

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

Members Present	Dr. Barbara Young, Chair Mr. Dale West, Vice-Chair Dr. John Conway	Mr. Russ Marchuk Mrs. Barb Saylor Mr. Garry Schenher
Administration Present	Mr. Don Hoiium, Director of Education Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, & Secretary-Treasurer Mr. Ross Brown, Deputy Director, Instruction and School Services	

The Chairperson called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to adopt the agenda.

Adoption of Agenda Motion by Mr. D. West:
That the agenda be adopted as prepared.

Motion Carried.

Approving of Minutes The Chairperson then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 9, 2008.

Motion by Mrs. B. Saylor:
That the minutes of the Board meeting of December 9, 2008, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

Regina Trades and Skills Centre Mr. Bruce Pearce introduced Ms. Vanessa Yuzicappi, the new manager of the Regina Trades and Skills Centre.

Mr. Pearce provided the Board with an update on Centre operations, noting that the non-profit status should be in place shortly. The Centre will then become a separate, independent entity. Mr. Pearce advised that five adult programming courses were completed in December: Plumbing, Commercial Construction, Commercial Cooking, Flooring, and Road Construction. In addition, the TASCAP program is continuing its partnership with Habitat for Humanity. Upcoming adult programs include Masonry/Bricklaying and Commercial Construction. Three high school programs—two TASCAP courses, one culinary arts course, and a half-time Construction Worker Preparation course—will commence at the start of the second semester. Ms. Yuzicappi advised that discussions are currently underway regarding future programming possibilities. Areas of interest identified include Retail Management, Grocery Management, Administration/Sales, Residential Construction, Junior Road Construction, and Commercial Drywall. She further advised that the Centre continues to face space issues with its location at 828 Albert Street, and is continually seeking alternative options through partnership arrangements. Board members expressed appreciation for the work being done at the Centre.

Chair	S/T

Structural Innovation Working Groups

Mr. Ross Brown, Deputy Director, Instruction and School Services, and Ms. Juanita Redekopp-McKeown, Supervisor of Instruction, provided an update on the deliberations of the Structural Innovation Working Groups. Ms. Redekopp-McKeown highlighted the need to enhance student achievement by introducing an instructional environment model, a New Teacher Induction program and a Leadership Enhancement and Development program. With the increase in classroom diversity, she outlined the groups' challenges to look beyond the traditional one teacher/one classroom model. She advised that the groups have developed an innovative structural framework that will be further refined. The framework builds on "Foundational Elements" that include the elements of time, roles, small learning communities, Continuous Improvement alignment, curriculum and assessment. The foundational elements support "Teaching and Learning Innovation", that includes flexible teaching arrangements, instructional groupings, teacher collaboration, interdisciplinary and inquiry instruction, and inclusive practice. These teaching and learning practices are sustained by the category "Professional Support", that includes professional development, system support and implementation. The next course of action involves the introduction of demonstration school clusters. Mr. Brown and Ms. Redekopp-McKeown responded to questions from Board members relative of the long-term sustainability of the innovation and leadership enhancement agendas.

2008 Summer School Report

Information regarding Summer School had been distributed. Mr. Ross Brown, Deputy Director, Instruction and School Services, and Mr. Bashab Banerjee, Summer School Principal, presented a report on the 2008 Summer School held at F. W. Johnson Collegiate from July 2-29, 2008. It was noted that enrolment had declined by 95 students from 2007. Mr. Banerjee attributed the decrease to the advent of the Adult Campus, as well as innovative developments at the high school level to address needs of students. Mr. Brown and Mr. Banerjee responded to questions from Board members relative to possible fee increases and assessment of student needs.

Teacher Induction Program

Mr. Ross Brown, Deputy Director, Instruction and School Services, and Ms. Starla Nistor, Superintendent, Instruction and School Services, provided the Board with a brief summary of the New Teacher Induction Program. Ms. Nistor outlined the framework which looks at skills, attributes and strategies that teachers can use consistently across the division. Four key areas of the framework include classroom management, content, instructional repertoire and instructional skill. The program is geared towards providing teachers with strategies to create success in the classroom. Modules and in-services are being developed to provide new teachers with foundational skills. Pre- and post-assessment tools are also being formulated. She highlighted the importance of TESA training—teacher expectation and student achievement. Ms. Nistor outlined the in-services that will be offered. A one or two day session will be offered relative to each area of the instructional environment model. The modules will form part of the Leadership Enhancement and Development program. It was further noted that in the next one to two years, all new teachers and all in-school administrators will be required to participate in the four modules. Mr. Brown and Ms. Nistor responded to questions from Board members.

Chair	S/T

Closed Session

Motion by Mr. G. Schenher:

That we go into closed session.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mrs. B. Saylor:

That we rise and report.

Motion Carried.

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

Meeting Adjournment Time

- 1) That the January 6, 2009, Board meeting be authorized to continue beyond the 9:30 p.m. presumptive adjournment time.

Motion by Mrs. B. Saylor:

That recommendation No. 1 (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 *Renewing Regina Public Schools, Meeting of Urban Boards and Deputy Minister of Education re: Reassessment and FOG, Update from Meeting of the School Boards/City Council Liaison Committee, Employee Group Dessert Meetings–Proposed Schedule, Update of Division Discussions with University of Regina, and Personnel Matter*. 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 Mr. G. Schenher:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 7:00 to 9:56 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer