

Public Schools Branch
Eighteenth Public Board of Directors Meeting
June 13, 2018

Minutes

The Board of Directors for the Public Schools Branch met on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at Eliot River Elementary School.

Present: Susan Willis, Board Chair
Harvey MacEwen
Dale Sabean

Also in Attendance:

Parker Grimmer, Director of Public Schools Branch
John Cummings, Director of Corporate Services
Terri MacAdam, Director of Student Services
Karen Redmond, Manager of Policy and Planning
Wendy Bernier, Director of Human Resources
Dave Gillis, Leader of Corporate Services
Becky Chaisson, Financial Services Coordinator
Sheri Gauthier, Confidential Board Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. The Board Chair welcomed those in attendance and expressed appreciation to Principal Ross McDermott for hosting the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board Chair added the following item to the agenda:

9.1 Surplus Property

It was moved by Dale Sabean and seconded by Harvey MacEwen that the agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried.

3. Eliot River Elementary School Presentation

Ross McDermott, Principal, provided a presentation and shared information about Eliot River. Grade 4 students Bailey Barbour and Caleigh Moreland provided a presentation about the Cool Kids Care program.

The Board Chair expressed gratitude to students and staff at Eliot River for their hard work and also extended appreciation to Mr. McDermott for offering a positive learning environment for students with the Cool Kids Care program. The Board Chair also recognized Mr. McDermott and offered best wishes in his retirement.

4. MINUTES OF THE April 10, 2018 & April 16, 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

It was moved by Harvey MacEwen and seconded by Dale Sabean that the minutes of the April 10, 2018 & April 16, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

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4.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Board Chair expressed condolences to staff, students and the community of Montague as they have been through very difficult times with recent deaths.

The Board Chair also wished students and staff a well-deserved summer break and congratulated all graduating students.

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

(The complete Director's Report will be filed with the official minutes.)

5.1 Recognize our Students in June

Director Grimmer noted that the Public Schools Branch (PSB) recognizes members of the educational community for the inspirational things they do. Each month the PSB encourages the nomination of a specific group in our Public Schools Branch family. During the month of June, the PSB will highlight the kind acts and work of our fantastic students. The criterion for nomination is simple – they just need to have inspired others. Nominees will receive a small PSB recognition package and a note of thanks for contributing to the PSB community.

Over 500 'Inspire' Awards have been delivered so far! Thank you for taking time this month to nominate deserving candidates and for showing our students how much they are appreciated.

5.2 Retiring Administrators

The PSB sends congratulations to Sharon MacIntosh, Leo Hendricken, Michelle LeClair, Kevin Stonefield, Ross McDermott, Mary Jane Ready, Gail Finnis, and Mona Jeffery as they celebrate their retirement from their administrative roles in the education system after wonderful careers. Their efforts, commitment, and professionalism to improve our system and serve their students, staff, and schools is very much appreciated.

5.3 2018 High School Graduations

Director Grimmer shared dates for the 2018 high school graduation ceremonies.

5.4 Good Things Happening in Island Schools

PSB Students Show 'Excellent' Projects at the PEI Heritage Fair

Director Grimmer noted that the annual Provincial Heritage Fair took place on May 14 at the Confederation Centre of the Arts. Prince Edward Island's history was on full display as 161 students from across the Island presented 124 projects at the annual Heritage Fair. Students in grades 5 to 9 submitted projects for heritage fairs at their individual schools. From those projects, winners were chosen to represent each school at the provincial Heritage Fair.

5.5 Gulf Shore Consolidated Students Give Back to Their Community

A group of Gulf Shore students are taking their education out into the community with five projects that they came up with themselves. "I was amazed at the ideas because it was really about teaching them to look around, see what the need is and think outside the box," said Sandra Skeffington, who has 21 students in the combined Grade 7, 8 and 9 class at Gulf Shore Consolidated School. She added: "The thinking

that went into it was really impressive for 12-, 13-, 14-year-olds, I was really blown away by the ideas."

The projects, part of the school's annual Gulf Shore Gives Back campaign, included workshops on healthy breakfasts, packing boxes to send to soldiers overseas, peer-to-peer help in elementary grades, building a raised garden bed for a local seniors' home and two free mini-libraries. Students had to take their ideas out into the community and present them to local organizations, including local businesses and service groups.

5.6 Shaking, Rattling, and Rolling at Rock the West Concert

Several school bands performed at Westisle Composite High School on May 23 for the second annual Rock the West concert.

The concert started out as an idea between Devin Krauskopf, the music teacher at Bloomfield Elementary School and Rory O'Donnell, the music teacher at Tignish Elementary School. Both had started bands at their respective schools and thought it would be a good idea to play for each other and put on a show on.

Last year's concert featured three bands, two from Tignish and one from Bloomfield. This year that number had gone up to five, with the junior and senior rock bands from Bloomfield taking part along with the Tignish Elementary Rock Band, the Callaghan Rock Symphony, and the Westisle band Euphoria.

