

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. Rhonda Parisian 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. It was requested that the following items be added: *Update on H1N1 Influenza* and *Employee Dessert Meetings*. It was noted that items 9(g), *Long Service Dinner 2009 Draft Program*, and 9(h), *Requests for Presentations*, would be considered in the open session portion of the meeting.

Adoption of Agenda Motion by Mr. D. West:

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 April 21, 2009.

Motion by Mrs. R. Parisian:

That the minutes of the Board meeting of April 21, 2009, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

Public Section Information from the Saskatchewan School Boards Association Public Section had been distributed. Dr. B. Young noted that the Working Committee on Finance was inviting Public Section Directors of Education and Chief Financial Officers, in consultation with their Boards, to identify key principles and directions for education funding that they believe need to be included in the long term funding regime for K-12 education. Mr. Don Hoiium, Director of Education, suggested that four key principles be emphasized: (1) equity, in that it serves all students fairly; (2) consistency, in that it is applied in the same manner to all divisions; (3) transparency, in that it is available and open to scrutiny; and (4) that it is directly aligned with the Continuous Improvement Plan.

Dr. B. Young noted that Sun West School Division had become a member of the Public Section, bringing total membership to 15 divisions. She further noted that a new agenda would be circulated in the near future for the Public Section meeting, scheduled for June 4 and 5, 2009, as Mr. Jim Hopson, President and CEO of the Saskatchewan Roughriders, had been secured as the guest speaker.

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Employee
Dessert
Meetings

Because of difficulty in securing dates for upcoming employee group dessert meetings, Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, sought direction in relation to setting dates. It was agreed that dates where a majority representation of Board members could be secured was an acceptable option to pursue.

Information
Technology
Concept Plan

The Information Technology Concept Plan, entitled “Planning for the 21st Century Learner,” had been distributed. Mr. Darren Boldt, Superintendent, Instruction and School Services, and Mr. Glen Hoffman, Manager, Information Technology provided additional information. Mr. Boldt highlighted the rationale adopted by the steering committee, noting that technology is used across all functions of the Division, supporting activities by Division staff, school staff, teachers and students. Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Boldt noted the six objectives outlined in the concept plan: establishment of standards for technology; development of strategies to ensure that there are sustainable support and practices for the technologies deployed within the Division now and in the future; establishment of a professional development strategy; identification of appropriate uses of technology in the learning environment; establishment of a data management strategy that incorporates increased communication; and development of a communication plan for all stakeholders to inform them of the Technology Concept Plan and its three-year schedule of activities. They further outlined seven recommendations and implementation timelines. Board members expressed appreciation for the report. Mr. Boldt and Mr. Hoffman responded to questions from Board members relative to funding implications, use of student-owned technologies within schools, data management, and the Division’s ability to implement the plan’s ambitious recommendations. Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, advised that all of the recommendations may not be met and that, ultimately, affordability and functionality are key in the plan.

Motion by Mr. G. Schenher:

That the Information Technology Concept Plan (2009) be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

Daycares in
Redesigned or
Renovated
Schools

Information on a change in provincial policy regarding daycare location in redesigned or renovated schools had been distributed. Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, advised that the Ministry of Education had informed that, for major new and redesign projects, the Ministry would provide a space allocation based on the number of licensed seats existing or requests, and, that in other locations, the Ministry would consider funding up to \$500,000 for renovations. Mr. Hoium further advised that, for school redesigns in schools that have existing daycare providers, the Division would work with the existing provider in developing daycare space, and for school redesigns without an existing daycare provider, the Division would work with the Ministry in developing a selection process.

School
Community
Council
Evaluation

A letter from the Ministry of Education relative to an upcoming evaluation of School Community Councils had been distributed. Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, advised that an advisory committee would assist the Ministry with the evaluation, and that the Board would be kept apprised of any new developments in the evaluation process.

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School Boards/
City Council
Liaison
Committee
Meeting

In preparation for the School Boards/City Council Liaison Committee meeting scheduled for May 21, 2009, three draft briefing notes had been distributed. Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, outlined the three discussion items on the agenda, put forward jointly with the Regina Catholic School Board: the 2009-2010 Education Funding Model, English as an Additional Language Programming, and Public and Student Transportation in the City of Regina.

Dr. B. Young also drew Board members' attention to information distributed relative to ongoing transportation service discussions in North Central Regina. Mr. Hoium provided additional information on an interim transportation service to be offered to address the impact of student transience in the North Central area.

Director's
Annual
Evaluation

A confidential copy of the Director's Evaluation had been made available to Board members prior to the Board meeting.

Motion by Mr. G. Schenher:

That the Evaluation Report of the Director of Education, dated May, 2009, be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

Long Service
Dinner 2009
Draft Program

Board members determined the responsibilities they would assume for the 2009 Long Service Dinner. Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, confirmed that the Retiree Response would be given on behalf of all retiring Regina Board of Education employees.

Requests for
Presentations

Five requests to present to the Board had been distributed. It was determined that, due to the length of upcoming Board meeting agendas, it would be prudent to schedule the four presentations relative to Scott Collegiate and the North Central Integrated Facility for the June 2, 2009, Board meeting, and the fifth presentation, relative to bussing initiatives, structural innovation, Scott Collegiate and the Renewing Regina Public Schools Biennial Review, for the June 16, 2009, Board meeting.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That the requests of Ms. Laura Pfeifer, Ms. Jeannie Mah, Mr. Jim Elliott, Mr. Dakota McFadzean, and Ms. Trish Elliott, to make presentations, be granted, and that the Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to finalize arrangements for same.

Motion Carried.

Update on
H1N1 Influenza

Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, advised that, on Friday, May 15, 2009, the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region informed Administration that four mild cases of H1N1 influenza had been identified at Jack MacKenzie School. He advised that, after a number of conversations with the Senior and Deputy Medical Officers, an Emergency Response Team meeting was convened, a letter was prepared and forwarded to all Jack MacKenzie parents, and contact was made with local newspaper, radio and television news agencies. A meeting was

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held with the staff at Jack MacKenzie School on the morning of May 19, 2009, and, in conjunction with the Health Region, a parents' meeting was scheduled for May 20, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Jack MacKenzie gymnasium. Mr. Hoium noted that facilities staff have increased the frequency of wiping frequently-used surfaces with an anti-viral disinfectant product at all schools, and that recommended hygiene practices continue to be emphasized, including frequent hand washing. He advised Board members to direct any calls regarding the matter to his attention.

Closed Session

Motion by Mr. R. Marchuk:

That we go into closed session.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That we rise and report.

Motion Carried.

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

Personnel Matter

1) That the Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to finalize arrangements with CUPE 650 representatives for the presentation of Grievance G-02-09.

Meeting Adjournment Time

2) That the May 19, 2009, Board meeting be authorized to continue beyond the 9:30 p.m. presumptive adjournment time.

Stewart Russell Site Proposals

3) That the offer to purchase submitted by North Ridge Development Corporation relative to the Stewart Russell School site (1920 7th Avenue East, Regina) be accepted subject to conclusion of a satisfactory sales agreement.

Motion by Mr. R. Marchuk:

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

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

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

Motion Carried.

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Motion by Mrs. R. Parisian:

That recommendation No. 3 (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 *Facilities Redesign Planning Presentation, Personnel Matter, 2009-10 Budget Update, Update on Aboriginal Entrepreneurship Program Developments at Scott Collegiate, and Board Evaluation Discussion*. 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. R. Marchuk:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 7:00 to 9:38 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer