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Eastern School District

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, January 7, 2009

LOCATION: Eastern School District Board Office
234 Shakespeare Drive, Stratford

TIME: 3:00 p.m. **PUBLIC MEETING**

- AGENDA:**
1. Approval of Agenda (**ACTION**)
 2. Minutes of Dec. 10, 2008 School Board Meeting (**ACTION**)
Business Arising from Minutes
 3. Correspondence
 4. Public Input
 5. Superintendent's Executive Summary Report
5.1 Presentation of School Organization Report
 6. Report from the Executive Committee
 7. Report from the Finance and Audit Committee
 8. Report from the Policy Planning and Development Committee
 9. Report from Kids Count - The Learning Fund
 10. Report from PEI School Trustees' Association
 11. Other Business

**EASTERN SCHOOL DISTRICT
TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVENTH PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

The School Board for the Eastern School District met on Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at Belfast Consolidated School beginning at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Robert Clow, Board Chairperson
Sandy Clark
Richard Collins
Barbara Dingwell
Ronald Lee
Gael MacEachern
Anne Miller
David Mitchell
Edna Reid
Henry Somers

REGRETS: Elizabeth Rankin
Alex (Sandy) MacDonald, Superintendent of Education

ALSO PRESENT: Ricky Hood, Director of School Development
Cindy MacLean, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

01/12/08

It was moved by Richard Collins and seconded by Edna Reid that the agenda be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2008 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

02/12/08

It was moved by Ronald Lee and seconded by Barbara Dingwell that the Minutes of the November 12, 2008 School Board Meeting be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

There was no business arising from the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board Chairperson noted one piece of correspondence in addition to the Correspondence Summary dated December 4, 2008.

PUBLIC INPUT

Principal David Bryand welcomed members of the Board to Belfast Consolidated School and provided highlights on programs and activities of his school community, including their receipt of a grant from the Indigo Love of Reading Program which will be used for library books and classroom resources. The Board Chairperson thanked Mr. Bryand for hosting the Board Meeting and providing a school tour for trustees.

SUPERINTENDENT'S EXECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT

In the absence of the Superintendent, Mr. Ricky Hood, Director of School Development, presented the Executive Summary Report.

1. Presentation by Canadian Parents for French - PEI

Claude Parent, President of the Canadian Parents for French - PEI, presented information and recommendations from the report, *The State of French-Second-Language Education in Canada 2008*, which focused on equitable access to second-language programs. Copies of the report and the Annual Report of the CPF-PEI for 2007-2008 were provided for trustees. The Board Chairperson expressed appreciation to Mr. Parent for his presentation and indicated that the recommendations will be considered, and a response forwarded to Canadian Parents for French.

2. Appreciation to Staff and Students

The Director of School Development noted that many schools are busy with Christmas concerts, band concerts and special events, and appreciation was extended to staff and students for their extra efforts to enhance the Christmas spirit in our schools.

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. Meeting with Home and School

The Board Chairperson reported that the Board Executive had recently met with the President and Executive Director of the PEI Home and School Federation. Discussion topics included the District Partnership Policy and communication strategy, role of both organizations, barriers and successes, as well as the possibility of hosting joint workshops. Another meeting has been scheduled for early in January.

2. Professional Development Session

As part of the Board Communications Strategy, a professional development session for trustees will be held on December 11, 2008 on the topic, "Dealing with the Media".

3. School Organization Plan

Mr. Clow indicated that the Superintendent, Dr. MacDonald, is finalizing his School Organization Plan for Eastern School District, which will be presented to the Board later in December. The Executive Committee is developing guidelines on the process and time lines to be followed following receipt of the report.

REPORT FROM THE POLICY, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Policy, Planning and Development Committee will be held on January 12, 2009.

Gael MacEachern, Committee Chairperson, reported that a proposed revision to Policy KB - Partnerships reflects the original intent recommended by the Policy, Planning and Development Committee in June, 2008. **It was moved by Gael**

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MacEachern and seconded by Edna Reid that as the proposed revision to the Partnerships Policy (KB) is considered a correction to reflect the original intent, that the policy be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

REPORT FROM THE FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson, Ronald Lee, reported that he, the Board Chairperson, Superintendent of Education and the Director of Corporate Services would be meeting with the Minister of Education on December 18, 2008 to discuss funding requests.

The Transportation Services Manager, Catherine MacKinnon, will be invited to attend the next committee meeting for discussion on transportation issues.

REPORT FROM KIDS COUNT - THE LEARNING FUND

David Mitchell, ESD Director of Kids Count - The Learning Fund, reported that for the third year, \$5,000 has been donated by Maritime Electric for environmental grants. The following school projects have received funds:

1. Montague Regional High - \$750 to purchase 3 GPS systems for oceanography, computer studies and geography class activities.
2. Charlottetown Rural Senior High - \$750 to purchase 12 PFDs, 10 paddles and 10 compasses for conservation classes and the School Envirothon Team for educational outdoor activities.
3. Southern Kings Cons. - \$500 to build a raised boardwalk on a waterlogged section of the school nature trail.
4. L.M. Montgomery Elem. - \$500 to purchase recycling storage bins and two outdoor benches on the school property.
5. Fortune Cons. - \$500 to purchase a small greenhouse for the school Learning Garden Project.
6. Morell Cons. - \$500 to purchase a solar panel, heavy duty truck battery and two power inverters for a classroom solar power project.
7. Prince Street Elem. - \$500 to purchase two large recycling containers for their school recycling project.
8. Glen Stewart Elem. - \$500 to purchase two bag caddies for their school recycling project as well as environmental awareness resources for the school library.
9. Montague Cons. - \$500 to purchase supplies to build bird houses and enhance their school nature trail.

REPORT FROM PEI SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION

Richard Collins, ESD Director on the PEISTA, reported that at the Dec. 2, 2008 meeting, Ronald Lee had been elected as Vice-President of the Association. The STA Board of Directors is awaiting responses from the three Board Chairs regarding issues to be addressed during the current year, and plans to develop a calendar of PEISTA events for the remainder of the year. Past President, Anne Miller, was recognized for her dedication and initiative on behalf of the PEISTA. The next meeting of the PEISTA Board of Directors is scheduled for Jan. 13, 2009. Minutes from the Dec. 2, 2008 meeting will be forwarded to all trustees.

The Board Chairperson reported that PEI will be hosting the Atlantic School Boards Conference in 2010.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board Chairperson reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule, and noted a number of meetings that had been re-scheduled.

Mr. Clow extended best wishes for a Merry Christmas and expressed appreciation to school and board staff and students for their participation during special events at this time of year.

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It was moved by Richard and seconded by Ronald Lee that the meeting adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried.