

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Canadian Rockies School Division held on Thursday, November 28, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Banff Elementary School.

Trustees Present:

C. Picard (Chair), A. Rheume, J. Smith, S. Rowed, L. Sunderland

Administration and Staff:

C. MacPhee, Superintendent
V. Parsons-Pack, Deputy Superintendent
M. Guindon, Secretary Treasurer
K. Gregovic, Controller / Assistant Secretary Treasurer
L. Blackstock, Director of Learning Services
S. Greene, Director of Learning, Technology and Facilities
N. Miles, Principal, BCHS
D. McKibbin, Principal, BES
B. Wityshyn, Principal, ERS
N. Trottier, Principal, LGMS
C. Rogers, Principal C HS
M. Shoemaker, Assistant Principal BES and BCHS
D. Larson, Instructional Lead
J. Bowes, Executive Assistant

Recorder

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum of trustees present and called for any additions, deletions or changes to the agenda.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: S. Rowed

That the agenda be approved with the addition of Information Item No. 6.10 - ISC Update

Carried

3. Presentation - no presentations at this time

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 [Regular Meeting](#)

Motion: A. Rheume

That the minutes of the October 15, 2019 regular meeting be approved as presented:

Carried

5. Action Items - No Action Items at this time

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6. Information / Discussion

6.1 [Superintendent Report](#)

6.2 [Deputy Superintendent Report](#)

6.3 [Budget Update](#)

6.4 [Insurance Challenge](#)

- Exploring CRPS options - obtaining legal advice. Sharing legal opinion and legal costs with the other boards that are also trying to exit from ASBIE.
- ASBIE is slow in getting us information before our payment due date or notification of opting out
- Hopeful to have provincial government stepping in to assist with solving the huge increase issue

6.5 [Progress on Solar Panel Projects](#) - Director of Technology, Learning and Facilities

- Shared the flat sheets for each of the participating schools in the division
- Over 1300 solar panels across the district
- Next steps: look at total cost savings with the addition of all of these solar panels
- Produce a 6 year window of what the savings could be.
- CCHS \$162,000, LGMS \$183,000 significant savings to division
- Required to tie into educational component - which we do
- KCP help us to get this information onto our division website
- Carbon tax benefits - Blue Earth Windmill Farm
 - CRPS portion \$40,000 rebates
 - Solar panel would have the same type of impact

6.6 [Water Treatment](#) - Director of Technology, Learning and Facilities

6.7 [School Fees Reinstatement 2020-2021 School Year](#)

- Start the conversation given the budget coming down in March.
- School Fees were reduced through the new budget. We are not allowed to reinstate this school year, but want to look at reinstating them for next school year depending on the new budget

6.8 [Paid Parking - Summer and Weekends](#)

- Will check to see if we need to get authorization from the towns for parking lots on school properties
- Will investigate cost of implementing

6.9 [Administrative Procedures Update](#)

6.10 [ISC Update](#)

- Exshaw and Morley Community meetings have taken place
- To summarize - Exshaw Community - a fair bit of work to do if we choose the repurposing option; unsure if the K-3 option is

viable. Exshaw parents are looking for other options for their children that are not available at Exshaw but available at other schools (French Immersion and outdoor education similar to Alpenglow).

- Reviewing a number of different options for the facility which may include moving the Outdoor Learning Centre dorms, etc.
- During the community engagement meeting with the families of the Stoney Nakoda Nation, it was clear that all families who were in attendance wanted Exshaw School to remain open. This was expressed both verbally and in written responses gathered during the evening meeting. At this meeting, it became apparent that certain individuals from the Stoney Nakoda Nation were given partial and potentially misleading information regarding staffing levels. The ratio of students to teachers in Exshaw School is approximately 11 to 1. It was stated publicly, at this community engagement meeting, that the ratio of students to teachers is 5 to 1. This inaccurate information led certain members of the audience to question the intentions of CRPS and more specifically, those of CRPS senior administration. To be clear, there is no validity to the statement made at the community meeting, nor is there any validity to the subsequent assumptions that were drawn as a result of it. We continue to be disappointed and concerned that this misinformation was intentionally circulated.

7. Board Items

7.1 [Board Highlights](#)

- Repurposing Exshaw School
- Solar Panel Project
- Reinstatement of School Fees 2020 - 2021 School Year
- Paid Parking - Summer and Weekends

7.2 Correspondence

7.2.1 [Minister of Education Support of LGMS Project](#)

7.2.2 [Thank you from ATA to CRPS Teacher](#)

7.3 Trustee Reports

7.3.1 C. Picard

- Alternate for negotiations
- Canmore Remembrance Day Service - laying a wreath on behalf of CRPS
- Committee of the Whole Meeting
- Council of Councils Meeting
- MLA Miranda Rosin budget presentation at BODA
- Met independently with MLA Rosin
- Stakeholder Community Meetings - re Exshaw School

7.3.2 A. Rheume

- Attended BCHS Parent Council meeting in October
- Banff Remembrance Day Service - laying a wreath on behalf of CRPS
- ASBA Conference in Edmonton
- Council of Councils Meeting
- Stakeholder Community Meetings - re Exshaw School

7.3.3 J. Smith

- Negotiations
- Volunteered with Exshaw School Grade 2s at the Library
- Exshaw Remembrance Day Service - laying a wreath on behalf of CRPS
- PSBA General Meeting and Governance Session
- ASBA Conference
- TEBA
- Council of Councils Meeting
- Stakeholder Community Meetings - re Exshaw School

7.3.4 L. Sunderland

- Remembrance Day Service at BES
- Council of Councils meeting

7.3.5 S. Rowed

- PSBA General Meeting and Governance Session
- Awards for community partners
- PSBA Meetings in Edmonton
- ASBA Conference in Edmonton
- Rep for Rural Caucus
- Council of Councils Meeting
- Stakeholder Community Meetings - re Exshaw School
- ERS Parent Council Meeting

8. Questions - No questions at this time.

9. In Camera - No In Camera at this time

10: Adjournment

Motion: A. Rheume

That the meeting adjourn at 8:39 p.m.

Carried