



**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HELD AT THE EDUCATION CENTRE
2651 CHINOOK WINDS DRIVE S. W.
AIRDRIE, ALBERTA**

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2009

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Chair, Ward 3	Sylvia Eggerer
Vice-Chair, Ward 2	Bev LaPeare
Ward 1	Jennifer Avery
Ward 6	Dr. Bruce Pettigrew
Ward 5	Colleen Munro
Ward 4	Helen Clease
Ward 7	Don Thomas

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Superintendent of Schools	Greg Bass
Associate Superintendent of Business & Operations	Darrell Couture
Associate Superintendent of Schools	Murray Besenski
Acting Associate Superintendent of Learning	Dave Morris
Director of Finance	Bob Willson

COMMUNICATIONS:

Director of Communications	Angela Spanier
Executive Assistant	Karen Dolynny

RECORDING SECRETARY:

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Sylvia Eggerer called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m.

In-Camera:

#50 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE HELEN CLEASE:

That the Board of Trustees move into in-camera at 12:45 p.m.

CARRIED

Bob Willson left the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

#51 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JENNIFER AVERY:

That the Board of Trustees moves out of in-camera at 1:08 p.m.

CARRIED

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA:

#52 – 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE BEV LAPEARE :

That the Board of Trustees approves the March 5, 2009, Regular Board meeting agenda with the following addition to the Superintendent's Report:

- Use of Block Modernization Money to Relocate Portables from Banded Peak to Indus School.

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING:

#53 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JENNIFER AVERY:

That the Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of February 12, 2009, as circulated.

CARRIED

ITEMS FROM IN-CAMERA:

#54 – 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE BEV LAPEARE :

That the RVS 2008/2009 Litigation Report, as presented be accepted for information purposes.

CARRIED

#55 – 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE COLLEEN MUNRO:

That the Monthly Financial Report for February, 2009, as presented be accepted for information purposes.

CARRIED

#56 – 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JENNIFER AVERY :

That the Student Suspension/Expulsion Report for February, 2009, as presented be accepted for information purposes.

CARRIED

#57 – 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE HELEN CLEASE :

That the RVS Asset listing, as presented be accepted for information purposes.

CARRIED

PRESENTATION – PROPOSED GRADE CONFIGURATION BEISEKER COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

Presenter: Roxana Cambell, Beiseker School Council Member

The Beiseker School Council provided a verbal presentation to the Board of Trustees. The Beiseker Council is in favor of this proposal and expressed their opinion on the positive impact the grade configuration would have on both the Beiseker Community School and the Village of Beiseker.

STUDENT SHOWCASE – 100% DIPLOMA EXAM RECIPIENTS

Michelle Ah-Seng - Math 30 Pure, Cochrane High School

Michelle's keys to achieving 100% on the Math 30 Pure Diploma Exam were "understanding the reasoning behind concepts, practice, practice, practice, and an amazingly dedicated teacher!" Her choice of post secondary institution is the University of British Columbia, and she is interested in Science. Her career goals are Cardiothoracic Surgery or Dentistry. Some activities she enjoyed in high school were music, acting, being Editor-in-Chief of the Student Newspaper, dancing and being the V.P. of the Student Council. Her community service involvement included serving as President of Cochrane Youth Council and as a reader at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Claire Chappel - Math 30 Pure, Cochrane High School

Claire's keys to achieving 100% on the Math 30 Pure Diploma Exam were "to organize her time, do more of the questions that she was bad at, and when she thought she was ready, she just kept studying!" Her choice of post secondary institution is McGill or the University of British Columbia and she is interested in studying science/medicine. Her career goal is to become a surgeon/doctor. She enjoyed dance in school and was involved in the Cochrane Youth Council.

Andrew Fletcher- Math 30 Pure, Cochrane High School

Andrew's keys to achieving 100% on the Math 30 Pure Diploma Exam were "the support of a great school, especially the staff, Mr. Appleby preparing us a great deal, studying, hard work and eating my vegetables!" His choice of post secondary institution is the University of Calgary or Queens University and he is interested in studying commerce. His career goal is to become an entrepreneur, a musician and music producer. Andrew was involved in Student Council, Cochrane Youth Council, Student Newspaper, musical productions, Drama Department and Band. His community services included volunteering at the community kitchen and volunteering his time designing media for the Cochrane Youth Association.

Bradley Melnyk - Math 30 Pure, Cochrane High School

Bradley's keys to achieving 100% on the Math 30 Pure Diploma Exam were "going to class everyday, handing in all assignments, and striving to be the best". His choice of post secondary institution is the University of Calgary and his area of study is Engineering. Bradley has been involved in many sports, including hockey, football, cross-country skiing, badminton, curling, track and field, and working out.

Matthew Tierney - Math 30 Pure and Physics 30, Cochrane High School

Matthew's keys to achieving 100% on the Math 30 Pure Diploma Exam and 100% on the Physics 30 Diploma Exam were "asking teachers questions and establishing good relationships with them". His choice of post secondary institution is McMasters University and he is interested in studying Engineering. Matthew was actively involved in volleyball, basketball and badminton. His community service involvement included volunteering at the Cochrane Boys and Girls Club and Footstock 4 Kids of Steel Triathlon.

Scott Woldum - Math 30 Pure, Cochrane High School

Scott's keys to achieving 100% on the Math 30 Pure Diploma Exam were "doing many practice Diploma exams and finishing all homework in class". His choice of post secondary institution is the University of Calgary and his area of study is Engineering/Business. Scott's career goal is to eventually own his own engineering related company. Scott has been involved in various sports, including badminton, curling, snowboarding, golf and scuba diving. He has also participated in school music and the performing arts programs.

Ryan Hassen - Social Studies 30, Cochrane High School

Ryan's keys to achieving 100% on the Social Studies 30 Diploma Exam were "preparation, dedication, commitment and self-confidence." His choice of post secondary institution is the University of Calgary and his area of study is Engineering. Ryan's career goal is to own his own business. Ryan has been involved in badminton, band, producing musicals and in the Sustainable Development Committee. He has also participated in Operation Christmas Child.

Mark Sutherland - Chemistry 30, Cochrane High School

Mark's keys to achieving 100% on the Chemistry 30 Diploma Exam were "keeping key concepts fresh in his mind through regular review, getting lots of rest the night before the exam, and checking his exam after completion, especially numeric responses." His choice of post secondary institution is the University of Calgary or the University of Toronto and his area of study is Engineering (environmental or chemical). Mark's career goal is to find a secure career and become the most involved and informed citizen in his community of residence. Mark has been involved in badminton, golf, guitar, reading, chess and movie-making. His community service involvement includes the Cochrane High School Sustainable Development Committee, the Local Youth Chess Club Coach and the Cochrane Alliance Church Youth Worship Band.

Renae Sinclair - Chemistry 30, Chestermere High School

Congratulations Renae, 100% on the Chemistry 30 diploma exam is a fantastic achievement. Even more impressive than Renae's academic achievements is the amazing person that she has become. Her accomplishments at Chestermere High School were not confined to just the Chemistry lab. Renae excelled at Math, English, Social Studies, Fine Arts and many extra-curricular activities. She made incredible charity and fundraising contributions through her work with Chestermere's Student 4 Change group and she acted in a number of plays and musicals. Renae is the type of person that makes everyone around her better. She is hard working, kind, modest, energetic, intelligent, compassionate, responsible and generous of spirit.

Emily McKinnon - Physics 30, Chestermere High School

Emily McKinnon is to be congratulated for her outstanding achievement in Physics 30. Emily's dedication to her studies did not wane despite her heavy involvement in the fine arts program and working two part-time jobs, on top of carrying an extremely academic course load. Exceptional in every sense of the word, Emily sets high goals for herself and strives to meet every challenge with hard work, perseverance, and confidence. There is no doubt that she will meet success in her future endeavors.

Evan Trout - Math 30 Pure, Bert Church High School

Evan Trout has consistently displayed tremendous aptitude in Mathematics since arriving at Bert Church in Grade 9. Evan has the knowledge and understanding of Mathematical concepts before they are even taught to him – his teacher says he could've taught the course! He continually seeks more in-depth reasoning and a higher level of every concept presented to him. Evan strives for perfection in his problem-solving techniques, and his desire to learn grows exponentially. Evan Trout demonstrates tremendous academic excellence combined with a character highly respected by everyone who knows him. Congratulations, Evan, on achieving a well-deserved 100% on your Pure Math 30 Diploma Exam!

Carly More – Math 30 Pure, Springbank Community High School

Working with kids, backpacking, and cross country skiing are among Carly's passions. She is a confident, kind, caring, and principled young woman who knows what she wants and works to make that a reality.

Although Carly had 100% in the Pure Math 30 diploma exam, her favourite courses are actually Biology and Social Studies. With her passion for kids and biology, Carly is on a career path to becoming a nurse and has already been accepted into the Bachelor of Nursing Program at Mount Royal College. Beyond her nursing degree, Carly pictures herself working on a humanitarian project in a remote exotic location. Carly is a determined young woman who strives to make a creative and lasting contribution to the world in which she lives. Carly is an avid member of Springbank's Outdoor Club and the Marine Biology Club. She is looking forward to the Marine Biology's spring trip to the Gulf Islands to learn about the interactions of the different aquatic and terrestrial eco-systems.

Thomas Dashwood – Physics 30, Springbank Community High School

The descriptors eloquent, passionate and brilliant epitomize Thomas Dashwood. A grade 12 student at Springbank High School, Thomas has an impressive academic record. His records include top academic average in grades 9, 10 and 11. Last year, Thomas earned top marks in most of his courses, including 100% in Pure Mathematics 30 with an overall average of 97%.

Thomas' thirst for learning is demonstrated with his enrolment in AP Biology, AP Chemistry and AP Calculus. His passion for science has led to dreams of a career in medicine with plans underway to study biological sciences next year. Thomas is an excellent debater and has been a member of the Springbank Community High Debate Team for three years, ranking in the Top Ten for the Province. He is a formidable opponent, armed with excellent verbal and critical thinking skills, and the ability to think on his feet. With a passionate concern for global citizens, Thomas is a member of the core planning team for Springbank Free the Children, spending countless hours organizing events and supporting fundraising activities.

Bryce Dorin – Math 30 Pure and Chemistry 30, W G Murdoch School

Bryce is a man of many talents who is well-respected by both peers and teachers. He can best be described as a student willing to pitch in whenever and wherever help was needed in making W.G. Murdoch a great place to be and in which to learn. Not only did Bryce produce amazing results in his Chemistry 30 and Math 30 pure courses with exam marks of 100%; he also scored 97 % on his Physics 30 and 98% on his Biology 30 exams. Quite impressive!

Besides a strong engagement with his subjects, Bryce was able to make other contributions to W.G. Murdoch School. This past spring Bryce could be seen standing on his head, making valiant efforts tending goal for the school Boys' Soccer team. His efforts on the field kept his team in all the games that he played. It is also worth noting that immediately after his soccer games, Bryce would rush into the city to complete his Math 31 course. Bryce also served as student council president in his grade 12 year at W.G. Murdoch.

Chair Sylvia Eggerer declared recess at 2:02 p.m.

Chair Sylvia Eggerer reconvened the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

PRESENTATION – PROPOSED GRADE CONFIGURATION BEISEKER COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

Presenters: Shauna Traub, Chair, Kathryn School Council, and Karen Ellefson, Treasurer, Kathryn School Council

Implications for Kathryn School: If the proposal is approved as currently stated there would be a negative impact on Kathryn School. The presenters outlined to the Board the areas that will negatively impact Kathryn School. This will include, but not be limited to, sports programs, staffing, parent volunteers, extracurricular activities, funding, the reduction in optional courses for students, student personality conflicts and facility utilization.

Concerns with the rationale behind the proposal: The School Council representatives presented concerns with transportation, transitions, PATs /Alberta Ed. grade groupings, and Beiseker “attractiveness”.

Kathryn School Council presented other options that the Board could consider as alternatives to the proposed grade reconfiguration.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

THIRD AIRDRIE HIGH SCHOOL SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

#58 - 09 Motion by Trustee Don Thomas:

That the Board of Trustees authorizes the Superintendent to proceed with the completion of the subdivision of the RVS lands around the Education Centre. This includes the construction of a 2.5 acre R3 parcel, a 6.23 acre R5 parcel, a 2 acre PS parcel, a 16.43 acre PS parcel, a 1.66 acre PS extension to the Education Centre site, two MR parcels and the boulevards adjoining the lands at an estimated cost of \$4,000,534. Although part of the total cost of \$4,000,534, the completion of the R5 parcel based on the commitments defined in a future sale agreement and a second payment of City of Airdrie development levies will occur in year two. A third payment of City of Airdrie development levies will occur in year three. All funding is to be drawn from reserves. Costs will eventually be recovered from the sale of the R3, R5 and the 2 acre PS parcels. One MR parcel will eventually become part of the 16.43 acre PS parcel to accommodate a future educational facility.

Chair Sylvia Eggerer proposed a friendly amendment to add: Administration to defer expenditures as much as possible over the next two years.

Trustee Don Thomas agreed the amendment was friendly.

Chair Sylvia Eggerer withdrew the friendly amendment and Trustee Don Thomas agreed to the withdrawal.

