

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

Members Present	Ms. Tara Molson, Chair Mrs. Sarah Cummings Truskowski, Vice-Chair Mrs. Cindy Anderson	Mr. Adam Hicks Mr. Ted Jaleta Mrs. Elizabeth Strom 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 (virtually)	

Mrs. Sarah Cummings Truskowski 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: *Bullying Incident*.

Adoption of Agenda	<u>Motion by Mrs. Cindy Anderson:</u> That, with the addition requested, the agenda be adopted.
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Motion Carried.

Declaration of Any Conflicts	The Chairperson asked if there were any conflicts of interest to be declared. None were reported.
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Approving of Minutes	The Chairperson then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 15, 2022.
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Motion by Mrs. Sarah Cummings Truskowski:

That the minutes of the Board meeting of February 15, 2022, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

Parent Presentation re: 2022/23 School Year Calendars	Information from Ms. Amy Groothuis regarding the 2022/23 School Year Calendars had been distributed. Ms. Groothuis provided additional information, highlighting that the annual school calendar results in all students receiving less than the statutory minimum amount of instructional time in a school year. She referenced the 2021/22 school calendar that provides for 181 days of instructional time. She advised that each day of the current school year includes 316 minutes of instructional time, taking into consideration two 15-minute recess breaks and one 60-minute lunch break. She noted that, multiplying 316 minutes by 181 days totals 57,196 minutes, and equals just over 953 hours when divided by 60, which meets the statutory minimum amount of instructional time. She further noted, however, that the calendar does not take into account the two school days per year set aside for three-way conferences, where students are not permitted to attend school even though the calendar includes those days as instructional days. With those conferences lasting approximately 15 minutes each, she inquired how the remaining 301 minutes that students are not
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permitted to be at school and receive no instruction remains included in the calculation. With the loss of 301 minutes of instructional time, twice a year, combined with early dismissal in December and June, she estimated that students lose the equivalent of just over 12 hours of instructional time, which falls below the statutory minimum amount required by legislation.

Ms. Groothuis requested that the Board consider increasing the number of school days; increasing the daily amount of instructional time; or stopping the practice of scheduling three-way conference days on school days. She responded to a question relative to adding minutes and/or days. Mr. Greg Enion, Director of Education, responded to a question relative to consultation with the Indigenous Education Advisory Council regarding the September 30th holiday. Mr. Darren Boldt, Deputy Director, Student Achievement/School Services, responded to a question relative to calendar approval by the Ministry of Education. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation.

Director’s Report

Mr. Greg Enion, Director of Education, advised that every Regina Public Schools employee received Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression training on March 7th, and that the Board members received the training on March 14th. He noted, with pride, that the training was created and delivered by Division staff. He noted that a recording of the training is available for any employees who missed the March 7th training, and for all new employees. He further advised that Gender and Diversity training will be delivered in May. He provided an update on Practical and Applied Arts (PAA) at the high school level, outlining industry standard program offerings, with a focus on increasing student engagement and providing classes to meet post-secondary outcomes and employment ready skills. He advised that students will be surveyed to determine preferred types of PAA classes at home schools, that are not facility dependent and focus on engagement and new technology. Following the survey, he noted that a working group will be formed to develop new course options. With regard to the School Resource Officer (SRO) review, he advised that the Regina Catholic School Division will participate in the review, and that a committee will be formed to tender the outside review, with Mr. Darren Boldt, Deputy Director, Student Achievement/School Services, representing Regina Public Schools on the committee. With the change to the provincial mask mandate on March 1st, he advised that students and staff have adjusted, with some continuing to wear masks and some choosing to not wear them. He noted that the Division has purchased KN95 masks for staff wanting same, and that medical grade masks are still be provided for students and families. He advised that there were 86 cases of COVID-19 reported in the Division last week, and 50 cases reported so far this week. Mr. Enion responded to questions relative to PAA adjustments, staffing changes, the PAA student survey, and transportation of students to Campus Regina Public for PAA.

Policy, Governance and Sustainability Planning Committee

Mrs. Cindy Anderson advised that the minutes of the March 1, 2022 Policy, Governance and Sustainability Planning Committee meeting are included in the Board agenda package. She outlined the agenda items discussed, including a Board Social Media Policy, in-camera recommendations and Board Policy 7 *Board Operations*, a review of Board Policy 8 *Committees of the Board* with a focus on “Special Committees”, a review of Board Policy 17 *Indigenous Education* to add Knowledge Keepers, and agenda items for the next Committee meeting. She responded to a question relative to Special Committees by noting that Policy 8 relates to Board Special Committees; Operational Special Committees are administrative in nature.

Motion by Mrs. Cindy Anderson:

That the proposed changes to Policy 17 *Indigenous Education* be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.  
(Unanimously)

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**Audit and Risk Management Committee** Mr. Ted Jaleta advised that the minutes of the March 8, 2022 Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting are included in the Board agenda package. He outlined the agenda items discussed, including an Enterprise Risk Management presentation by Mr. Ted Amendt and Mr. Jeff McNaughton from the Saskatchewan School Boards Association.

**2022/23 School Year Calendars** Proposed elementary and high school calendars for the 2022/2023 school year had been distributed. Mr. Darren Boldt, Deputy Director, Student Achievement/School Services, advised that the calendars are similar to the 2021/2022 calendars, apart from a three-day start-up for teachers, with the first day of school for students to be September 1, 2022. He also advised there will be no school on September 30th to recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. To accommodate the calendars and planned school breaks, he further advised that the number of elementary student days will decrease from 181 to 180 and, to ensure the required instructional minutes are met, the length of each school day will be increased by four minutes. He pointed to the two-week break in December as well as two one-week breaks in both February and April. Mr. Boldt, Mr. Mike Tomchuk, Superintendent, Student Achievement/School Services, and Mr. Greg Enion, Director of Education, responded to questions relative to budget for an additional two days, September 30th holiday, three-way conference day virtual or evening options, and future input from School Community Councils.

