

**BARNET SCHOOL  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, April 13, 2010 – 6:00 PM  
at Barnet School**

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**Board Members & Administration in Attendance:** Shellie Samuels, Louis Bushey, Shannon Larocque, Jim Schenck, Lori Werdenschlag, Princ. Kerry Keenan, Supt. Martha Tucker, Rob Billings, Minute Recorder Kathy Zita.

**Public In Attendance:** Dave Warden, Katie Young, Abel Bushey, Sue Roberts, Liddy Roberts, Tina Fearon and Sally Cook – Caledonian Record.

Meeting called to order by Chair Shellie Samuels at 6:08 p.m. and went immediately into Executive Session to discuss negotiations, a personnel issue and a student issue on a motion of Shannon Larocque, seconded by Lori Werdenschlag.

6:25 p.m. Louis Bushey joined the meeting after the discussion of negotiations was complete.

6:45 p.m. Out of Executive Session on a motion of Shannon Larocque, seconded by Lori Werdenschlag.  
Action taken: On a motion of Louis Bushey, seconded by Lori Werdenschlag, the un-used vacation payment request by an employee was approved.

6:46 p.m. Meeting resumes.

**Approval of Minutes – 3/9/10:** On a motion of Shannon Larocque, seconded by Louis Bushey the minutes were approved as amended.

**Public Input:** None.

**School Bike Trails:** Presented by Abel Bushey.

Abel gave a presentation reviewing the benefits of the Trail system and sponsors, such as Kingdom Outdoors to help with the construction of the trails. He spoke about having a trail committee consisting of students, parents, and community members. He mentioned that money for this project could be obtained through Grants, Donations and fundraising. Kingdom Trails and the St. Johnsbury Academy Capstone Coordinator are very excited about sponsoring this project. Supt. Tucker mentioned that she will look into the insurance aspect for a project like this to see if there would be liability issues. After his presentation, Abel answered questions from those in attendance. On a motion of Shannon Larocque, seconded by Lori Werdenschlag the Board authorized Abel to start the planning process following construction work and Grant acceptance.

**Administrative Reports:**

**Principal's Report:**

- **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Presentation:** Presented by Sue Roberts, Liddy Roberts and Tina Fearon. Each teacher reviewed what their schedule entails throughout the day starting with attendance and morning meeting, how they have incorporated the use of Smart Boards in their teaching, and computer learning. They each presented the learning styles for their class/grade. They all agreed that the one thing they would like more of is: "Support in the Classroom". They have been preparing students for their next grade by having team meetings and following the same curriculum.
- **Facilities/Maintenance:** Princ. Keenan stated that the Facilities Committee met on March 31 to review and consider the 3 – 5 year maintenance plan proposed by Burleigh Huntoon and him. The Committee approved the proposals and recommends the plan to the School Board. On a motion of Jim Schenck, seconded by Louis Bushey the 3 – 5 year maintenance plan that was submitted without funding was accepted.
- **Tool Bid Sale:** All the tools were sold and the Supt. will contact the other bidders who did not win.
- **Personnel Update:** Yale Gould has retired after 18 years of service to Barnet School's children and staff. Princ. Keenan is recommending Heather MacDonald to be hired in his place.
- **Draft Strategic Plan:** Supt. would like to "table" this until August when it can be reviewed by the new Principal, Shawn Gonyaw.

- NECAP Results: Princ. reviewed comparisons between Barnet School and the State's results. There was question about the validity of the results from grade 5 due to things that were going on during that time. Supt. commented that the graph shows an accurate analysis of these results. **Action Item:** It was decided to have an introductory paragraph under each picture; ready for public.

#### **Superintendent's Report:**

- School Board Code of Conduct: Supt. reviewed and noted a few matters that will need to be addressed. This will be brought back to the next meeting for signing.
- Technology Institute: recommends that anyone interested in signing up for these courses better get moving because they are booking up quickly.
- Tech. Integrationist: Supt. and others are going for training and are waiting to hear on the date.

**2010 – 2011 School Calendar:** Princ. Keenan reviewed the 2010/11 Calendar. He stated that it is pretty similar to last year's. Supt. distributed a calendar that would be considered district-wide. She discussed the early release time change going from 1:00p to noon. On a motion by Louis Bushey, seconded by Shannon Larocque, the 2010/11 School Calendar was approved as revised.

**Policy Review: Required Policies** – Supt. presented a list of policies that are required by the State. She would like to make sure they are written properly according to examples listed on line. She would also like to review policies that aren't required but may be a necessity for the school.

#### **Financial:**

- The FY10 Projections show a surplus of \$8,880. There was some discussion about starting to work on the budget before the time we normally do because of some of the challenges we will be facing. Supt. recommended looking at this topic as the July Board retreat.

#### **Other Business:**

- Technology Presentation: discussed having each of the classes give a technology presentation to S. Gonyaw. It would have to be a specific project that each class is planning as part of the strategic planning process. It is the Board's expectation that each class participate in this project.

#### **Future Agenda Items:**

- Extend invitation to new Princ. Shawn Gonyaw.
- School Board Code of Conduct.
- Financials presented by R. Billings
- Teacher presentations – 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade.

#### **Next School Board Meeting:**

Tuesday, May 11 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at Barnet School.

9:31 p.m. Meeting adjourns on a motion of Louis Bushey, seconded by Shannon Larocque.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathleen C. Zita*

Barnet School Board Minute Recorder