Voting on motion #58 – 09 as originally stated:

CARRIED

CHESTERMERE HIGH SCHOOL FACILITY ISSUES

#59 - 09 Motion by Trustee Bev LaPeare:

That the Board of Trustees defers the Chestermere High School Facility Issues to the April 23, 2009, Regular Board meeting.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF TENDER FOR CHESTERMERE HIGH SCHOOL LIFT STATION

#60 - 09 Motion by Trustee Bev LaPeare:

That Board of Trustees accepts the tender submitted by SGC Contracting and authorizes the Superintendent to enter into a construction contract upon receiving approval of the tender from Alberta Infrastructure.

CARRIED

USE OF BLOCK MODERNIZATION MONEY TO RELOCATE PORTABLES FROM BANDED PEAK TO INDUS SCHOOL

#61 - 09 Motion by Trustee Bev LaPeare:

That the Board of Trustees approves, subject to Alberta Education approval, the use of its unused block modernization funds of up to \$589,856.83 to fund the relocation of four portables from Banded Peak School to Indus School and construction of a connecting link and washrooms onto Indus School.

CARRIED

POLICY HK AND HKA STUDENT PROMOTION REVIEW

#62 - 09 Motion by Trustee Bruce Pettigrew:

That the Board of Trustees approves the Policy Development Committee's draft revisions to Policy HK Student Evaluation, including the change of title to *HK Assessment and Communication of Student Learning* and draft revisions to Policy HKA Student Promotion, including the change of title to *HKA Promotion and Placement of Students*, and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to send them out for feedback as outlined in the policy development process.

CARRIED

CHARITABLE FUNDS ALLOCATION COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

#63 - 09 Motion by Trustee Bruce Pettigrew:

That the Board of Trustees approves the distribution of the funds generated by the 2008 Links to Learning golf tournament in the following manner; \$5000 for Board of Trustees use for student leadership/citizenship awards and \$1000 to each of the 15 schools that applied for funding.

Trustee Jennifer Avery proposed a friendly amendment to; "\$12,500 for Board of Trustees use for student leadership/citizenship awards and \$500 to each of the 15 schools that applied for funding.

Trustee Bruce Pettigrew did not agree the amendment was friendly.

Trustee Bev LaPeare proposed a friendly amendment to send the original application form to all schools.

Trustee Bev LaPeare withdrew her friendly amendment and Trustee Bruce Pettigrew agreed to the withdrawal.

Voting on motion #63 – 09 as originally stated:

DEFEATED

#64 - 09 Motion by Trustee Colleen Munro:

That the Board of Trustees approves the distribution of the funds generated by the 2008 Links to Learning golf tournament in the following manner; \$12,500 for Board of Trustees use for student leadership/citizenship awards and \$500 to each of the 15 schools that applied for funding.

CARRIED

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bev LaPeare Reported:

- February 5 – Attended Board Planning and Regular Board meeting
- February 5 – Attended Bow North Recreation Board meeting
- February 6 – Attended to Zone 5 meeting
- February 10 – Attended C.O.W. (Classroom on Wheels) meeting
- February 10 - Attended Beiseker School Grade Configuration Town Hall meeting
- February 11 - Attended the Langdon School Council meeting
- February 12 - Attended the Special Board meeting
- February 12 – Attended the Agenda Review meeting
- February 13 – Attended Rainbow Creek School Council meeting
- February 13 – Watched the talent show at Prairie Waters School – Great job!
- February 26 – Attended the Board Professional Learning and Planning Day
- February 27 – Attended the Prairie Waters School Council meeting
- March 5 – Attended the Board Planning and Regular Board meetings

ALBERTA SCHOOL BOARDS' ASSOCIATION

Bruce Pettigrew reviewed the ASBA's Fair Bargaining for a Better Future - Report on the 2007-2008 Collective Bargaining Process.

#65 - 09 Motion by Trustee Bruce Pettigrew:

That the RVS Board of Trustees support option one and two of the ASBA's Fair Bargaining for a Better Future - Report on the 2007-2008 Collective Bargaining Process:

Option 1 - 'Pursue voluntary agreement on a single collective agreement process between an employers' association and the ATA'.

Option 2 - 'Pursue enabling legislation to require collective bargaining between an employers' association and the ATA'.

However, before the Board of Trustees considers whether to support or not support Option 3 – 'Pursue a collective bargaining process involving the Alberta Government, the ASBA and the ATA, additional discussion is required.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

#66 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE BEV LAPEARE:

That the Regular Board meeting be adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY-TREASURER