

**SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

*Mission Statement*

Joanette, Rose-Marie: <i>Administrative Assistant / Communications</i>			X		
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**1.0 Roll Call**

The Board Chair Mark Mannisto conducted roll call at 6.35 p.m. Members were present as noted above.

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No reports were forthcoming under Item 4.0.

**8.0 Approval of Agenda**

**89/08**

Moved by: Trustee J. Sparrow

Seconded by: Trustee K. Notwell

**That**, the agenda for the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2008/04 Regular Board Meeting, March 17, 2008 be accepted and approved.

Carried

**9.0 Disclosures of Interest re: Open Session**

There were no disclosures of interest offered at this time

**10.0 Minutes**

10.1 Board Meetings:

10.1.1 2008/03 Regular Board – February 19, 2008

**90/08**

Moved by: Trustee C. Brown

Seconded by: Trustee J. Turner

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

2008/03 Regular Board, Monday, February 19, 2008

Carried

10.2 Statutory Committee Meetings

10.2.1 SEAC: February 20, 2008

**91/08**

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee C. Brown

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

SEAC Meeting – Wednesday February 20, 2008

Carried

- i) a recorded non-binding vote that includes the Student Trustee's vote; and
- ii) a recorded binding vote that DOES NOT include the Student Trustee's vote,
- d) make presentations to the Board, and,
- e) generally provide advice to the Board from the perspective of a student within the system
- f) sit on board committee meetings as other trustees; however, not on a committee that requires one or more "members of the board". When board policy governs committee membership the board could amend its policy to allow a Student Trustee to sit on the committee.

MAY NOT....

The Student Trustees MAY NOT...

- a) move or second a motion; however is entitled to suggest a motion on any matter at a meeting of the board or of one of its committees on which the Student Trustee sits, and if no member of the board or committee, as the case may be moves the suggested motion, the record shall show the suggested motion
- b) vote on a motion, nor,
- c) participate in any committee or subcommittee dealing with employee matters, nor,
- d) serve as Chair or Vice-Chair

Carried

**12.0 Delegations and/or Presentations**

**12.1 Chief Pierre Pelletier: Red Rock Band**

Chief Pelletier addressed the Board regarding the Band's financial status related to tuition fee payment. He proposed that the Board consider changing its invoicing date from October to March each year to align payment due with the release of INAC funds to the Band. This change would help the Band to stay current with its account. In addition, to assist in the Band's return to good standing, Chief Pelletier requested consideration to forgive a portion of the outstanding interest due on overdue tuition.

Board Chair Mark Mannisto thanked Chief Pelletier for his presentation, advising that the Board would taken the information under advertisement and per Board bylaws, a decision would be rendered at the next Regular Board Meeting.

**93/08**

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee J. Turner

**That,** the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information, the verbal report from Chief Pierre Pelletier of the Red Rock Band.

Carried

**12.2 Update: Student Trustees**

Lenay Hunking and Stacey Whent each provided a brief report on activities at Geraldton Composite HS and Nipigon Red Rock DHS, respectively.

**94/08**

Moved by: Trustee C. Brown

Seconded by: Trustee C. Fisher

**That,** the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information, the verbal reports from Student Trustees L. Hunking and S. Whent.

Carried

**95/08**

Moved by: Trustee J. Sparrow

Seconded by: Trustee J. Turner

**That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No. 20: 2008-2009 School Year Calendar (final draft) as presented.

Carried

Director Patti Pella advised that after consultation with coterminous boards, staff and community representatives, the draft 2008-2009 School Year Calendar was ready for submission to the Ministry of Education, given Board approval.

**96/08**

Moved by: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded by: Trustee T. Simmons

**That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB accept the final draft of the 2008-2009 School Year Calendar and that Administration be directed to forward this draft to the Ministry of Education for approval.

Carried

13.2 Schools Prohibitive to Repair

**97/08**

Moved by: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded by: Trustee K. Notwell

**That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information, the verbal report from Director Patti Pella concerning the Prohibitive to Repair Schools.

Carried

Director Patti Pella provided a verbal update regarding B.A. Parker Public School's designation as a Prohibitive to Repair (PTR) School. The Ministry of Education, Business and Finance division contacted Senior Administration the first week of March. Their advice was that even though BAPS met the criteria for PTR, its enrolment; at less than 200 FTE did not meet the ministry benchmark to qualify for new school construction

However, the ministry advised that \$4.5 million in funding stood to be approved only if the board submits a proposal by the March 31, 2008 that demonstrates how the excess capacity at the Geraldton Composite High School could be used to provide space for BAPS students. Currently GCHS has capacity for 600 FTE, but declining enrolment has reduced students to just over 300 FTE.

The proposal requested would see BAPS students housed at GCHS to utilize the excess capacity in that facility. Essentially, the reconfiguration would be that of a Kindergarten to Grade 12 (K-12) Model. The \$4.5 million funding could be used to renovate the high school building to accommodate the elementary students as a separate entity within the facility walls. Funding at \$4.5 million is insufficient to construct a new school.

Patti provided background information regarding SGDSB K-12 Model Study that was done in 2003. At that time, a committee, composed of administration, trustees and school staff toured a K-12 model school in Ignace, consulting with its staff and administrators to obtain a sense of how this school configuration was working. The consensus of that committee was that a K-12 model had some positive features. The K-12 Model Study group was advised that when the model was first proposed for Ignace, it had its detractors. However, once in operation, the community embraced the concept, realizing the environment was largely beneficial for both elementary and secondary students.

Trustee Jim Turner advised that community and parent consultation was of paramount importance to insure that all input is considered and that

Trustee Cindy Brown requested that more information on the K-12 model be given to the board, suggesting that boards with the experience and functioning K-12 model schools be brought in to share its information with SGDSB.

Patti Pella advised that if the proposal being submitted at month's end is successful, the Board has two years from funding approval to complete the project. This timeline would ensure that ample community consultation could take place before embarking on any facet of the project.

13.3 Good News

**98/08**

*Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell*

*Seconded by: Trustee J. Turner*

**That,** *the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information, the verbal report from Director Patti Pella about good news items of the Board.*

Carried

**That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information Report No. 22: Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting Policy Review.

Carried

Valerie Newton advised that the primary purpose of assessment and evaluation is to improve student learning. The intent of the Ministry's review is to ensure that the implementation of the assessment, evaluation and reporting policy is aligned, consistent and clear across the province. A Ministry working document entitled, *Growing Success: Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting: Improving Student Learning (Jan. 2008)* that is being used in conjunction with a Ministry survey to collect feedback from teachers across the province.

In 2008-2009, wide spread consultation of the Growing Success will continue; a revised policy document will be drafted and professional development will follow in the spring, 2009. Implementation of the revised policy is scheduled for September 2009.

14.3 Activity: Math Manipulative

**101/08**

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee J. Turner

**That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information, the verbal report from Superintendent of Education Colleen Kappel in regard to the Math Manipulative Activity.

Carried

Colleen Kappel explained that math manipulative acti

to head up each calendar month. She noted that it may be possible to use PIC funds to implement the project and that currently a PIC member is investigating printing/cost issues.

Student Trustee Lenay Hunking suggested that layout work be done in-house citing the media communications course that runs at GCHS. She will explore the possibility.

### 17.3 Future Board Meeting Agenda Items

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**SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

**Regular Board Meeting 2008/04**

Committee of the Whole Board: 6:30 p.m.

Monday, March 17, 2008

Designated Site: Geraldton Composite High School, Geraldton ON

**TOPICS**

**Board Chair:** *Mark Mannisto*

**Director:** *Patti Pella*

VC Sites at: BRD / LSHS / MNHS / NRHS

Teleconference Moderator: RM. Joannette

PART I: Committee of Whole Board

*Section (A): In-Camera – (closed to public) 6:30 p.m*