

MINUTES

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE SCHOOL DIVISION TO BE HELD October 12, 2021 AT 6:30 P.M.

- **Board Meeting will be held via ZOOM**
- *** Indicates in Person Attending Remotely**
- **Youtube:** <https://youtu.be/WzMZNPbFUHU>

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:	Rod Brownlee (Chair)	Hélène Hoggarth	Tracey Asham
	Murray McLenehan	*Penny Verwey	*Yvette Cuthbert
	*Luis Luna	*Debbie Citulsky	Shauna-Lei Leslie
	Todd Cuddington	Pam Garnham	*Jonathan Hyman
	Rochelle Rands		

REGRETS:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

10:01:21 Motion:

L. Luna – S. Leslie

That the board resolve into committee of the whole, in camera.

Carried

10:02:21 Motion:

H. Hoggarth – T. Asham

That the board rise without reporting.

Carried

COFFEE BREAK

A. AGENDA:

10:03:21 Motion:

P. Verwey – Y. Cuthbert

That the agenda for the meeting of October 12, 2021 be approved.

Carried

10:04:21 Motion:

M. McLenehan – D. Citulsky

That the minutes of the regular meeting of September 28, 2021 be approved.

Carried

C. MOTIONS:

10:05:21 Motion:

T. Asham - L. Luna

That the resignation of **Riley Semchuk**, Teacher, be approved effective October 5, 2021.

Carried

10:06:21 Motion:

S. Leslie – H. Hoggarth

That the following teacher(s) be employed on Limited Term Teacher contract(s):

Halmarson, Doug	100%	October 4, 2021 to October 21, 2021
Jorgensen, Lana	100%	October 4, 2021 to December 22, 2021
Bolton, Presley	100%	October 28, 2021 to December 22, 2021

Carried

10:07:21 Motion:

D. Citulsky – P. Verwey

That Policy GH – Mandatory COVID-19 Testing of Staff and Visitors be adopted and read as follows:

GH - MANDATORY COVID-19 TESTING OF STAFF & VISITORS

The Portage la Prairie School Division herein after referred to as “Division” is committed to upholding its statutory obligations to provide a safe environment to all pupils who attend our schools, all employees who work in our facilities, and all members of our community who volunteer or visit our schools (Public Schools Act 41(1); Workplace Safety and Health Act 4(1) & 4(2)).

On August 24, 2021, Manitoba Public Health announced its intention to introduce new Public Health Orders that would compel all employers providing services to vulnerable populations (including children) to observe the implementation of mandatory collection of proof of full

vaccination or mandatory testing of all employees having direct contact with children. These Orders were published on September 24, 2021.

On September 2, 2021, Manitoba Education published additional directives pertaining to “immunization and testing requirements” that serve to operationalize the mandatory collection of proof of full vaccination or mandatory testing of all employees and school site visitors having direct contact with children.

This policy is one component of the **Portage la Prairie School Division’s Pandemic Response Plan** that aims to:

- ensure a successful return to in-school learning, uninterrupted by COVID-19 outbreaks;
- reduce transmission of COVID-19 in the Division’s schools and facilities; and
- mitigate the risk of severe COVID-19 outcomes among individuals in our schools, particularly those individuals who are unable to be vaccinated due to legitimate medical, personal or religious reasons or for whom vaccines are not currently approved, notably children born after December 2009.

In accordance with the September 2, 2021, directives published by Manitoba Education on “immunization and testing requirements” (https://manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/proactive/20212022/orders-soe-08272021.pdf) educational workers including teachers, educational support staff, school administration staff, custodial staff, bus drivers, child care staff working in school-based early learning and child care facilities, clinical and health care related occupations in schools; and post-secondary practicum students, are required to provide proof of full vaccination or submit to testing “up to three times per week.”

To comply with these requirements the Division has developed these policies, subject to the GUIDELINES and PROCEDURES outlined in policy regulation GH-R, providing that all of its employees who have direct contact with pupils in the Division must undergo testing up to three times per week or provide proof of full vaccination. Additionally, the Division mandates that all school trustees/board members and visitors who have direct contact with vulnerable populations (including children) are, at the discretion of the Division, required to submit proof of full vaccination prior to entry to school properties where children may be present and/or, at the discretion of the Division. For clarity, the Division may, at its discretion, require those school trustees/board members and visitors who attend a divisional facility on an irregular basis, to have conducted and received a negative test within 48 hours prior to their attendance at such a facility.

For the purposes of this policy, “fully vaccinated” shall mean individuals who have received both doses (any combination) of a Canadian approved two dose COVID-19 vaccine, or a single dose of a Canadian approved single dose COVID-19 vaccine with more than 14 days having passed since the final vaccination was received, which definition shall be subject to ongoing amendment and compliance with the Manitoba Public Health definition of “full vaccination” which may exceed the current dosage definition.

Carried

D. SUPERINTENDENT'S DEPARTMENT REPORT:

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1. MTS PD Day – October 22, 2021 and PLPSD PD Day October 25, 2021
2. Dyslexia Awareness Month

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1. No Items

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1. COVID-19 Update/Vaccinations
2. Kindergarten Enrollment Report

E. OTHER BUSINESS

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F. INFORMATION ITEMS:

Emailed Copies:

Manitoba School Boards Association:

1. E-News – September 29, 2021
2. MSBA-Consultation on Accessibility in Public Spaces
3. Presentations re: Veteran's Week
4. Manitoba Excellence in Education Awards 2021

G. UPCOMING MEETINGS:

October 26	Board Meeting
November 9	Board Meeting
November 23	Board Meeting
November 27	MSBA Fall Conference
November 30	MSBA Region 2 Meeting
December 14	Board Meeting
January 11	Board Meeting
January 25	Board Meeting
February 8	Board Meeting
February 22	Board Meeting
March 8	Board Meeting
March 22	Board Meeting
April 12	Board Meeting
April 26	Board Meeting

May 10	Board Meeting
May 24	Board Meeting
June 14	Board Meeting
June 28	Board Meeting

H. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PLPSD Award of Excellence Danette Crevier

I. NEWS MEDIA QUESTIONS:

C.F.R.Y. Joshua Jackson

J. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

K. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned by the chairman at **8:25 p.m.**

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