Minutes of the Board of Education meeting of Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 held on January 18, 2006 in the Board Room at the Division Office, Innisfail, Alberta commencing at 9:05 A. M.


STAFF PRESENT: A. Casey - Communications Officer
T. Dersch - Corporate Secretary
J. Gibbons - Superintendent
P. Langstraat - Assistant Superintendent
D. Negropontes - Assistant Superintendent
S. Roy - Treasurer
B. Milman - Recording Secretary (in at 10:58 A. M.)

CALL TO ORDER: Chair R. Brassard called the meeting to order.

LORD’S PRAYER: Recitation of the Lord’s Prayer was led by R. Brassard.

AGENDA:

#01/06 Moved by P. Archibald to accept the agenda as amended and additional items as presented.

CARRIED

#02/06 Moved by R. Fisher to accept the minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting dated December 14, 2005 as presented.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA:

#03/06 Moved by J. Swainson that we go In Camera.

CARRIED

#04/06 Moved by R. Fisher that we return to the Regular meeting.

CARRIED

RECESS: 10:55 A. M.
RECONVENED: 11:08 A. M.

1. Personnel
During the In Camera portion of the meeting the Board members were updated on Personnel items.

#05/06
Moved by P. Archibald that Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 Board of Education with regret, accept for information the retirement of employee #2261 effective January 31, 2006.

CARRIED

#06/06
Moved by P. Archibald that Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 Board of Education with regret, accept for information the retirement of employee #170140 effective January 31, 2006.

CARRIED

#07/06
Moved by J. Swainson that Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 Board of Education with regret, accept for information the retirement of employee #110245 effective January 31, 2006.

CARRIED

#08/06
Moved by P. Archibald that Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 Board of Education with regret, accept for information the retirement of employee #170184 effective January 31, 2006.

CARRIED

#09/06
Moved by S. Cooper that Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 Board of Education with regret, accept for information the resignation of employee #125079 effective January 27, 2006.

CARRIED

#10/06
Moved by D. Wagstaff that Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 Board of Education with regret, accept for information the resignation of employee #160023 effective January 31, 2006.

CARRIED

#11/06
Moved by J. Swainson that Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 Board of Education with regret, accept for information
the resignation of employee #310352 effective January 20, 2006.

CARRIED

2. Letter from the Town of Olds
During the In Camera portion of the meeting, a copy of a letter dated January 3, 2006 from the Town of Olds Mayor Dahl to the Chairman of Red Deer Catholic Board was read.

#12/06

Moved by D. Wagstaff that Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 Board of Education direct the Superintendent to contact the Town of Olds to see if a copy of the letter dated January 3, 2006 from the Town of Olds Mayor Dahl to the Chairman of Red Deer Catholic Board was forwarded to the Minister of Infrastructure.

CARRIED

3. Horizon School Proposal
During the In Camera portion of the meeting, Horizon School was discussed.

#13/06

Moved by D. Wagstaff that Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 Board of Education direct the Superintendent to investigate further, the possible transfer of the governance and operation of Horizon School in Olds to Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 and bring this information back to a future meeting.

CARRIED

4. Alberta Society for Pension Reform Statement of Claim
During the In Camera portion of the meeting, a letter regarding the Alberta Society for Pension Reform was discussed.

5. Student Appeal Committee
During the In Camera portion of the meeting, the records of the Student Appeal Committee dated December 22, 2005 were read.

6. Accounts Payable Cheques Over $500.00
During the In Camera portion of the meeting, a listing of the cheques over $500.00 for the month of December 2005 was read.

7. Olds College “Growing The Legacy” Gala
Information regarding the Olds College “Growing the Legacy” Gala to be held on March 10, 2006 was read. J. Gibbons spoke to the information provided.
8. **Alberta Venture eAwards**
A copy of a letter from Alberta Venture recognizing that G. MacLeod has been selected as a finalist in the 2005 eAwards was read. P. Langstraat spoke to the information provided. The banquet will be held on January 26, 2006 in Calgary. It was noted that the Board Chair will send a letter of congratulations to Mr. MacLeod on his nomination.

9. **Alberta School Boards Association Update**
There was discussion regarding the upcoming Zone 4 meeting scheduled for January 23, 2006 at Red Deer Public School Board office. A copy of a memo regarding school councils was discussed. There was discussion regarding the elimination of the ability of school boards to tax.

#14/06

Moved by J. Swainson that Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 Board of Education direct the Board Chairman to send a letter to Mr. R. Marz, MLA inviting him to attend a Board meeting to discuss his private members bill regarding the elimination of school boards ability to tax.

CARRIED

10. **Public School Boards Association Update**
A verbal update was provided by D. Wagstaff. There was discussion.

11. **Administrator’s Retreat**
The Administrator’s Retreat is tentatively set for March 16-18, 2006 in Canmore. Agenda items were discussed. C. Huelsman and G. Johnson volunteered to sit on a committee to assist in planning the retreat.

12. **Olds College Board of Governors/Chinook’s Edge Board Meeting**
On January 26, 2006, Chinook’s Edge Board will be meeting with the Olds College Board of Governors at 6:00 P. M. R. Brassard and J. Gibbons spoke to the information provided.

13. **Community Learning Campus**
J. Gibbons provided a verbal update on the progress to date of the Community Learning Campus. J. Swainson spoke to the structure of the Governance committee meetings.

**RECESS:**
11:55 A. M.

**RECONVENED:**
1:00 P. M.
G. Johnson did not return to the meeting.
D. Jarvey attended the meeting at this time.

14. **Elnora School Teleconference**
D. Jarvey hosted the Elnora school students via teleconference with the Board of Education members. The students participated in the Canspell contest and Mr. Caukill presented a certificate to the student that placed in the contest. The Great Canadian Geography challenge was held at Elnora School and Mr. Caukill presented a certificate of recognition to the student that will be advancing further in the contest. The teleconferencing equipment is available at Delburne, Elnora, Spruce View and Bowden schools. D. Negropontes explained where the funding came from and how it was spent.

15. **Accountability Pillar Meeting**
There was discussion regarding the Accountability Pillar meeting held January 11, 2006 in Red Deer that trustees attended.

16. **Flu Pandemic Follow Up**
At the December 14, 2006 Board of Education meeting, D. Barber, Health Inspector from the David Thompson Health Region presented information on the pressing flu pandemic. P. Langstraat spoke about the essential services involved as part of the disaster/emergency planning. There was discussion on the presentation.

17. **Board/Principals Priorities for Planning Follow Up**
A verbal update was provided by J. Gibbons regarding the recent meeting that the Board held with school principals. The next meeting will be held with principals on February 2, 2006 at 1:00 P. M.

18. **Communications Working Group**
Copies of the following were read:
- the mandate of the working group
- the school communications checklist
- prepared communication strategies for schools
- new exit and entrance surveys for schools
- a list of the monthly themes for all schools
A. Casey provided a summary of the initiatives as prepared by the committee. A copy of an overview of the continuing work of the Communications Working Group, a copy of sample school pamphlets and a newspaper supplement was provided for board members’ information. There was discussion regarding the information. A. Casey provided samples of community brochures that she prepared in conjunction with the schools.
19. **Kindergarten Fees**
At the June 8, 2005 Board of Education meeting, the kindergarten fees for 2005/06 were waived and there was discussion regarding the fees being waived until further notice.

#15/06
Moved by P. Archibald that Chinook’s Edge School Division No. 73 Board of Education waive kindergarten fees for the 2006/07 school year.

CARRIED

20. **Enrolment Figures**
A copy of the jurisdiction enrolment figures as at December 31, 2005 was read.

21. **Remuneration**
Chairman R. Brassard reminded trustees to submit their paperwork for their December 2005 expenses.

22. **Didsbury High School Field Trip Request**
A request from Didsbury High School for a field trip to the Heritage International Music Festival in Seattle, Washington from April 19 – 24, 2006 was read and discussed.

#16/06
Moved by R. Fisher that Chinook’s Edge School Division No. 73 Board of Education approve in principle the request from Didsbury High School for an out of country trip for students to participate in the Heritage International Music Festival in Seattle, Washington from April 19-24, 2006.

CARRIED

A second request from Didsbury High School for a trip to Spokane, Washington for the 30th Annual Bloomsday run from May 5 – 8, 2006 was read and discussed.

#17/06
Moved by P. Archibald that Chinook’s Edge School Division No. 73 Board of Education approve in principle the request from Didsbury High School for students to participate in the Bloomsday run in Spokane, Washington from May 5-8, 2006 expressing concern over the method of transportation.

CARRIED

23. **Village of Delburne**
C. Butler commented on concerns from the Mayor of the Village of Delburne regarding correspondence. There was discussion.
Moved by C. Butler that Chinook’s Edge School Division No. 73 Board of Education direct the Superintendent to contact the Village of Delburne council regarding correspondence that Chinook’s Edge hasn’t received from their council.

CARRIED

S. Roy left the meeting at 2:21 P. M.

24. Centre for Leadership in Learning
R. Fisher updated Board members on a recent dinner meeting he attended hosted by the Centre for Leadership in Learning. The next meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2006 in Calgary.

25. Rural Education Conference
J. Gibbons provided a brochure on a Rural Education Conference in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. D. Wagstaff and P. Archibald will be the representatives from the Board to attend the conference with C. Huelsman as the alternate.

Moved by J. Swainson that Chinook’s Edge School Division No. 73 Board of Education approve the participation of P. Archibald and D. Wagstaff at the Changing Landscape of Rural Education conference in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan from March 26 – 28, 2006 and further that C. Huelsman be the alternate if required.

CARRIED

11. Administrators Retreat Continued
Discussion continued regarding the dates for the Administrator’s Retreat.

26. Calendar of Dates
A updated calendar will be sent to trustees.
A Staff Liaison Committee meeting was scheduled for February 8, 2006 from 4:00 – 6:00 P. M.

ADJOURNED:

Moved by D. Wagstaff to adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

TIME:
2:45 P. M

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R. Brassard – Chairman
D. Wagstaff - Vice Chair

T. Dersch - Corporate Secretary