

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
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. T. Stobbs:  
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 March 9, 2010.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:  
That the minutes of the Board meeting of March 9, 2010, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

Self-Regulation Demonstration Classroom      Ms. Cathy Leugner, Principal, and Ms. Brenda Whittam-Neary, Intervention First Facilitator, provided an overview of the Self-Regulation Demonstration Classroom at Kitchener School. Ms. Whittam-Neary indicated that the goal of Tier 1 Intervention First is to create independent, self-regulated, and metacognitive learners. She emphasized the need to prepare students to learn, and that many children have regulation issues often misinterpreted as behavioural issues, that interfere with learning. She highlighted a variety of regulation techniques, including body repositioning, de-cluttering of classrooms, seating options, doodling, and chewing. Ms. Leugner concluded by noting that all teachers at Kitchener School are involved in promoting self-regulation. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation.

Concept Plan/Program Information: Adult Education Concept Plan      Information relative to the Adult Education Concept Plan had been distributed. Mr. Ross Brown, Deputy Director, Instruction and School Services, and Mr. Darren Boldt, Superintendent, Instruction and School Services, provided additional information, noting the need to provide educational opportunities to young adults who do not experience success in the normal course of high

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school. Mr. Boldt noted the Concept Plan’s correlation to the Continuous Improvement Plan priorities, with a focus on Smooth Transitions and Equitable Opportunities and Outcomes for All. He highlighted the emphasis on reclaiming youth-at-risk, providing post-secondary opportunities, and access to skilled trades and the world of work. Mr. Boldt outlined the alignment of programs and required supports, including the provision of learning intervention, counselling, addiction and child care services. Mr. Brown concluded by highlighting the success of the initiative and the progressive increase in graduation rates over the last four years. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation.

**Funding Model Principles** Information from the Saskatchewan School Boards Association, advising of the Ministry of Education’s new Pre-K-12 Funding Distribution Model Guiding Principles, had been distributed. Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, provided additional information, noting the five identified principles: Mutual Responsibility, Accountability, Transparency, Equity, and Stability.

**Information provided to Premier Wall** Information from the Saskatchewan School Boards Association, relative to facilities funding recommendations and administrative costs of school divisions, had been distributed. Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, provided additional information, noting that, on average, Saskatchewan school divisions spend only 2% of their operating budgets on administrative costs and only 0.6% in the area of governance.

**Public Engagement Working Advisory Group: Call for Nominations** Information from the Saskatchewan School Boards Association, calling for nominations for the Public Engagement Working Advisory Group, had been distributed. Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, provided additional information, noting that expressions of interest should be made by April 3, 2010. Dr. B. Young noted that Mrs. A. Fraser would be putting her name forward for consideration.

**Public Section** Information from the Public Section had been distributed. Dr. B. Young reminded Board members of the Public Section General Meeting scheduled for June 3 and 4, 2010, in Regina.

**Continuous Improvement Monitoring Conference** A letter from the Acting Director, Continuous Improvement Unit, Ministry of Education, had been distributed. Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, provided additional information, highlighting the Ministry’s comments regarding the commitment, energy and dedication of the Division’s leadership team. The Board expressed appreciation to the members of Administrative Council for their efforts.

**Structural Innovation Site Visitations** Information relative to scheduled Board member visitations to Structural Innovation schools had been distributed. Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, provided additional information, noting that he would schedule future visitations for Board members unable to attend these visitations.

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Youth Salute 2010 Information had been distributed regarding the Youth Salute 2010 Opening Ceremony to be held on Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at 7:30 p.m., at the Northgate Mall. Mrs. C. Anderson agreed to attend this event and to extend greetings and congratulations on behalf of Regina Public Schools.

Proposed Theme for Annual General Meeting Following last year’s new annual meeting format, information relative to a proposed theme for the Annual General Meeting to be held on May 11, 2010, had been distributed. Mr. Don Hoiium, Director of Education, provided additional information, noting the proposed theme of “Smooth Transitions.” It was indicated that the formal part of the meeting would commence at 7:00 p.m., and would include a brief overview of the Division’s commitment to successful transitions, followed by table exhibits showcasing Early Learning Transitions, High School Transitions, Post-Secondary Transitions, and New Canadian Transitions. The Board indicated agreement with the proposed arrangements.

Closed Session Motion by Mrs. A. Fraser:  
That we go into closed session.

Motion Carried.

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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 March 23, 2010, Board meeting be authorized to continue beyond the 9:30 p.m. presumptive adjournment time.

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: Indicators – Instructional Strengths, Challenges and Student Results, Personnel Matters, and Joint Meeting with Regina Catholic Board of Education – Agenda Proposal*. 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. K. Gagne:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 7:00 to 10:16 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer