

April 29, 2009 Minutes  
PREP Executive Officers

Individuals Attending: Al Smith, David Walker, Anne Pooler, Emil Genest, Ray Hart, Owen Maurais

#### I. Discussion of newer initiatives for the partnership

A proposed format for school board professional development was reviewed and discussed. Jim Boothby, Rick Lyons and Owen Maurais had developed the proposed format. There was agreement that this opportunity held much promise for school board members and superintendents. After some discussion, it was decided to limit the focus of the initial meeting to relationship building between school board members and superintendents. Attached you will find a revised outline for the evening. The outline will be shared with Jim Boothby and Rick Lyons for their feedback. It is anticipated that this evening will occur in early October 2009.

Potential staff development offerings for the 2009-10 school year were then reviewed. There was agreement that these offerings were timely and meet the needs of school staff.

#### II. Discussion of PREP Priorities for the 2009-10 school year.

Owen Maurais reviewed the listing of ongoing activities that will continue into the next school year. Highlighted were areas of potential growth including on-line opportunities (in conjunction with the College of Education and Human Development), Adult Education and grants supported by the National Science Foundation and the State Department of Education.

In addition, a discussion was held on a listing of potential new initiatives for the partnership. There was consensus that all of these activities would be appropriate for implementation. There was also an understanding that school units will need to determine which activities they can support. One initiative to develop over the next school year is increasing the number of school units in the partnership and developing a cost sharing formula based in part upon user fees for involvement in specific activities.

#### III. Finalization of Assessments for the 2009-10 school year

There was discussion that the assessment level for school units should remain at the current level. Motion by David Walker, Seconded by Ray Hart that assessments to school units should remain at 100% of the 2008-09 level. Vote 5-0. Anne Deschesne, from SAD #22 will be sending out assessment notices to school units in the spring of 2009. As in past school years, school units will have the option of paying either in the 2009 fiscal year or waiting until the 2010 fiscal year.

#### IV. Evaluation of the Executive Director

Emil Genest distributed a copy of the 2007-08 evaluation of the PREP Executive Director. He requested input from Executive Officers prior to his finalizing an evaluation for the 2008-09 school year. Input can be provide by e-mail after the meeting.

Individuals in attendance spoke highly of the efforts of the Executive Director during the past year. Motion by Al Smith, Seconded by Ray Hart to extend the contract of the Executive Director for the 2009-10 school year. Vote 5-0. Mr. Genest reported that administrative salaries had been frozen in SAD #22 for the 2009-10 school year and that an agreement had been finalized with Mr. Maurais to freeze his salary level in line with that agreement.

#### V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:10.

Respectfully Submitted,

Owen P. Maurais  
Executive Director