

Regina, Saskatchewan  
June 2, 2009

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 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 items be added: *Meeting with NDP Regina Caucus, Request for Presentation, Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region Update, and Heart of the City Piano Recital and Balfour Tutorial Art Show.*

Adoption of Agenda Motion by Mr. D. West:

That, with the additions 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 May 19, 2009.

Motion by Mr. R. Marchuk:

That the minutes of the Board meeting of May 19, 2009, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

North Central Shared Facility Information regarding the North Central Shared Facility had been distributed. Mr. Allen Lefebvre, Project Coordinator, Mr. Dave Hutchinson, Superintendent, Instruction and School Services, and Mr. Rod Allen, Principal, Scott Collegiate, provided additional information.

Mr. Lefebvre outlined the shared vision for the project, including the community, learning and health aspects. He highlighted the various partners involved in the facility, including the City of Regina, the Regina Police Service and the Regina Public Library. He summarized the key elements of integration and innovative approaches for program delivery. He noted that the proposed facility would be a two-storey structure of over 200,000 square feet, incorporating a LEEDS Silver environment design.

Mr. Hutchinson highlighted the cornerstones of the Learning Across the Community model, including project-based learning, service-based learning and

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authentic internships. He advised that project-based learning engages learners in an inquiry-based approach to issues, and that service-based learning engages students as active participants in projects that aim to respond to the needs of the community while furthering academic goals. He further advised that authentic internships, or cognitive apprenticeships, involve students working in real-world situations with a mentor who models behaviours and cognitive processes in context.

Mr. Allen outlined the implementation timeline for the Learning Across the Community model, noting the commencement of same in the 2009-10 school year at the Grade 9 level. He advised that the model would move to include Grade 10 in 2010-11 and Grades 11 and 12 in 2011-12 with the planned opening of the new facility. He noted that staff are diligently developing the curriculum planning guide, timetable structure, key subject area outcomes, and assessment model. Concept designs were shared outlining areas exclusive to Scott Collegiate and areas designated as shared space.

Mr. Lefebvre highlighted the plans for an underground parking facility on the site. He further emphasized plans to preserve historical elements from the current Scott Collegiate facility, including the decorative tapestry brick panels and the Scott Collegiate Crest. He advised that the next steps in the project include confirming capital commitments from Municipal, Provincial and Federal Governments, proceeding to a detailed design by July, 2009, continuing development of governance and operating models and commencing construction.

Mr. Allen and Mr. Hutchinson responded to questions regarding teacher adaptation to the project-based and service-based learning models. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation and applauded the steering committee for their input and hard work.

Public Presentations

The Board received a presentation from Mr. Jim Elliott. Mr. Elliott recommended that Board members reconsider keeping the existing Scott Collegiate facility for environmental reasons. He expressed the need to move from a linear system of consumption of materials to a cyclical system of reuse. He highlighted the need for a shift towards lifestyles less geared to environmentally damaging consumptive patterns.

The Board received a presentation from Ms. Jeannie Mah. Ms. Mah urged Board members to contract an architectural firm willing to incorporate Scott Collegiate's current structure into the new proposed facility, instead of incorporating just a few elements of historic value. She added that buildings such as Scott Collegiate can last for centuries if well-maintained, and that deconstructing the facility is, in essence, removing a piece of the City's short cultural history.

The Board received a presentation from Ms. Laura Pfeifer. Ms. Pfeifer advocated for ways to incorporate the existing Scott Collegiate facility into the new proposed facility, and, although in favour of the shared facility concept, noted misconception on both sides, as well as a lack of creativity and political will to include the existing facility in any new design. She asked for clarification from Board members about costs associated with both the building of the new facility and the deconstruction of the existing facility, as well as what historical elements from the existing building would be incorporated into a new facility. She encouraged an open and clear dialogue about the Board's decision.

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The Board received a presentation from Mr. Dakota McFadzean. Mr. McFadzean spoke of his personal experiences in North Central and attending Scott Collegiate, recognizing the emotional impact associated with the plans for a new facility.

On behalf of the Board members, Dr. B. Young expressed appreciation for all of the presentations.

Public  
Education  
Advocacy  
Committee

Mrs. B. Saylor provided a brief summary of discussions held at the Public Education Advocacy Community meeting held on May 28, 2009. She reported that a joint luncheon meeting of the Regina Board of Education and members of the Regina NDP Caucus will be held on June 16, 2009, at 11:30 AM, and outlined the proposed discussion topics. Mrs. Saylor summarized discussions of the Shared Values Recognition Program Selection Committee, noting that additional information would be provided in the closed session portion of the meeting. She outlined discussions relative to the Board's quarterly newsletter, noting that a review relative to advertising formats and the use of alternative media outlets would be undertaken.

Public Section

Information on the Public Section General Meeting scheduled to be held June 4-5, 2009, including a revised Agenda, had been distributed. Board members did not have any further questions or comments relative to same.

August 2009  
Planning  
Meeting Date

Information on a proposed Board Planning Meeting in August, 2009, together with potential topics of discussion, had been distributed. Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, provided additional information, noting that suggestions for policy amendments would be gathered at that time to be forwarded to the Audit and Policy Review Committee for review in the Fall. He advised that Board members would be polled in the near future regarding their availability.

Request for  
Presentation

Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, advised that a request to present to the Board, relative to Scott Collegiate, had been received, and recommended that said presentation be heard by the Board at its meeting on June 16, 2009.

Motion by Dr. J. Conway:

That the request of Ms. Edith Mountjoy to make a presentation be granted, and that the Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to finalize arrangements for same.

Motion Carried.

Heart of the  
City Piano  
Recital and  
Balfour Tutorial  
Art Show

Mrs. B. Saylor advised that she had the pleasure of attending the 2009 Heart of the City Piano Recital on May 2, 2009. She noted that the program involved piano teachers volunteering their time to teach piano to students from primarily inner city schools. She indicated that, with 33 students involved, the program was very successful and worthwhile. Mrs. Saylor also advised that she attended the Balfour Tutorial Art Show on June 1, 2009, noting that the art work of the students was very moving and highly accomplished. She highlighted the fact

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that 20 graduates of the program, that supports students who are pregnant and/or have small children, had applied for and were accepted to post secondary institutions.

Closed Session

Motion by Mrs. B. Saylor:

That we go into closed session.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. G. Schenher:

That we rise and report.

Motion Carried.

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

Shared Values Recognition Program

1) That the six individuals selected by the Shared Values Recognition Program Selection Committee be approved as the 2008-09 recipients of recognition.

Meeting Adjournment Time

2) That the June 2, 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.

Motion by Mrs. B. Saylor:

That recommendation No. 2 (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 *Personnel Matters, 2009-10 Budget Update, Biennial Review, Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region Update, and Meeting with NDP Regina Caucus*. The progress reports were accepted.

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

Motion by Mrs. R. Parisian:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 7:00 to 10:29 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer