

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lori Constant	Ted Kwiatkowski	Director of Education:	Don Rempel
Linda Erickson	Luke Perkins	Supt. of Business Admin.:	Wanda McLeod
Bob Gagné	Kathy Ponath - Chair		
Todd Goudy	Freeman Reynolds	Electors - 4	
Richard Hildebrand	Marla Walton		

TOTAL ATTENDEES - 16

1. CALL TO ORDER

Don Rempel, Director of Education, called the meeting to order. The meeting commenced at 4:00 p.m.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

- ❖ Don Rempel called for nominations for Chairperson of the meeting.
- ❖ Freeman Reynolds nominated Kathy Ponath to serve as Chairperson of the meeting.
- ❖ Nominations ceased.
- ❖ Kathy Ponath accepted the nomination and was declared Chairperson of the meeting.

3. ELECTION OF SECRETARY FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

- ❖ Kathy Ponath called for nominations for Secretary of the meeting.
- ❖ Richard Hildebrand nominated Wanda McLeod as Secretary of the meeting.
- ❖ Nominations ceased.
- ❖ Wanda McLeod accepted the nomination and was declared secretary of the meeting.

4. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 24, 2015

Marla Walton moved that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on March 24, 2015 be adopted as presented.

5. REPORTS FROM THE SCHOOL DIVISION

a) Board of Education

Kathy Ponath, Board Chair, reported the year's activities as outlined in the "Chairperson's Report" in the 2014-15 North East School Division Annual Report (summary) dated March 2016.

Highlights from this report:

- it has been ten years since the four school divisions amalgamated to form the North East School Division;
- it is important to listening to the voices of our students, our teachers and staff, the parents and community for providing the Board of Education support and guidance in forging direction and providing oversight and accountability and
- the board implemented the School Community Council Parental Engagement grant and the North East School Improvement Project grant in 2014-15.

b) Director of Education

Don Rempel, Director of Education, reported the year's activities as outlined in the "Director's Report" in the 2014-15 North East School Division Annual Report (summary) dated March 2016.

Highlights from this report:

- the 2014-15 school year was the third year of implementation for the Board's four year strategic plan with a major focus on improved student achievement and on maintaining a positive "North East" culture;
- the completion of the Hudson Bay Community School that was opened to students during the fall of 2015.

c) Audited Financial Report for September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015

Wanda McLeod, Superintendent of Business Administration, provided an overview of the financial variance analysis for 2014-15 that was provided on page 37 of the North East School Division #200 Annual Report.

6. Questions and Discussion

Selena Kowal (from Tisdale/Crooked River)

Concern: *Selena was concerned that core French was not being offered in the schools in Tisdale. She discussed the importance of starting this instruction during elementary school.*

Response from the Board of Education: The elimination of French being offered in Tisdale was as a result of the recommendation from the School Community Council in Tisdale after consulting with the school community.

Allison Rogers (from Melfort)

Concern: *What can we do to have our parents/communities more involved with the schools and school division? There seems to be a big space between the parents and the Board.*

Response from the Board of Education: ThoughtExchange provides opportunity for feedback from the parents and community.

Concern: *Allison provided input that she does not like the report cards.*

Response from the Board of Education: the Board has heard that the some parents do not like the report cards. The Board will continue to talk with the School Community Councils and the parents to develop a plan for the future.

7. ADJOURNMENT OF ANNUAL MEETING

Richard Hildebrand adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.