

SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



1.0 Roll Call

8.0 Minutes Regular Board, Special Board, Statutory and Ad Hoc Committees

87/09

Moved by: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded by: Trustee D. Keenan

That, the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting be adopted:

- 2009/03 Regular Board, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, and

That, the minutes from the Special Board Meeting be adopted:

- 03-2009 Special Board, Monday, March 9, 2009, and

That, the minutes from the SEAC Meeting be acknowledged as received:

- SEAC Meeting – Wednesday, March 4, 2009, and

That, the minutes from the Board Policy Review Committee Meeting be acknowledged as received:

- BPRC Meeting – Monday, February 23, 2009

That, the minutes from the B.A. Parker Design Steering Committee Meeting be acknowledged as received:

- BAPS Design Steering Committee – Thursday, February 12, 2009

Carried

9.0 Business Arising Out of the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

10.0 Delegations and/or Presentations

10.1 International Student Program: Corporation of the Township of Manitowadge

88/09

Moved b88/09

10.3 Excellence in Education: GCHS – Specialist High Skills Major
89/09

Moved by: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded by: Trustee C. Brown

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information the verbal report from Teacher Rob Haslam about the Specialist High Skills Major course in Communication Media underway at Geraldton Composite High School.

Carried

Geraldton Composite HS Teacher Rob Haslam provided an overview of the Special High Skills Major credit course underway this year at GCHS. He noted that the course in information communication technology has its focus on the Knightline Program. The course, which is fully subscribed (46 students between two classes) uses mainly broadcasting as a communication media.

The Knightline Program has evolved from a live production to a pre-taped digital format. Programming on the local community is of higher quality and requires that the students write, produce, direct and edit their own program, which has an on-air time slot on the local cable channel. Students learn about dealing with deadline, creative expression is encouraged, and technical skills from interviewing people, to camera skills and editing are all included. The students in the SHSM have an obligation to produce programs for slots each week from Wednesday to Saturday for one-half hour.

11.0 Reports of the Director of Education

(Director: Patti Pella)

11.1 Report No 18: B.A. Parker Public School Replacement Project
90/09

Moved by: Trustee T. Simmons

Seconded by: Trustee D. Keenan

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information Report No. 18: B.A. Parker Public School Replacement Project.

Carried

Director Patti Pella provided a brief review of the last B.A. Parker PS Design Steering Committee meeting held February 12, 2009. The group studied numerous schematics and one was deemed to merit further investigation. She noted that a pressing concern through the exercise has been that all schematics have come in significantly over budget.

She advised that after a meeting with the ministry to discuss the developments to date, the Ministry reinforced the expectation that the project make more efficient use of the existing space at Geraldton Composite High School.

This information will be presented to the Steering Committee at the next meeting scheduled on April 7, 2009

12.0 Reports of the Education Committee

(Education Chair: K. Notwell)

Superintendent of Education:

12.1 Report No. 19: Elementary Enrolment and Staffing Implications for September 2009
91/09

Moved by: Trustee J. Sparrow

Seconded by: Trustee C. Brown

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information Report No 19: Elementary Enrolment and Staffing Implications for September 2009.

Carried

Superintendent of Education Colleen Kappel advised that the preliminary staffing report illustrate the statistics on the extent of the declining enrolment in Board schools. Economic challenges in all communities continue to force a downward trend with projections for 2009-2010 set at 798 students, a decrease of about 80 students or 10% from current enrolment. She outlined the guiding principals for developing the new school year staffing, among which is the implementation of full-time Junior Kindergarten.

12.2 Report No. 20: Performance Appraisal Processes
92/09

Moved by: *Trustee D. Keenan*

Seconded by: *Trustee J. Turner*

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB, receives information for Report 20: Performance Appraisal Process.

Carried

C. Kappel provided an overview of the report, noting that Teachers Performance Appraisal for Experienced Teachers and the New Teacher Induction Program has been implemented.

enhance participation, through a student led projects. The Dorion and the Red Rock Public Schools each received a grant, as did the Nipigon-Red Rock DHS.

13.0 Reports of the Business Committee

(Business Chair: J. Turner)

17.0 Adjourment
98/09

Moved by: Trustee J. Turner

That

Seconded by: Trustee C. Brown

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