



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Living Sky School Division No. 202**  
**In the Board Room at North Battleford Office**  
**On**  
**Monday, April 27, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.**

## **PRESENT**

Trustees: *Arsenault, Gartner, Challis, Foreman, Hiebert, Kowalchuk, Love, Pethick, Sloan and Snell*. Also in attendance were: Director of Education, *Ron Ford*; Assistant Director of Education, *Randy Fox*; Chief Financial Officer, *Ray Kopera*

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman *Arsenault* called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

## **AGENDA**

Trustee *Challis* moved the agenda be approved as presented.

*Carried*

## **BOARD ITEMS**

1. **Request for Transportation Services – Sask Rivers School Division**  
The Board discussed the request and reserved making a decision on the issue until further discussion with the Ministry of Education has taken place regarding funding of potential new students and transportation of those students. The Board will consider transporting students to schools but at no additional costs. If there are costs associated with this service, then the Board would consider recovery of these costs.
2. **Meota School Review Report –** The Board received the Meota School Review Report submitted by the Meota School Review Committee. The Board discussed various items and reviewed concerns raised by the committee. The Board recognized the concerns raised by the committee including the transfer of younger students being transported and the potential impact on any closure on pre-school programming. The Board felt that the facilitator should be involved in further proceedings.
3. **Major School Review Report –** The Board received the Major School Review Report presented by the Major School Review Committee. The concerns raised in the report were noted as the length of bus rides and length of time for various bus routes. It was also noted that the community input did provide data to support the continuation of the school. The Board had several questions regarding the review which included whether everything had been done to maximize distance education and delivery of programming. It was noted that the poor infrastructure and access to high speed internet is a limiting factor. The Board noted that the committee requested a 5-year term before any further review, but given the current situation with the enrolments continuing to decline a question was raised whether there would be any situation when the school would not trigger the review process. The Board felt that the facilitator should be involved in further proceedings.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Members Council Agenda** – information and agenda were distributed to the Board

Trustee *Sloan* moved the meeting be extended up to 9:30 pm, if required.

*Carried*

## RESOLUTIONS

064-09/04/27 Trustee *Gartner* moved whereas, the Board of Education of Living Sky School Division No. 202 has reviewed Meota School as identified by Administrative Procedure 9.1 (Viable School) and due to projected low enrolment, budgetary constraints, and the capacity to meet program needs within existing constraints,

Therefore, that the Board consider closure of Meota School with an effective date not earlier than July 1, 2010.

Recorded Vote:

Yes – Trustees *Arsenault, Challis, Foreman, Gartner, Hiebert, Love, Snell, Pethick, Sloan.*

No – Trustee *Kowalchuk*

*Carried*

065-09/04/27 Trustee *Sloan* moved the Board set an Electors Meeting for the Meota School District on June 2, 2009 at 7:00 pm at Meota for the purpose of informing the electors of the Board's consideration of the future operation of Meota School.

*Carried*

066-09/04/27 Trustee *Sloan* moved whereas, the Board of Education of Living Sky School Division No. 202 has reviewed Major School as identified by Administrative Procedure 9.1 (Viable School) and that the Board discontinue the school review process.

Recorded Vote:

Yes – Trustees *Sloan, Snell, Kowalchuk, Hiebert*

No – Trustees *Arsenault, Foreman, Gartner, Challis, Love Pethick*

*Motion Defeated*

067-09/04/27 Trustee *Love* moved whereas, the Board of Education of Living Sky School Division No. 202 has reviewed Major School as identified by Administrative Procedure 9.1 (Viable School) and due to projected low enrolment, budgetary constraints, and the capacity to meet program needs within existing constraints,

Therefore, that the Board consider discontinuance of grades at Major School with an effective date not earlier than July 1, 2010.

Recorded Vote:

Yes – Trustees *Pethick, Love, Gartner, Foreman*

No – Trustees *Snell, Sloan, Challis, Hiebert, Kowalchuk, Arsenault*

*Motion Defeated*

068-09/04/27 Trustee *Arsenault* moved whereas, the Board of Education of Living Sky School Division No. 202 has reviewed Major School as identified by Administrative Procedure 9.1 (Viable School) and due to projected low enrolment, budgetary constraints, and the capacity to meet program needs within existing constraints,

Therefore, that the Board consider closure of Major School with an effective date not earlier than July 1, 2010.

Recorded Vote:

Yes – Trustees *Arsenault, Challis, Gartner, Love, Pethick*

No – Trustees *Sloan, Snell, Kowalchuk, Hiebert*

Abstained – Trustee *Foreman*

*Motion Defeated*

069-09/04/27 Trustee *Foreman* moved the Board direct administration to seek a legal opinion regarding motions for consideration for Major School.

*Carried*

## ADJOURNMENT

Trustee *Foreman* moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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**CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD**

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**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**