Admission to the show was by donation, with the proceeds going toward the West Prince Caring Cupboard, and a total of \$650 was raised.

5.7 Great News for Mount Stewart

Director Grimmer congratulated Mt. Stewart Consolidated for being the recipient of the 2018 Indigo Love of Reading Foundation Literacy Fund grant. Mt. Stewart Consolidated is one of 30 schools across Canada and the only school in PEI to receive the \$30,000 grant. This is added to the \$10,000 Mt. Stewart already received earlier in the school year. Mary Kendrick and her staff are thrilled by this news and can't wait to further develop their library.

6. Policy Documents

6.1 Proposed Policy - #409 Student Investigations and Searches

O6/13/03 **It was moved by Dale Sabean and seconded by Harvey MacEwen that the policy be approved as presented. Motion carried.**

6.2 Proposed Policy - #410 Student Requiring Assistance Physical/Medical During School Hours

O6/13/04 **It was moved by Dale Sabean and seconded by Harvey MacEwen that the policy be approved as presented. Motion carried.**

6.3 Proposed Policy - #605 Safe and Caring Learning Environments

O6/13/05 **It was moved by Harvey MacEwen and seconded by Dale Sabean that the policy be approved as presented. Motion carried.**

06/13/06 6.4 Proposed Policy - #606 Alcohol & Drug
It was moved by Dale Sabean and seconded by Harvey MacEwen that the policy be approved as presented. Motion carried.

06/13/07 6.5 Proposed Policy - #702 Community Use of Schools
It was moved by Dale Sabean and seconded by Harvey MacEwen that the policy be approved as presented. Motion carried.

06/13/08 6.6 Proposed Policy - #703 Relations with Law Enforcement and Child Protection Authorities
It was moved by Dale Sabean and seconded by Harvey MacEwen that the policy be approved as presented. Motion carried.

06/13/09 6.7 Proposed Rescission of ESD EBCF – Early Closure/Safe Evacuations, May 10, 2006
It was moved by Dale Sabean and seconded by Harvey MacEwen that the policy be rescinded. Motion carried.

06/13/10 6.8 Proposed Rescission of WSB #28 School Cancellation, Delayed Opening and Early Dismissal Due to Inclement Weather and Other Exceptional Circumstances – December 19, 2007
It was moved by Dale Sabean and seconded by Harvey MacEwen that the policy be rescinded. Motion carried.

The Board Chair thanked Karen Redmond and PSB staff for their work in preparing the policies brought forward today and presenting them to the Board of Directors.

7. 2018-2019 Budget Approval

06/13/11 Becky Chaisson, Financial Services Coordinator reviewed the PSB 2018-2019 Proposed Budget. The budget of \$19,707,000 projects a surplus of \$300, which would be considered a balanced budget. **It was moved by Harvey MacEwen and seconded by Dale Sabean that the proposed Public Schools Branch Operational Budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year be approved as presented. Motion carried.**

8. Confirmation of St. Louis/Tignish Attendance Zone

06/13/12 Dave Gillis, Corporate Services Leader, provided clarification to the current status of the St. Louis/Tignish attendance zone. **It was moved by Harvey MacEwen and seconded by Dale Sabean that the historical attendance practices of St. Louis and Tignish Elementary schools be approved to maintain the current status quo. Motion carried.**

The Board Chair inquired if residents in the area have been consulted. Mr. Gillis advised that community consultations occurred for residents.

9. Strategic Action Plan

06/13/13 Director Grimmer provided background information and an overview of the 2018-2021 Strategic Action Plan. The next phase will be working on “stretching” the key actions and measures and work with staff on the four pillars. **It was moved by Harvey MacEwen and seconded by Dale Sabean that the 2018-2021 Public**

Schools Branch Strategic Action Plan be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Director Grimmer expressed his gratitude to all staff that were involved in each phase of the Strategic Action Plan.

10. Charlottetown Family of Schools

Director Grimmer indicated that the PSB continues to work on identifying a consultation schedule and timeline for public feedback. The sessions will include a consultative approach to identify issues and challenges and to also provide the opportunity to identify potential solutions.

A consultation package will be posted to the PSB website on June 14. Individuals who are unable to attend a consultation session will have the opportunity to complete an online survey to share their thoughts and considerations.

After the consultation phase, data will be evaluated and reviewed with school administrators.

11. Public Input

11.1 Spring Park Elementary Home and School Presentation

The Spring Park Elementary Home and Schools presentation was withdrawn.

12. Other Business

12.1 Surplus Property

John Cummings, Director of Corporate Services, provided a summary of two parcels of property that have been deemed surplus. The properties are located in Fortune Bridge and Springvale and do not have schools placed on them. **It was moved by Harvey MacEwen and seconded by Dale Sabeau that the Public Schools Branch deem parcel #436006 in Fortune Bridge and parcel #280909 in Springvale as surplus to the operational needs of the Public Schools Branch. Motion carried.**

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Harvey MacEwen expressed appreciation for the hard work completed by the PSB staff and Director Grimmer.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.