Motion by Mrs. Cindy Anderson:

That the 2022/2023 school year calendars be approved as presented, subject to review by the Ministry of Education.

Motion Carried.

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

**North Regina Joint-Use School Land Transfer and Partner Agreements** Information regarding determination of the land ownership of the new joint-use school to replace Imperial, McDermid, St. Peter and St. Michael elementary schools, that will also house a 51-seat child-care facility, and include a community centre funded by the City of Regina. Ms. Delaine Clyne, Supervisor, Policy, Planning and Research, advised that Regina Public Schools is currently the sole owner of the site. She further noted that, to best facilitate the shift from the Division owning the entire site to joint ownership of the site, the project’s Working Group will undertake a land appraisal to better understand the land value to the Division and discuss compensation for lost land value as the co-ownership decisions are made. She responded to a question relative to negotiations and approvals regarding land ownership changes being delegated to the CFO.

Motion by Mrs. Cindy Anderson:

That the Board of Education of the Regina School Division No. 4 of Saskatchewan authorize the Chief Financial Officer to execute and deliver partner agreements related to the development and ongoing operations of the North Regina Joint-Use School Project.

Motion Carried.  
(Unanimously)

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Motion by Ms. Lacey Weekes:

That the parcel of land legally known as Block D, Plan 67R12565, Ext.0 (Imperial School parcel), owned by the Board of Education of the Regina School Division No. 4 of Saskatchewan, be transferred into joint ownership with one or both of the partners (the Regina Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 81 and the City of Regina) based on an equitable land value compensation informed by a land appraisal; and that the proper officers of the Board be authorized to execute, deliver and register all relevant documentation related to the said transfer of land.

Motion Carried.  
(Unanimously)

**Planned Agenda Items** For Board member information, Ms. Tara Molson noted the planned agenda items currently set for the April 12, 2022 Board meeting, including Director’s Report, Teacher Home Visits Program, Strategic Engagement and Advocacy, Indigenous Education Advisory Council, Audit and Risk Management, Capital Projects Update, Second Quarter Financial Report, Second Quarter Transportation Report, and 2022/23 Budget Development.

**Information – Public Section Update** Mrs. Sarah Cummings Truszkowski advised that the Public Section Executive met via Zoom on March 3rd. It was noted that the Chair and Executive Director had met with Minister of Education Dustin Duncan and Education Critic Carla Beck. At this meeting, they advocated for trusteeship, discussed the Student Citizenship Awards program, and conversed on the state of public and Catholic education in the province. Mrs. Cummings Truszkowski shared the Public Section’s recent promotional video with the Board members. She further encouraged Board members to promote the Student Citizenship Awards program.

**Information – Subdivision Reports** Ms. Lacey Weekes advised that she attended the École Centennial School Community Council (SCC) meeting on March 14th, highlighting that the SCC delivered cookies to Kitchener Community School for Staff Appreciation Week, the Reading Buddies program has resumed, Thom students had addressed the Grade 8 students about the French Immersion program, and the overall enthusiasm for the upcoming carnival, track and field meets, book fairs, Kindergarten open house, and Grade 8 farewell. She further congratulated the Grade 6 land-based class that experienced their first winter camp at Last Mountain Lake.

Mrs. Elizabeth Strom congratulated Harvest City Christian Academy and Campbell Collegiate Sr. Boys and Sr. Girls basketball teams for qualifying for the City finals.

Mrs. Sarah Cummings Truszkowski advised that she attended the Seven Stones SCC meeting on March 7th, highlighting that approximately 90% of staff and students continue to wear masks, field trips are being planned, the GSA has returned to in-person meetings, a Grade 4-8 Cadette Club is being planned, attendance has been steadily increasing, a free barbecue was held on March 10th, many activities are being planned for National Indigenous Peoples Day (June 21st), a drum group is being formed to perform at the Grade 8 farewell in June, and celebrations for Pride Week are underway with Drag Queen Story Time being reestablished. She further advised that she attended The Crescents SCC meeting on March 9th, and highlighted that decoding and phonemic awareness have led to an increase in reading improvement, there is a range of concern due to COVID with some families still very anxious, and that the process of removing the Davin School name from above the front door is being planned.

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Mr. Ted Jaleta advised that he attended the W.F. Ready SCC meeting on February 28th, noting that approximately 75% of the student body continue to wear masks, and that the school is transitioning into mixing cohorts and beginning to engage more activities. He also attended the Wilfred Hunt SCC and Jack MacKenzie SCC meetings on March 2nd, with a report of 75-90% of students still wearing masks, safety protocols continuing to be encouraged, and the transition to mixing cohorts and planning more extra-curricular activities. He further advised that he attended the W.S. Hawrylak SCC meeting on March 14th, highlighting that approximately 65% of students continue to wear masks, and congratulating the SCC for winning a \$500 SGI Active Transportation grant.

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.

Closed Session Motion by Mr. Adam Hicks:

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 Mr. Adam Hicks:

That we rise and report.

Motion Carried.

At the conclusion of closed session, the Committee of the Whole reported progress with respect to consideration of *Public Section Update, Local Government Election Act and Regulations* and *Bullying Incident*. 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. Cindy Anderson:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 5:30 to 7:51 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Chief Financial Officer