

Board

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 Favel, Veronica
 Fern, Victor
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 Sierzycki, Jodie
 Trottier, Paul

Staff

Chrispen, Cherise
 Greschner, Toby (CEO)
 Goulet, Ordean
 Kyplain, Jennifer (recorder)
 Penney, Guy
 Young, Shelley
 McDougald, Chandra

1. OPENING PRAYER – V. Fern

2. CALL TO ORDER @ 9:04 AM

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Addition: 10.3 Northlands College Joint Training Committee Contract Renewal

04-21-2789	MOTION	Moved by, seconded by to adopt the agenda as amended. .../carried
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4. MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the February 24, 2017 regular board meeting

04-21-2790	MOTION	Moved by, seconded by to approve the February 24, 2017 minutes as presented. .../carried
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4.2 Minutes of the March 25, 2017 special board meeting

04-21-2791	MOTION	Moved by, seconded by to approve the March 25, 2017 minutes as presented. .../carried
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4.3 Minutes of the March 25, 2017 joint meeting with Nortep/Norpac Council Inc.

04-21-2792	MOTION	Moved by, seconded by to approve the minutes as presented. .../carried
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5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES-none

6. REPORTS

6.1 Facilities (handout)

- Existing boiler system in the renovated Mine Building may be in need of some upgrading.
- Busy with projects and upgrades in preparation of the Mine School grand opening. This includes improvements to the parking lot.
- Planning for any renovations that may be needed to the Mistasinahk Place space on August 1. Met with Central Services to discuss plans and having a floor plan forwarded to our college.
- Toby handed out possible artwork designs that will eventually be done on the walls on the 2nd floor in the Mine School.
- Planning to also have a Northern Mining Hall of Fame situated in the space that connects both buildings of the Mine School.

6.2 Information Technology (handout)

- \$25K from the Ministry has been approved for fibre connection among the buildings at River Campus. There is already an existing fibre connection from Mistasinahk Place to the Canoe Building.
- The disaster recovery plan is in place and fully operational.

6.3 Technical & Trades (handout & in-person)

- Student interviewing, testing and selection process is in progress.
- Drug testing is being carried out if requested by the funding agency.
- Spreadsheet on the 2017/18 program plan was handed out by O. Goulet.
- Media training will be planned this year and implemented next year.

6.4 Academic Programming (handout & in-person)

- Working on a program plan for the Bachelor of Education program with both the University of Saskatchewan and University of Regina.
- The ABE budget was reduced as well as certain restrictions on funding utilization.
- One of the directives that have been changed is academic year cannot go beyond 170 days. Therefore, the ABE program cannot go beyond May 31.
- Semester 1 will be completed before Christmas break.
- This could make a good transition from ABE to a Post-Sec program.
- The current 5 instructors will do tutoring of students that need upgrading on Math, Sciences, English, etc.; therefore the short school year will not jeopardize their wages and benefits.
- ABE grad is scheduled for June 29 at JRMCC.

6.5 Mine School (handout & in-person)

- Mine Tech Program, we have 6 students graduating in May, in the process of looking for employment.

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River Campus Boardroom, Air Ronge

9:00 a.m. – 12:47 p.m.

- Civil Tech Program students travelled down to Saskatoon to take part of their courses from Golder Inc., a global environmental firm.
 - Power Engineering students just returned from Saskatoon. They were there taking a required course through Sask. Polytechnic.
 - Rad Tech Program had 6 students and lost 4 students due to academics and attendance. Due to the slow down in the mining sector, this program will be out on a one year hiatus.
 - Environmental Science Diploma, still looking at options and will be postponed until to Fall of 2018.
 - Some instructors are doing water samples and environmental activities with the La Ronge High School.
- 6.6 Student Services (handout & in-person)
- Currently negotiating and are ready to sign a new agreement with the Northwinds Bus Lines. New to the agreement is to allow children on the bus with drop offs and pickups at the La Ronge daycares.
 - The RFP closed on March 31. We did not receive any new prospects with most potential vendors offering a capital project rather than a current facility. Currently in discussions with Safri Management and GDI about student housing.
- 6.7 Human Resources (handout)
- As per handout.

04-21-2793	MOTION	Moved by, seconded by to approve the reports as presented. .../carried
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7. BUDGET AND FINANCE

- As per handout.
- Data on accounts receivable was distributed
- Discussion on tuition collection. Options to be researched and brought up at a later time.

04-21-2794	MOTION	Moved by, seconded by ... to approve the Budget and Financial Report as presented. .../carried
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8. CHAIR

- Trottier chaired the last meeting and gave a verbal report.

04-21-2795	MOTION	Moved by, seconded by to approve the chair report as presented. .../carried
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9. CEO

- Dental therapist program may need to be brokered from a program in New Zealand, however, this is all contingent upon receiving full funding for the program from the federal government.
- Proposed dates for bargaining have been put forward.
- The U of S partnership with the PRES (Pre Engineering and Science) Program has been finalized and the formal signing will happen on March 24 at the grand opening of the Mine School.
- The MOU for the continued delivery of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree has been agreed to in principle and will formally sign the document at the spring graduation.
- Detailed the May 24 grand opening of River Campus

04-21-2796	MOTION	Moved by, seconded by ... to approve the CEO report as presented. .../carried
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10. ITEMS FOR DECISION

10.1 Business Plan

- As per handout
- Provincial budget included a 5% reduction in our administration budget, and a slight reduction in program budgets. Due to our college exercising extreme fiscal restraint for the past 18 months, specifically with respect to vacancy management, we have managed to pull together a budget with minimal impact on staff and students. We are stretched to the maximum, any further reductions in subsequent years will require difficult decisions to be made.
- S. Young reviewed the financial reports with the Board.
- T. Greschner reviewed the business plan with the Board.

04-21-2797	MOTION	Moved by, seconded by, to approve the draft business plan as presented. This business plan will be submitted to the Ministry of the Economy and Ministry of Advanced Education. .../carried
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10.2 Northlands College Joint Training Committee Contract Renewal

- In May 2014, the Northlands College Board of Directors agreed to the transfer of the Joint Training Committee known as the Northern Apprenticeship Committee (NAC) to the college. It has been agreed that this service is something that best be served by local businesses in the north as well as the

Saskatchewan Apprenticeship Commission, and that Northlands College not renew the agreement upon expiration in June 2017.

04-21-2798	MOTION	<p>Moved by, seconded by that Northlands College Board of Directors will not renew their Joint Training Committee Agreement with the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trades Certification Commission (SATCC) when it expires on June 30, 2017.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">.../carried</p>
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10.3 Board Terms

- The Board discussed the stability of maintaining our current board governance with the college.

04-21-2799	MOTION	<p>Moved by, seconded by to send a letter to the Minister of Advanced Education to request to reappoint for an additional (third) term board members whose second term expires during the next eighteen months, to maintain continuity during this transition period.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">.../carried</p>
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11. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

11.1 Nortep/Norpac

- Staffing has begun.
- Applications to date for university programming is 235, well above normal.
- The board discussed the option of continuing with student allowances including tuition and books for the current Nortep/Pac students.

04-21-2800	MOTION	<p>Moved by, seconded by, subject to the approval of the Minister, to pursue grandfathering the current students by maintaining student allowances, tuition and book costs until completion of their program. As for the new students coming into the program, payments of these costs will be the responsibility of the student.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">.../carried</p>
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11.2 CiCan conference

- Four Board of Directors and four staff will attend the conference in Ottawa.

12. CLOSING PRAYER/ADJOURN

- V. Fern did closing prayer

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9:00 a.m. – 12:47 p.m.

04-21-2801	MOTION	Moved by to adjourn the meeting @ 12:47 p.m. .../carried
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Chair

Date

Recorder

Date