

Regina, Saskatchewan
September 7, 2021

At a meeting of the Board of Education of the Regina School Division No. 4 of Saskatchewan, held at 1600 4th Avenue.

Members Present
Mr. Adam Hicks, Chair
Ms. Tara Molson, Vice-Chair
Mrs. Cindy Anderson
Mr. Ted Jaleta
Mrs. Elizabeth Strom
Mrs. Sarah Cummings Truszkowski
Ms. Lacey Weekes

Administration Present
Mr. Greg Enion, Director of Education
Ms. Naomi Mellor, Deputy Director, Division Services/CFO
Mr. Darren Boldt, Deputy Director, Student Achievement/School Services

Mrs. Sarah Cummings Truszkowski acknowledged the location of every Regina Public School and the School Division Office on Treaty 4 land.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. It was requested that the following item be added: *September 30th National Holiday*.

Adoption of Agenda
Motion by Mrs. Cindy Anderson:

That, with the addition requested, the agenda be adopted.

Motion Carried.

Declaration of Any Conflicts
Prior to asking if there were any conflicts of interest to be declared, Mr. Adam Hicks advised that a legal opinion had been requested on potential conflicts of interest relative to campaign donations. He noted that the opinion, which was sought by the previous two boards, remains the same—that receiving a campaign donation from a union does not put a Board member in conflict of interest. He also pointed to the Board’s Policy 4 that outlines when a Board member should absent themselves from discussion, deliberation and/or voting. In the interests of transparency, Mr. Hicks declared that, during his campaign, he received a donation from Dream Developments, and Mrs. Sarah Cummings Truszkowski advised that, during her campaign, she received donations from the Regina and District Labour Council and the RWDSU. When asked if there were any conflicts of interest to be declared, none were reported.

Approving of Minutes
The Chairperson then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 15, 2021.

Motion by Mrs. Sarah Cummings Truszkowski:

That the minutes of the Board meeting of June 15, 2021, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

Chair	CFO

Director’s Report Mr. Greg Enion, Director of Education, advised that current enrolment is lower than projections, but he noted that enrolment numbers are continually changing. He also advised that other large urban boards are experiencing similar enrolment trends. He suggested that the Division advocate to the Ministry of Education to extend the September 30th final enrolment count date given the status of the COVID-19 pandemic and enrolments to date. Relative to the COVID-19 pandemic, he advised that, as of today, the Division-wide mask mandate includes high schools. He further advised that, to continue transparency, a weekly summary will be sent to all staff on Wednesdays, which will include a list of schools and number of cases. He outlined changes to contract tracing procedures, and noted that if a case is determined in a class, everyone will be asked to self monitor and go for testing. He also reiterated that students and staff stay home if they are experiencing any symptoms. Mr. Enion advised that there are 65 teachers new to the Division this Fall, as well as 28 new Educational Assistants and Administrative Assistants, and 30 casual employees. He welcomed everyone to the new school year. He summarized work completed over the Summer, including the underpinning of Balfour Collegiate, refreshed front entrances at Thom Collegiate and Marion McVeety School, replaced boilers at Rosemont and Coronation Park Schools, and a number of roof projects, as well as regular cleaning and maintenance routines. On the Division Services side, he advised that transportation is running smoothly, the 2020/21 fiscal year is being wrapped up, and the new student information system, MySchoolSask and Edsby, is being implemented. He responded to a question relative to enrolment.

2021/22 Budget Final Estimates Information relative to approval by the Minister of Education of the Board’s 2021-2022 revenue and expenditure estimates submission, as detailed at the June 16, 2021 Board meeting, with minor adjustments, had been distributed. Ms. Naomi Mellor, Deputy Director, Division Services/CFO, noted that final Board approval of the 2021-2022 estimates would be in order.

Motion by Mrs. Elizabeth Strom:

That the 2021-2022 estimated revenues and expenditures, as submitted to and approved by the Ministry of Education, be adopted as the final budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Motion Carried.
(Unanimously)

2021 SSBA AGM: Submission of Bylaw Amendments and Resolutions Information relative to the submission of bylaw amendments and resolutions for the 2021 Saskatchewan School Boards Association (SSBA) Annual General Meeting had been distributed. Mr. Adam Hicks noted the deadline for bylaw amendments is September 30th and the deadline for resolution submissions is October 15, 2021. He advised that any potential resolutions should be submitted to Ms. Naomi Mellor, Deputy Director of Division Services/CFO, by September 23, 2021, for consideration at the September 28, 2021 Board meeting.

Planned Agenda Items For Board member information, Mr. Adam Hicks noted the planned agenda items currently set for the September 28, 2021 Board meeting, including the Organizational Meeting, Director’s Report, Strategic Engagement and Advocacy Committee, Director Approval of SCC Constitutions, Submission of SSBA Resolutions, Fourth Quarter Financial Report, and Fourth Quarter Transportation Report.

