

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 Dr. John Conway Mr. Russ Marchuk	Mrs. Rhonda Parisian Mrs. Barb Saylor Mr. Garry Schenher
Administration Present	Mr. Don Hoium, 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. It was requested that the following item be added: *Personnel Matter*. It was agreed that consideration of item 9(a), *School Redesign Meetings*, be deferred to the April 21, 2009, Board meeting.

Adoption of Agenda      Motion by Mr. R. Marchuk:

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

Motion Carried.

Approving of Minutes      The Chairperson then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 17, 2009.

Motion by Mrs. R. Parisian:

That the minutes of the Board meeting of March 17, 2009, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

SHSAA “Sports and Values”      Mr. Darren Boldt, Superintendent, Instruction and School Services, introduced Mr. Greg Johnson, Commissioner of Athletics, Regina High School Athletic Association, and Ms. Angela Tillier, President, Saskatchewan High School Athletic Association. Mr. Johnson provided Board members with copies of the SHSAA’s 2007-08 Activity Report, and outlined the initiative of the Association to promote and inform the public of the benefits associated with involvement in high school athletic programs. He presented a video that highlighted the tangible rewards of participating in high school athletics, including health benefits, academic achievement, and the development of life skills. He further highlighted the RHSAA’s brochure entitled “Speak Up for Sportsmanship.” Board members expressed appreciation for the leadership and guidance provided to students and coaches.

Members’ Council Meeting      Dr. B. Young advised that the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Director of Education are scheduled to attend the Saskatchewan School Boards Association Members’ Council on April 30 and May 1, 2009. Mrs. B. Saylor agreed to serve as an alternate attendee if required.

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**Public Section** Dr. B. Young was pleased to advise that, at the Saskatchewan School Boards Association Spring Assembly, the creation of a Public Section was approved. She drew members' attention to the Public General Meeting to be held on June 5 and 6, 2009, in Saskatoon, with the theme of the meeting to be communications and public relations.

**Structural Innovation Demonstration Sites** Information relative to the selection of elementary Structural Innovation demonstration sites had been distributed. Mr. Ross Brown, Deputy Director, Instruction and School Services, advised that 10 elementary schools were selected from the 27 applications submitted. Mr. Brown highlighted that the selected sites reflected the four key structural innovation themes. He highlighted structural innovation proposals from each of the 10 elementary schools, including exploration of technology enhanced inquiry-based teaching and learning at Albert Community School, exploration of an elementary advisory approach at Arcola Community School, establishment of elementary school Learning Leaders through adaptation of vice-principal allowance and release time at Ruth M. Buck School, establishment of Grade 6-8 learning communities foreshadowing the use of a DaVinci Art and Science Studio at Douglas Park School, demonstration of student learning through student exhibitions and learning portfolios at École W. S. Hawrylak School, development of student metacognition and self-regulation of learning at Kitchener Community School, implementation of a cross-cultural program in literacy reflective of Métis heritage at McDermid Community School, enhancement of the inclusion of Learning Disabilities Resource Program and Developmental Centre students at Dr. A. E. Perry School, implementation of two-classroom teaming involving two teachers pairing and four teachers clustered in teams at Wascana Community School, and organization of curriculum into six-week blocks providing opportunities for cross-curricular and multi-grade learning at École Wilfrid Walker School. It was further outlined that each school will work closely with its respective Superintendent from Instruction and School Services to ensure creativity as well as manageability and sustainability. Mr. Brown responded to questions from Board members relative to encouraging interested schools that were not chosen as formal demonstration sites.

**2009-10 Budget – Provincial Funding Model** Information, including material from the Ministry of Education outlining changes to the 2009-2010 funding model, had been distributed. Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, advised that the Provincial Budget, as announced on March 18, 2009, will now see the educational mill rates set provincially. He further advised that, with the mill rates having been established for the next two years, considerable work will be required to ensure the Division is funded adequately. Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, drew attention to questions prepared and submitted by SASBO to Ministry officials. She further advised that the Chairperson and senior administration met with Ministry officials on April 3, 2009, and presented a list of areas for discussion. To date, no formal responses have been received. Mr. Hoium outlined that the Division will continue to move forward with the priorities under the Continuous Improvement Plan, but, ultimately, the Board's budget would be subject to Ministry approval. Mr. Hoium responded to questions from Board members relative to local negotiations and budget finalization timelines.

**North Central Integrated Facility** Information relative to the North Central Integrated Facility, including the results of studies undertaken on the original 1923 portion of Scott Collegiate, a review of the Architectural Heritage Significance of the 1923 façade and the

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conceptual plan for the facility prepared by Fielding Nair International, had been distributed. Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, introduced members of the North Central Integrated Facility Management Committee in attendance. He highlighted that there were facility challenges associated with the 1923 portion of Scott Collegiate, including mechanical, engineering and floor elevation issues. In addition, engineering reports indicate that, if incorporated into the integrated facility, underpinning of the original 1923 building would be required at an additional estimated cost of \$3-5 million. As well, a number of historical features had been identified for incorporation into a new facility. He noted that, based on a number of considerations, Option 2 “New Construction” was being recommended.

In discussion, Dr. J. Conway advised that, under the previous funding model, he would have been in favour of conducting further public consultation on the options, but, since the introduction of the province’s new funding model, he felt further consultation would be meaningless, as the Board no longer has the power to raise taxes to support the incorporation of the 1923 portion of Scott Collegiate into the new facility. He indicated that he was not against moving forward with the initiative, but felt that the province had already made the decision in the matter. For that reason, he indicated he would abstain from voting on the issue. Mr. R. Marchuk expressed excitement about the initiative moving forward, noting that discussions regarding same have been ongoing for years. Mr. G. Schenher noted that such a move is a milestone for the Division and the community and extended congratulations to the committee for their work thus far. Mrs. B. Saylor further noted the support of the Elders for Option 2. Dr. B. Young heralded the initiative as a true example of School<sup>PLUS</sup>, setting a model for the province.

Motion by Mrs. R. Parisian:

That, based on community consultations, the results of the facility condition studies, and the demands associated with a new learning model, the redesign of the North Central Integrated Facility proceed on the basis of New Construction with the retention and/or replication of identified items of heritage significance from the original 1923 Scott Collegiate building, unless additional funding for foundational reinforcement is forthcoming from the Ministry of Education.

Motion Carried.

2009 Annual Meeting Agenda

A draft copy of the agenda for the May 5, 2009, Annual Meeting had been distributed.

Motion by Mr. G. Schenher:

That the draft agenda for the Annual Meeting of Electors of the Board of Education of the Regina School Division No. 4 of Saskatchewan, to be held at 7:00 p.m. on May 5, 2009, at the Regina Public School Board Office, 1600 4th Avenue, Regina, be approved.

Motion Carried.

SAMA Annual Meeting – Appointment of Voting Delegate

Notification of the Annual Meeting of the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency, scheduled for June 17, 2009, in Regina, had been distributed. Each Saskatchewan board of education had been invited to appoint one elected member as a voting delegate to attend the annual meeting.

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Motion by Dr. J. Conway:

That Mr. R. Marchuk be appointed as the Board’s voting delegate to the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency Annual Meeting to be held June 17, 2009, in Regina.

Motion Carried.

School  
Community  
Councils’  
Constitutions  
and Learning  
Improvement  
Plans

Copies of the Constitutions and Learning Improvement Plans from the School Community Councils had been distributed.

Motion by Dr. J. Conway:

That the Constitutions and Learning Improvement Plans of the School Community Councils be received and adopted as presented.

Motion Carried.

Request for  
Presentation

A request from RealRenewal to present to the Board relative to 2009-10 Budget planning, had been distributed.

Motion by Dr. J. Conway:

That the request of Ms. Patricia Elliott, on behalf of RealRenewal, to make a presentation be granted, and that the Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to finalize arrangements for same.

Motion Carried.

Chairperson’s  
Update

Mrs. B. Saylor advised that she brought greetings on behalf of the Board at the 15th Annual Focus ’91 Youth Salute, wherein 70 students from across Regina were featured. Dr. B. Young outlined three events at which she had the pleasure of bringing greetings on behalf of the Board: the provincial capital funding announcement regarding the Herchmer/Wascana rebuild, the One-to-One Laptop announcement at Albert Community School, and the Division Services Renewal Thank You Luncheon.

Closed  
Session

Motion by Mr. R. Marchuk:

That we go into closed session.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. G. Schenher:

That we rise and report.

Motion Carried.

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

Meeting  
Adjournment  
Time

- 1) That the April 7, 2009, Board meeting be authorized to continue beyond the 9:30 p.m. presumptive adjournment time.

Motion by Mr. R. Marchuk:

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 *2009-10 Budget – Provincial Funding Model, Elders’ Cultural Room Developments, Communications, and Personnel Matters*. 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. B. Saylor:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 7:00 to 9:37 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer