

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE EVERGREEN SCHOOL DIVISION HELD AT GIMLI, TUESDAY, November 19th, 2024, AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE EVERGREEN SUPPORT CENTRE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sandra Davies (Chair), Jillian Yorga (Vice Chair), Amanda Mosher, Gladys Kohler, Colette Banks, Penny Helgason

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dianna Auer

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 Yorga

That the agenda be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING:

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

2a. MOVED BY: Trustee Helgason
SECONDED BY: Trustee Yorga

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, November 5th, 2024.

CARRIED

3. VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS:

Jay Ewert (Evergreen Teachers Association).

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

SUPERINTENDENT:

4a. MOVED BY: Trustee Kohler
SECONDED BY: Trustee Banks

That the Board approve the Superintendent's Department Reports.

CARRIED

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

5a. Nothing to Report

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

5b. Nothing to Report

6. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION PACKAGE :

6a. MOVED BY: Trustee Mosher
SECONDED BY: Trustee Kohler

That the Correspondence & Information Package be received.

CARRIED

7. ADJOURNMENT:

7a. MOVED BY: Trustee Mosher

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

CARRIED



Chairperson


Secretary-Treasurer

Superintendent Report to the Board

November 19th, 2024

5.1 Superintendent Report

1. Continuous Improvement Report

Representatives from MEECL's Continuous Improvement Branch will meet with me and our Learning Coordinator re: our most recent report on Continuous Improvement for School Year 2023-2024. Each year the department receives reports from each school division and then follows up with a visit to learn more about divisional plans for improvement.

2. Student Services Review

This year, we are scheduled for a review from MEECL related to our Student Services Programming. Every school division is on a 3-year cycle for this review process. Our Learning Coordinator will be the main contact for the MEECL representatives who will be visiting us soon.

3. School Configuration

Updates have gone to parents (attached) as we have received feedback in the survey and completed all requested calls to families. Most recently we have shared that lots of parent feedback has been focused on transition planning for students. We have summarized some ideas and are currently receiving feedback from parents about what strategies they view as helpful and necessary to support transitions for students.

4. Principal Meeting

Our most recent Principal meeting / PLC gathering was on November 12. Principals shared updates on their improvement plans, problems of practice and we welcomed Kirsten Thompson, and ICT Coordinator from Mountain View School Division who presented virtually on Artificial Intelligence and implications for our schools. We also discussed transition planning for our reconfiguration next fall.

5. Leadership Development Cohort

On the evening of November 12, I hosted the third session with our Leadership Development Cohort. We reviewed the System / District Effectiveness Framework from the Ontario Institute for Education Leadership. I also offered our reconfiguration plan for the fall of September 2025 as an example of a leadership decision with many complex elements to consider and reflect upon.

6. Indspire conference, November 21, 2024

Staff members Kelly Milne (Indigenous Ed Consultant) & Britney Morrish (SLP) will present on: *Equity Through Structured Literacy: Empowering Indigenous Students* highlighting our work to ensure equitable literacy outcomes for Indigenous Learners.

7. Poverty Reduction Strategy – Stakeholder Consultation

On the morning of November 6th, Jess Worden, Trustee Helgason, Vice-Chair Yorga and I attended the stakeholder session of MB Gov's Poverty Reduction Strategy consultation in Arborg. Many of the strategies offered for feedback are what I consider examples of accommodating poverty, rather than reducing or eliminating poverty. It was a wide-ranging conversation about many topics and we shared some additional thoughts about Universal Basic Income, Fair Taxation, the role of schools in ensuring literacy, career & life-readiness. We also talked about supporting parents and future parents, as well as the ways that communities can support the elderly and historically marginalized people.

8. Indigenous Veterans Day

On November 8th, I attended an Indigenous Veterans Day event in Riverton. Also in attendance from Evergreen were Principals Semenek and Furgala, Vice-Chair Yorga, and Mr. Bodnarus from RCI.

Secretary Treasurer Report
Nov 19th, 2024

ETA Retro and Interest Payment

ETA Retro payments were paid Monday, Nov 18th and Tuesday, Nov 19th. Interest on Retro payments were paid out at the same time.

Meetings / Correspondence

- Meeting with Liam McLauchlan – Department of Education and Early Childhood Learning – STEAM Program
- Meeting with ARBC (Band Boosters) – Discuss role of ARBC
- Riverton and Arborg Parent Meetings
- MASBO Monthly Meeting
- November Principal Meeting
- Existing and New Auditors