

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON FEBRUARY 14, 2008,  
COMMENCING AT 9:38 A.M.**

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**PRESENT**

REBECCA HEIBERG  
PETER MILLER  
KEN OFFORD  
VICTOR PETRUK (joined the meeting at 9:48 a.m.)  
KENDALL SEVERSON  
CHERYL SMITH  
PATRICIA ZENIUK

**ABSENT**

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**ALSO PRESENT**

LARRY PAYNE, Superintendent of Schools  
RAY BOSH, Deputy Superintendent  
BILL SCHULTE, Assistant Superintendent (Business)  
DIANE HUTCHINSON, Communications Officer  
SYLVIA LAUBER, Recording Secretary

**C. SMITH IN THE CHAIR**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

#21/08 K. SEVERSON – That the agenda be approved with the addition of the following items:

- 7.13 Follow-up From the Alternative School Presentations
- 10.4 Impact of New Technologies on Teachers Work Life
- 10.5 ASBA Coalition for Healthy School Communities
- 10.6 The Art of Crime Prevention Contest
- 10.7 Edberg Facilities Report

and with the removal of item 7.12 – Central Alberta Child and Family Services Authority Planning Meeting.

CARRIED



**MELRA (Minister's Education Leadership Recognition Awards)**

Chairman Smith noted that Battle River School Division #31 received two awards based on Accountability Pillar Results, namely a Certificate of Recognition for very high achievement in Education Quality, Drop-Out Rate, Transition Rate, School Improvement; and a Certificate of Recognition for significant improvement in Education Quality, Drop-Out Rate, High School completion Rate and School Improvement.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

#22/08 K. OFFORD – That the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 10 and 24, 2008 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**IN-CAMERA SESSION (9:45 a.m.)**

#23/08 P. ZENIUK – That the regular meeting recess to permit the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Trustees, Superintendent of Schools Payne, Deputy Superintendent Bosh, Assistant Superintendent Schulte, Communications Officer Hutchinson, and Recording Secretary Lauber be excluded.

CARRIED

The in-camera session recessed at 11:07 a.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 11:07 a.m.

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Mr. Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent, joined the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

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**POLICY 19 'ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMMING'**

#24/08 P. ZENIUK – That the Board approves policy 19 'Alternative Programming' as presented.

CARRIED

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE 213 'ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS'**

The Board received Administrative Procedure 213 'Alternative Programs' as information.

**SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2010-2011**

Mr. Jarrett reviewed a draft calendar for the 2010-2011 school year, noting that it is basically a shift in days from previous calendars and that the number of days remains the same as previous years.

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#25/08 V. PETRUK – That the Board approves the 2010-2011 school year calendar as presented.

CARRIED

**LEADERS OF TOMORROW AWARDS**

The Leaders of Tomorrow Awards is a recognition program for volunteers from the ages of 6 to 25. This group wishes to expand the program to include all students in Battle River School Division #31 and is requesting a contribution of \$1500 to do this.

#26/08 P. MILLER – That the Board approves, from the Board Innovations Fund, a \$1500 contribution to the Volunteer Centre Society of Camrose and District for the Leaders of Tomorrow Awards of Battle River Region.

CARRIED

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Mr. Jarrett left the meeting at 11:54 a.m.

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**MEETING RECESS**

The regular meeting recessed at 11:54 a.m. and reconvened at 1:11 p.m.

Mr. Bosh and Mr. Schulte were absent at the time of convening.

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Todd Sieben, Division Principal, joined the meeting at 1:11 p.m.

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**CONSULTATIVE PROCESS**

Chair Smith welcomed Mr. Sieben to the meeting and invited him to update Trustees with respect to the upcoming Consultative Process forums.

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Mr. Schulte rejoined the meeting at 1:21 p.m.

Mr. Sieben left the meeting at 1:28 p.m.

Brenda Johnson, Director of Transportation, joined the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

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**TRANSPORTATION APPEAL**

At 1:30 p.m., Chair Smith welcomed Shirley Haydon and Crystal Morken (and baby) to the meeting and invited Ms Haydon to make her presentation, noting that as this is an appeal, the Trustees have received no information prior to her presentation.

