

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE EVERGREEN SCHOOL DIVISION HELD AT GIMLI, TUESDAY, November 5th, 2024, AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE EVERGREEN SUPPORT CENTRE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jillian Yorga, Dianna Auer, Amanda Mosher, Gladys Kohler, Penny Helgason

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sandra Davies (Chair), Colette Banks,

ADMINISTRATION: Mr. Hill, Superintendent, Mr. Moore, Secretary - Treasurer

In accordance with the revised procedure by-law, all motions have a recorded vote. The recording occurs by noting on each motion those trustees opposed, abstained or absent. When no trustees are recorded it represents a unanimous vote.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

1a. MOVED BY: Trustee Kohler
SECONDED BY: Trustee Auer

That the agenda be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING:

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

2a. MOVED BY: Trustee Mosher
SECONDED BY: Trustee Auer

That the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on October 15, 2024, be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

3. VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS:

Jessica Worden (ESD Learning Coordinator) & Jay Ewert (Evergreen Teachers Association) via teams

4. **SUPERINTENDENT'S DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

- 4a. MOVED BY: Trustee Auer
SECONDED BY: Trustee Mosher

That the Board approve the Superintendent's Department Reports.

CARRIED

- 4b. MOVED BY: Trustee Kohler
SECONDED BY: Trustee Helgason

That Board approve the October cheque listing for the operating account cheques 31268 to 31339 inclusive which total \$170,909.20 and electronic funds transfer which total \$430,243.52 and the electronic funds transfer from payroll account in October which total \$1,005,009.36.

CARRIED

- 4c. MOVED BY: Trustee Auer
SECONDED BY: Trustee Helgason

That Board approve the re-configuration of our schools, effective September 2025, which would place all of our Grade 7 & 8 students in our current High Schools along with Grades 9-12. Additionally, in Gimli, Dr. George Johnson School would change to 4-6 and SSES would maintain the primary grades K-3.

CARRIED

Against Mosher

- 4d. MOVED BY: Trustee Kohler
SECONDED BY: Trustee Auer

Motion to use the GHS donation to build an outdoor basketball court at Gimli High School.

CARRIED

5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

COMMITTEE of the WHOLE BOARD (In-Camera) RECOMMENDATION:

- 5a. MOVED BY: Trustee Yorga
SECONDED BY: Trustee Helgason

That the Board approve leave request by Employee #12804.

CARRIED

Superintendent Report to the Board

November 5th, 2024

5.1 Superintendent Report

1. **Presentation re: Project Follow-Through**, with support from Learning Coordinator, Jess Worden

Power Point attached

Project Follow-Through was the most extensive educational experiment ever conducted.

Beginning in 1968 under the sponsorship of the US federal government, and conceived as part of President Lyndon Johnson's, "War on Poverty," it was charged with determining the best way of teaching at-risk children from Kindergarten to grade 3.

Over 200,000 children in 178 communities were included in the study, and 22 different models of instruction were compared.

2. **Presentation re: Continuous Improvement Report**, with support from Learning Coordinator, Jess Worden

Report attached

Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning requires that school divisions submit and publish an annual report on Continuous Improvement. This includes specified data points, as provided by MEECL. This report constitutes the first annual report on our 2023-2028 Education Plan. It therefore contains what might be considered "baseline data" that future improvement efforts will reference. We are pleased to walk the board through our report this evening.

A reminder: the continuous improvement report does not capture the full picture of how our mission and vision come to life in our schools. Beyond the data, assessments and grant reports, our schools are a daily reminder of the joy and adventure of growing up in caring, creative and inspiring surroundings!

3. **School Support Session**

We held our second "School Support Session" on Oct 22.

This is a monthly meeting of school teams (Principal, along with Tier 1 Resource teacher), facilitated by our Learning Coordinator, during which we review school and division data related to our Education plan.

School Teams each reported on progress since our last meeting, and updated a short-term action plan based on their data and conversations with next steps to guide their continuous improvement efforts back at their respective schools.

4. **Dyslexia Canada presentation Oct. 29**

I presented with Jess Worden and Britney Morrish, at the Mark it Read, "Universal Screening" event on Oct. 29 in Winnipeg. We shared a summary of our work with early reading assessment,

instruction, and intervention. Other presenters included Louis Riel School Division and St. James Assiniboia School Division. Our offering was on system-side change, while LRSD presented on the status of their work to move from a few pockets of change toward deeper implementation, and SJASD presented on supporting grassroots efforts by teachers to explore new practices. The venue was packed – guests included senior leaders and divisional staff from other school divisions, parents, MEECL staff, University professors and researchers, and other interested parties.

5. Collaborative Classroom Visit/Superintendent & Principals School Walk-Through

Principals, our Learning Coordinator, and I participated in our second school walk-through on Oct. 31 at Riverton Collegiate. Our focus for these walk-throughs is to learn more about how the “Principles of Instruction” identified by Barak Rosenshine and widely embraced as foundational to effective teaching and learning are evident in our classrooms. We observed several examples of these teachers bringing the principles to life, and reflected upon areas for future consideration in terms of staff development and instructional leadership.

6. Kindergarten Registration

DATES: November 4th-7th, 2024 TIMES: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Children born in 2020 are eligible

Families will receive an invitation to the Wellness Fair events for Pre-K that were shared at a previous Board Meeting (attached).

7. School Configuration

I recommend a re-configuration of our schools, effective September 2025, which would place all of our Grade 7&8 students in our current High Schools along with Grades 9-12. Additionally, in Gimli, Dr. George Johnson School would change to 4-6 and SSES would maintain the primary grades K-3.

Slide Deck contains rationale for supporting this reconfiguration, under the following headings:

Many student programming benefits

Relief to size / space pressures

Efficiency in staffing

Secretary Treasurer Report
Nov 5th, 2024

Fraserwood Land

Request to the Province was submitted to allow the transfer of the Land back to the Evergreen School Division. This was a recommendation by the lawyer.

Propane Bus Purchase

With a delay in our initial order of buses, which is scheduled to be next year, we have cancelled this order and submitted a new order to purchase 2 propane buses which will arrive before end of calendar year.

Courier Van

Recent mechanical issues with our courier van have resulted in the moving forward with the purchase of a 2022 GMC Courier Van. Disposal of old buses and recent MPI rebates will allow us to keep the funding of the new van to be under \$15,000.

GHS Donation

A review of potential opportunities for the GHS donation has resulted in a recommendation to build an outdoor basketball court.

Motion to use the GHS donation to build an outdoor basketball court at Gimli High School.

Province Funded Child Care Space

Recent communication from Province of Manitoba indicated they has started the next phase in creating childcare spaces. Early indication is that ESD project will start next calendar year. Initial plans are being created to determine location of building and related parking lot.

ETA Retro and Interest Payment

The new MTS agreement indicated a Retro and Interest payment that was to be paid by December 31st, 2024. We are working to have 2 retro payments created, one for each school year and they are to be paid in the month of November. Initial calculation has the interest rate that will be used in the calculation between 5-5.5%.

ACI Boiler

Recently the Province has indicated they are moving forward with the ACI Boiler Replacement. Architects / Project Manager has been re-engaged and an updated Request for Proposals is being created to be sent out. Request to Province for reimbursement of funds used this summer to repair/ upgrade one of the boilers has been made.

Cheques

Please find October cheque register and related transfers attached for your information.

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Accounts Receivable

As of October 31, 2024 ESD had accounts receivable outstanding of \$57,687.85. These have been analyzed and are deemed collectible.

Meetings / Correspondence

- ARBC Band Boosters
- ETA Jay Ewert
- ACI Boiler kickoff with Province and Architects
- Meeting with RM of Gimli about placement of new Childcare building
- Email exchange with lawyers about Fraserwood land
- MSBA Regional Meeting
- Email exchange with Elections Canada
- Existing and New Auditors