3. School Visits**

This week Director Grimmer visited and saw the great learning happening at Englewood School, Central Queens Elementary, and Gulf Shore Consolidated. To date, he has visited 14 schools, with visits to Miscouche Consolidated and Three Oaks Senior High School scheduled for October 24.

### **4. Public Schools Branch Logo Contest**

Mr. Grimmer reported that the 5 finalist entries for the Public Schools Branch Logo Contest have been reworked and are now posted on our website until October 21. Members of our school communities have been visiting [www.gov.pe.ca/edu/psb](http://www.gov.pe.ca/edu/psb) and voting for their favorite logo. The finalist logos include Mark Ferrish - Kensington Intermediate/Senior High School, Julie Goodwin - East Wiltshire Intermediate School, Calista Lewis - Stonepark Intermediate School, Seth McAvinn - Kinkora Regional High School, and Ethan Michelin - Central Queens Elementary School.

Later in October after the votes are tabulated, the student with the winning entry will be awarded a bike from Canadian Tire, and that entry will be brought forward to the Board in November to be recognized as our PSB logo.

## **APPOINTMENTS TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BRANCH HEARING COMMITTEE**

In accordance with the *Education Act*, Student Regulations and Public Schools Branch policy, there is a requirement for the Board of Directors to appoint a hearing committee to make decisions related to student appeal and expulsion matters.

10/16/03 **It was moved by Pat Mella and seconded by Harvey MacEwen that Paul Gallant and Robert Smith be appointed as members and Maureen Gregory as Chair of the Public Schools Branch Hearing Committee, effective immediately for a three-year term which may be renewed by the Board. Motion carried.**

### **PUBLIC SCHOOLS BRANCH OPERATIONAL POLICIES**

#### Proposed Operational Policy 103 – Student Record

10/16/04 **It was moved by Harvey MacEwen and seconded by Pat Mella that the Board of Directors adopt the proposed Operational Policy 103 – Student Record as presented. Motion carried.**

#### Proposed Operational Policy 104 – Nutrition

10/16/05 **It was moved by Pat Mella and seconded by Harvey MacEwen that the Board of Directors adopt the proposed Operational Policy 104 – Nutrition as presented and discussed. Motion carried.**

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

There was no public input.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The Board Chair noted that the next meetings of the Board of Directors are scheduled for:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.