Chair	CFO

Recognition of Aleana Young, former Regina Board of Education Trustee

Mr. Adam Hicks made a presentation to former trustee, Ms. Aleana Young, for her 8 years of dedicated service to Regina Public Schools. Mr. Hicks further congratulated Ms. Young for her provincial MLA election win. Mrs. Cindy Anderson, Ms. Tara Molson, and Mr. Hicks highlighted Ms. Young's commitment to public education. Ms. Young expressed appreciation for the Shared Values plaque. She extended good wishes to the current Board and Administration as they continue to ensure the safety, support, and success of all students and staff.

SSBA Revised Position Statements

The revised SSBA Position Statements had been distributed. Mr. Adam Hicks advised Board members that they could discuss the Position Statements via email prior to the SSBA annual meeting.

September 30th National Holiday

Mrs. Sarah Cummings Truskowski noted that the City of Regina has officially named September 30th the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, and inquired if it will be a holiday for Regina Public Schools. Mr. Greg Enion, Director of Education, advised that the day has been recognized at the national level but that the Province of Saskatchewan has not recognized it as a statutory holiday. With the school year calendar in place, he noted that September 30th will be a school day, and that schools are planning many ways in which to recognize the day. Mr. Darren Boldt, Deputy Director, Student Achievement/School Services, explained the process of how school year calendars are set and parameters outlined by the province regarding instruction hours. Mr. Enion suggested that Board members could advocate for the day being recognized as a provincial statutory holiday. Board members urged the Division to focus on teaching Indigenous issues, including the Truth and Reconciliation resolutions.

Information – Subdivision Reports

Mrs. Sarah Cummings Truskowski advised that she met with The Crescents School Community Council on the school's front lawn on June 7th and again in August via Zoom. She noted that they discussed school fundraisers as well as the name Davin that remains above the school's entrance. It was recommended that feedback and guidance be sought from the Indigenous Education Advisory Council and the Policy, Governance and Sustainability Planning Committee regarding same.

Mrs. Cindy Anderson noted the 751 orange hearts attached to the fence around Imperial School in June.

Mr. Ted Jaleta advised that he attended two events on August 14th on behalf of the School Board. He first attended the grand opening of the new Staples store on Aurora Boulevard with many other local dignitaries, and noted that Staples would welcome partnering in fundraisers or other activities. The second event was a celebration of India's 75th Independence Day, where he was pleased to bring greetings on behalf of Regina Public Schools.

On behalf of the Board of Education, Mrs. Sarah Cummings Truskowski acknowledged that every student, staff and community member has equal value as prescribed under the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Saskatchewan Human Rights Code, noting that diversity makes us stronger.

Chair	CFO

Closed Session Motion by Ms. Tara Molson:

That we go into closed session in order to consider those matters identified on the meeting agenda for referral to said session.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Ms. Tara Molson:

That we rise and report.

Motion Carried.

At the conclusion of closed session, the Committee of the Whole recommended to the Board:

CUPE 650
Grievance 01-
2019

1) That, upon consideration of all relevant detail, Grievance #01-2019, submitted by CUPE 650, be denied.

CUPE 650
Grievance 03-
2019

2) That, upon consideration of all relevant detail, Grievance #03-2019, submitted by CUPE 650, be denied.

CUPE 650
Grievance 01-
2021

3) That, upon consideration of all relevant detail, Grievance #01-2021, submitted by CUPE 650, be denied.

Meeting
Adjournment
Time

4) That the September 7, 2021 Board meeting be authorized to continue beyond the 8:30 p.m. presumptive adjournment time.

Motion by Ms. Lacey Weekes:

That recommendation No. 1 (above) from the Committee of the Whole be approved.

Motion Carried.
(Unanimously)

Motion by Mrs. Cindy Anderson:

That recommendation No. 2 (above) from the Committee of the Whole be approved.

Motion Carried.
(Unanimously)

Chair	CFO

Motion by Mrs. Cindy Anderson:

That recommendation No. 3 (above) from the Committee of the Whole be approved.

Motion Carried.

[Mr. Adam Hicks, Ms. Tara Molson, Mrs. Cindy Anderson, Mrs. Elizabeth Strom, Mrs. Sarah Cummings Truskowski, and Ms. Lacey Weekes supported the motion; Mr. Ted Jaleta opposed the motion.]

Motion by Mrs. Elizabeth Strom:

That recommendation No. 4 (above) from the Committee of the Whole be approved.

Motion Carried.

At the conclusion of closed session, the Committee of the Whole reported progress with respect to consideration of *September 28, 2021 Pipe Ceremony* and *COVID-19 Response*. The progress reports were accepted.

Adjournment The Chairperson advised that this concluded the business of the meeting and called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Mrs. Sarah Cummings Truskowski:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 5:30 to 8:56 p.m.

Chairperson

Chief Financial Officer