Ms Haydon and her family live in Flagstaff County, one mile south of the Beaver County boundary line at NW32-45-11 W4. Her children are attending the Viking School. Ms Haydon requested busing from their residence to the Viking School.

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Mr. Bosh rejoined the meeting at 1:42 p.m.

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The delegation left the meeting at 1:44 p.m.

#27/08

V. PETRUK – That the Board defers a decision on the transportation request of Shirley Haydon until a Division-wide transportation boundary review is complete or June 30, 2008, whichever comes first.

CARRIED

Ms Johnson left the meeting at 1:49 p.m.

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Imogene Walsh, Treasurer, joined the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

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**IMPACT OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES ON TEACHERS WORK LIFE**

Trustees were informed that a copy of the above-noted document was placed in the 'Information' folder that was circulated during the meeting.

**ALBERTA COALITION FOR HEALTHY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES**

Vice-Chair Zeniuk will attend the Alberta Coalition for Healthy School Communities school health symposium on March 19 and 20, 2008 in Sherwood Park.

Chair Smith will forward the registration form to Trustees when it arrives if anyone else is interested in attending.

**INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FOUR MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007**

Ms Walsh reviewed the interim financial statements for four months ending December 31, 2007.

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Ms Walsh left the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

**2008 DATE FOR BOARD PLANNING SESSION**

Trustees scheduled their planning session for October 16 and 17, 2008.

**2009 DATE FOR THE BOARD/ADMINISTRATORS WORKSHOP**

Trustees scheduled the Board/Administrators Workshop for the next school year for February 19 and 20, 2009.

**SALE OF SCHOOL SITES**

#28/08 R. HEIBERG – That the Board advertises for sale the former Bedford School site (NW11-41-13 W4) in local newspapers for the purpose of seeking tenders/proposals for the disposition of the noted property subject to Ministerial approval; that Battle River School Division #31 reserves the right to accept/reject any or all tenders/proposals; that Battle River School Division #31 retains the mineral rights to said property; and further that the Assistant Superintendent of Schools (Business), be requested to obtain an appraisal of the subject property.

CARRIED

**ASBA (ALBERTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION) CALL TO ACTION**

ASBA has issued a call to action with the issue being public taxpayer dollars funding private schools. ASBA is proposing advocacy strategies with respect to this and is asking for Boards' support.

This will be discussed further at the Board meeting on February 28, 2008.

**FUNDING FOR STUDENT LEARNING RESOURCES**

Alberta Education is investing \$62 million in one-time funding for the 2007-08 fiscal year in three areas: Technology Infrastructure, Technology in the Classroom, and Classroom Resources to Support Curriculum Implementation. Battle River School Division #31 will received \$322,245 in the area of Technology Infrastructure, \$130,200 in the area of Technology in the Classroom, and \$221,340 in the area of Classroom Resources to Support Curriculum Implementation.

**IN-CAMERA SESSION (2:28 p.m.)**

#29/08 P. MILLER – That the regular meeting recess to permit the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Trustees, Superintendent of Schools Payne, Deputy Superintendent Bosh, Assistant Superintendent Schulte, Communications Officer Hutchinson, and Recording Secretary Lauber be excluded.

CARRIED

Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent, joined the meeting at 2:30 p.m. and left the meeting at 2:47 p.m.

The in-camera session recessed at 2:56 p.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 2:56 p.m.

**GLOBAL PARTNERS RE INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION**

Global Partners is an organization that recruits and places students worldwide.

#30/08 K. OFFORD – That, for the 2008-09 school year, the Board reduces the international student fee from \$6,916 to \$4,000 for Global Partners with the understanding that a minimum of 10 international students will be placed in five different Battle River School Division #31 schools.

CARRIED

**REPORT FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS' MEETING – FEBRUARY 12, 2008**

Four Trustees were present at the Administrators' Meeting held on February 12, 2008. Chair Smith and Dr. Payne provided a report.

**EXCELLENCE IN TRUSTEESHIP**

Trustees received a written draft of the profile of an excellent trustee.

**MEETING RECESS**

The regular meeting recessed at 3:20 p.m. and reconvened at 3:34 p.m.

**APPOINTMENT – PAM REBER AND SHERRY KLEVGARD**

At 3:35 p.m., Chair Smith welcomed Pam Reber and Sherry Klevgard to the meeting and invited their presentation.

Ms Reber noted that she was to be accompanied by Michael Froese, however he was unable to be present.

Ms Reber noted the following:

- She is speaking as a concerned community member;
- She works closely with children in the community;
- [She] outlined the successes of her own children and others who attended Edberg School;
- [the community] hopes to bring back the ECS and grade 9 students to the Edberg School;
- Doing this would enable them to capitalize on sports and teams;
- Would like to bring in local volunteers, e.g. seniors
- Would like to use technology and continue to use this and integrate it into learning;
- Are interested in providing after-school child care;
- The school helps support the Edberg community groups;
- Realizes that enrolment numbers are an issue;
- Plan to lobby in Camrose and seek students who are interested in learning in a smaller environment and in enhanced sports classes;

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- Knows that Edberg has great leadership with a new mayor, who is a lifelong member of that community and has great plans for the community, which may not come to fruition if the school closes;
- Have great leadership in the principal and a great staff;
- [she] requested that the Edberg School remain open and asked that the Board grow the school and continue to support their efforts.

#### **APPOINTMENT – LORNE KLEVGARD**

At 3:50 p.m., Chair Smith invited Lorne Klevgard, Mayor of the Village of Edberg and Chairman of the School Council at Edberg School, to provide his presentation.

Mr. Klevgard provided a PowerPoint presentation which is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Klevgard offered his time to discuss the plans and vision of Edberg with the Trustees.

Ms Smith thanked Mr. and Mrs. Klevgard and Ms Reber for coming to the Board meeting and noted that she appreciates the commitment shown to the community.

The delegations left the meeting at 4:22 p.m.

#### **MEETING RECESS**

The regular meeting recessed at 4:25 p.m. and reconvened at 4:28 p.m.

#### **FOLLOW-UP FROM ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMMING MEETINGS**

Vice-Chair Zeniuk reported on a meeting with the Cornerstone Christian Academy as well as a meeting with Mr. Lowell Befus who earlier made a presentation to the Board requesting a Christian education program in the City of Camrose.

#### **EXCELLENCE IN TRUSTEESHIP (continued)**

Discussion on the draft document on excellence in Trusteeship continued. It was noted that this document is a work in progress. Trustees will review it as a draft document.

#### **MEETING RECESS**

The regular meeting recessed at 5:04 p.m. until February 28, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.

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# Make Your Vote March 13

- Close Edberg School
- Support the future



# **Now it is your turn to make a commitment.....**

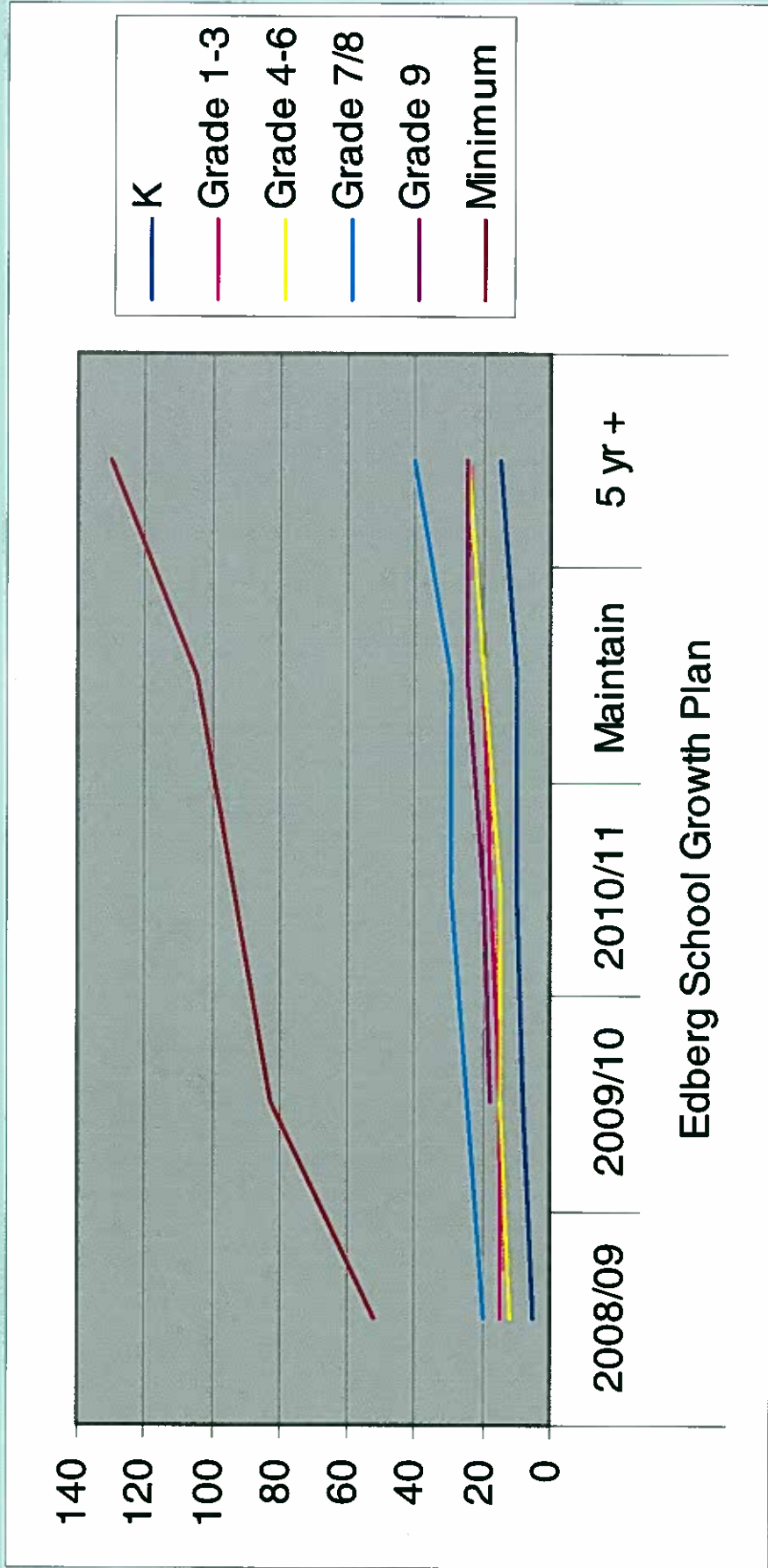
- To regain enrolments lost by BRSD #31
- To support a small school initiative based on community, life-long learning, and values
- To allow Edberg to **GROW!**



# What's Needed from BRSD#31?

- Implementation of Kindergarten program 2008/09
- The ability and support to aggressively market an already needed and untapped philosophy from BRSD #31
- The approval and support to transport students from Camrose to Edberg School
- The support of BRSD #31 Board of Education in a minimum of a 3 year commitment to allow for implementation and growth of Edberg School without a notice of motion for school closure
- When growth occurs in 2008/09 year, re-implementation of Grade 9 program 2009/10

# Edberg School Enrolment Projections



Edberg School Growth Plan

# Why?

- Edberg School already has the basis for these programs
- Regain lost enrolments to private systems in the Camrose area
- Stop the continue of declining enrolments to other private systems by providing a viable option for families
- Provide opportunities to students that they normally would never get
- Promote Battle River School Division #31 as leaders in innovation and programs!
- Base of volunteers for programs and initiatives

# Sports Academy

## Golf - Curling

- First Curling program to operate in Alberta
- Local resources and facilities
- Opportunity to play in local community leagues
- Opportunity for competition
- Life-long activity!



Golf & Curling complement each other for year long program

# Sports Academy

## Golf - Curling

- Golf is a life-long sport
- Golf using local resources and facilities
- Promotes fitness, nutrition, sportsmanship, teamwork, etiquette
- Optional opportunity for competition
- Become part of community programs



# Gifted Programs

- Provide opportunities for strong students to become part of projects and develop leadership!



- Partner with the community, businesses, agencies, and educational institutions





# Environmental Science

- Business Partnerships
- Funding & Grants for projects & equipment!
- Community improvement projects!



# Environmental Science

- Promote Activities through the Science Curriculum which promote Environmental Science
- Science Fair
- Field Trips
- Use of Technology through BRSD #31 support



# Education & Community

## Partners

- Traveling trades van using facilities at Edberg School
- Using local Senior & Community members in a locally approved life-long option promoting life-long skills in unused facility (Sewing, cooking, household repairs, mechanics...)



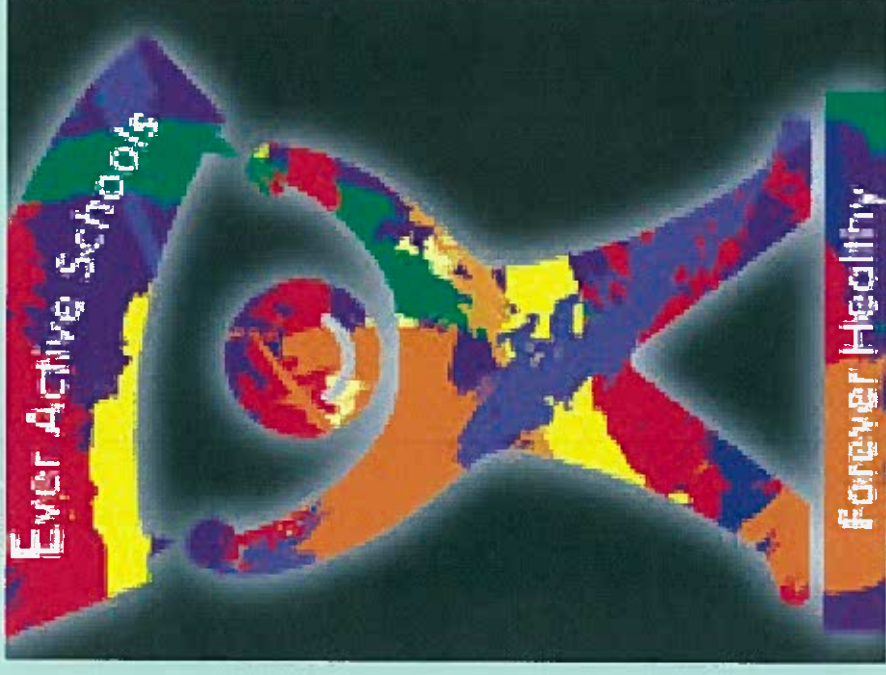
# **Edberg School**



**Edberg School Reporter**  
**Community and School**  
**"Partners in Education"**

# EverActive Schools

- Healthy Nutrition Programs
- Promotion of Active learning with many opportunities to learn life-long activities beyond school sports
- Mental well-being in a safe & caring environment
- Daily Physical Activity where all students get opportunities to participate regardless of ability



# Healthy Safe & Caring School

- Expand on already Safe & Caring School philosophy
- Promote cooperation, respect, teamwork, community values
- Strengthen EverActive School programs
- Promote multi-age family groupings & activities



# **VISION**

- Phase 1 – Healthy Safe & Caring School
- Phase 2 – Community Partners in Education
- Phase 3 – Environmental Science & Gifted Projects
- Phase 4 – Golf & Curling Academy

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# **GROWTH!**

# Eldberg School

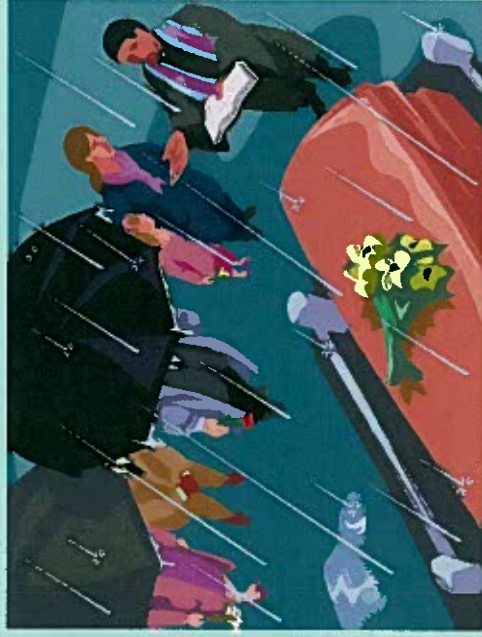


**Vision for the future! The decision is in your hands.....**

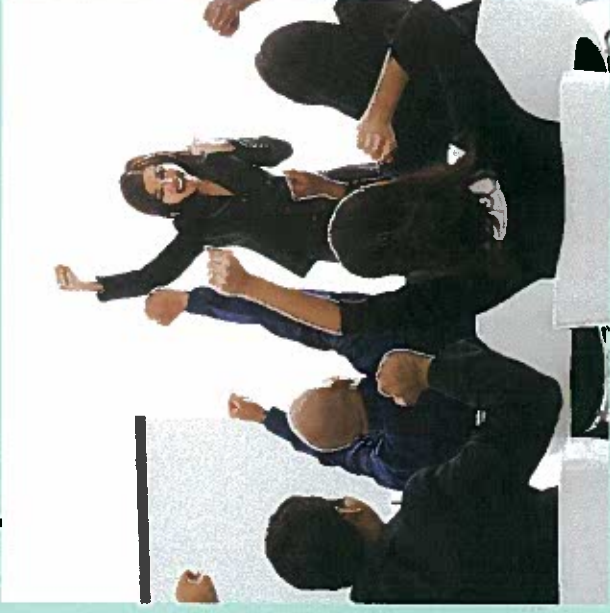


# LIFE IS ABOUT CHOICES!

Prepare for a funeral?

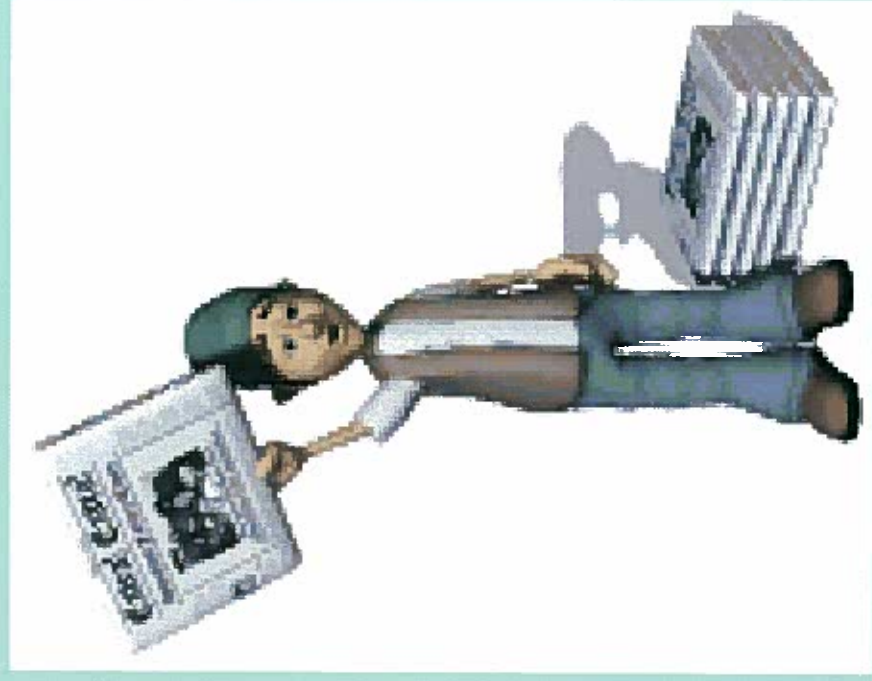


Prepare for the future!



**Will Edberg School get the chance to change their future?**

# HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS?



## Notice of Motion CLOSE EDBERG SCHOOL

**JUNE 2008!**

**Battle River School Division #31  
“Every Student, Every Day, A  
Success”**

**A SUCCESS?????**