

Regina, Saskatchewan  
February 9, 2010

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 Mrs. Angela Fraser, Vice-Chair Mrs. Cindy Anderson Ms. Carla Beck	Mrs. Katherine Gagne Mr. Tim Stobbs Mr. Dale West
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: *Dr. A. E. Perry School and Condolences*.

Adoption of Agenda      Motion by Mr. T. Stobbs:

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 January 26, 2010.

Motion by Mrs. K. Gagne:

That the minutes of the Board meeting of January 26, 2010, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

Structural Innovation School Presentation      Mr. Allen Wills, Principal, Ms. Lori Daelick, Vice-Principal, Ms. Jennifer Friesen, Teacher, and Ms. Victoria Staseson, Teacher, provided an overview of the structural innovation model at Arcola Community School for the 2009-10 school year. Mr. Wills noted that Arcola students are no longer addressed in isolation, but are now part of a community that works together to build child-centred educational experiences focused on high academic standards, citizenship experiences and a caring and supportive learning environment. He advised that students are organized into four cross-grade learning clusters—early childhood, primary, junior and senior—and that, within each learning cluster, students belong to Family Groups composed of an approximately equal number of students from each grade level. It was noted that students could potentially remain in the same Family Group for up to three years. Ms. Daelick focused on the four types of groupings utilized throughout the school day, including daily Family Group time, ability-based groups for guided literacy instruction, grade level groups for numeracy instruction, and interest-based groups for inquiry learning. Mr. Wills noted that the timetable has been revised several times to

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best meet the needs of students. He further noted the blocked literacy and numeracy times scheduled within the weekly learning clusters' timetables. Ms. Daelick emphasized the importance of teacher collaboration, and advised that 90-120 minutes of common preparation time is built into the structure of Arcola's timetable. Mr. Wills and Ms. Daelick outlined inclusive and inquiry-learning practices. Mr. Wills highlighted some key supports in literacy, including the development of a school-wide literacy plan based on outcomes and indicators and value-added assessment, and the identification of numeracy and literacy lead teachers. In closing, Ms. Daelick attributed Arcola's success to the grassroots approach taken in developing the structural innovation plan, and in turning that plan into daily action. Mr. Wills, Ms. Daelick, Ms. Friesen and Ms. Staseson responded to questions relative to community support for the plan and time management issues. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation.

Public Section Executive Meeting Update Dr. B. Young provided a brief summary of the Public Section Executive Meeting held February 4, 2010. She noted that all 15 boards were represented at the meeting through the use of video conferencing technology.

Enrolment Projection Report Information relative to enrolment projections and Renewal planning had been distributed. Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, and Mr. Mark Whiting, Manager, Policy, Planning and Research, provided additional information. Mr. Hoium advised that the report includes core enrolment projections to 2014 for each school, together with a comparison to September 2009 enrolments. He highlighted that, with respect to elementary schools, by 2014, 11 schools are projected to be between 140-200 students, four schools are projected to be below 140 students, and seven schools are projected to be above 400 students. Relative to high schools, he noted that, by 2014, five schools are projected to be below 600 students and one school is projected to be above 1,200 students. Mr. Hoium advised that enrolment numbers are continually monitored and that the Division may have to consider future boundary restrictions.

Public Accounts Copies of the Board's 2008-09 Statement of Public Accounts had been distributed. Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, and Secretary-Treasurer, provided additional information.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That the 2008-09 Statement of Public Accounts of the Board of Education of the Regina School Division No. 4 of Saskatchewan be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

Biennial Continuous Improvement Monitoring Conference Information relative to the Continuous Improvement Biennial Monitoring Conference conducted with the Ministry of Education on January 29, 2010, had been distributed. Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, provided additional information, noting the manner in which Administrative Council members succinctly and eloquently described the Division's key actions and results. He further advised that, during the meeting, Division staff were able to suggest provincial policy directions to aid in the advancement of student achievement and effective operations. Mr. Hoium also highlighted that, on numerous occasions, Ministry officials requested permission to share RPS information with other school divisions and to suggest contacting RPS staff.

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Board and  
Elders Council  
Joint Meeting  
Proposed  
Agenda

A proposed agenda for a meeting of the Elders' Advisory Council and the Regina Board of Education on March 5, 2010, had been distributed for informational purposes only.

Dr. A. E. Perry  
School

Mr. D. West advised that he had attended a function at Dr. A. E. Perry School on February 8, 2010, where Ms. Corrie Miller, Principal, had been named the Saskatchewan Association of School Councils' 2009 Principal of the Year. On behalf of the Board, he extended congratulations to Ms. Miller on receiving the award.

Condolences

Mr. D. West expressed sadness at the recent passing of Mr. Boyd Taylor, former executive assistant with the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation, and reflected that Mr. Taylor had been a mentor to him during his teaching career. He noted that a celebration of Mr. Taylor's life was to be held on February 10, 2010, at the Hotel Saskatchewan Radisson Plaza.

Closed  
Session

Motion by Mr. D. West:

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:

RPSTA:  
Request

- 1) That, as calculation of the gratuity paid Ms. Mazer reflects the provisions of Administrative Procedure 431, the RPSTA be requested to pursue the matter through appropriate administrative channels.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

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 *Renewal Discussion, Board and Director Evaluations*, and *Personnel Matters*. 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. C. Anderson:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 7:00 to 9:32 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer