

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. Mike Walter, 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: *Standing Committee Request, McCallum Hill Centre Parkade Tax Exemption Agreement, and Report on the Vancouver School Board (School District 39).*

Adoption of Agenda Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

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 September 7, 2010.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That the minutes of the Board meeting of September 7, 2010, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

RespectED Partnership Information regarding the Red Cross RespectED Trainer Program had been distributed. Mr. Greg Enion, Superintendent, Instruction and School Services, and Mr. Norm Jakubowski, Canadian Red Cross Provincial RespectED Manager, provided additional information, highlighting the belief that, through the education of youth and adults on the serious issues of child abuse, bullying and unhealthy relationships, situations can be prevented from occurring and responses to incidents can happen in a more timely and effective manner. Mr. Jakubowski advised that, on August 18-19, 2010, ten staff members from Regina Public Schools were trained in RespectED's bully prevention education program. It was noted that the training was in partnership with the Co-operators as a community sponsor. It was further highlighted that the content of the training incorporated Circle of Courage principles. Mr. Jakubowski explained that the 10 participating staff members are now trained to perform student classroom presentations, staff workshops, parent workshops, and youth engagement training, the latter involving training youth to engage in prevention

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education with younger students. Mr. Enion outlined the implementation plan for the 2010-11 school year, whereby trainers will be asked to commit up to six days to deliver RespectED sessions to youth, staff, parents, and community members. The goal is that staff and students in 25 schools will be trained over the course of the year. He further highlighted the long-term goal to provide training options to all Regina Public Schools staff over the next three to four years. Board members expressed appreciation for the program and the partnership.

Fall Showcase Demonstration

An invitation to make a showcase presentation at the Saskatchewan School Boards Association’s Fall General Assembly had been received. Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, Instruction and School Services, advised that three student demonstrations had been identified: Balfour Collegiate’s Robotics Program, Scott Collegiate’s Hip Hop Project, and McDermid Community School’s Indigenous Studies Catalyst Teacher and Students.

Submission of Bylaw Amendments and Resolutions for the 2010 Annual General Meeting

Information relative to the submission of bylaw amendments and resolutions for the 2010 Saskatchewan School Boards Association Annual General meeting had been distributed. Dr. B. Young noted the deadlines for submission.

Renewal Planning

Information regarding Renewal planning had been distributed. Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, provided additional information, noting that commencement of the consultation process had been advanced from November to September, in keeping with revised Policy 15 “Facility Requirements and School Closures.” Dr. B. Young summarized the provisions of Policy 15 and noted the Board’s recent reaffirmation of the program delivery model enrolment range of 200-400 students at the elementary level.

Members of the Board presented their views with respect to the options identified, expressing support for the initiation of consultations with the schools and community before final decisions are made by January 15, 2011. The Chair further reminded that, consistent with past practice, the Vice-Chair would bring forward the renewal-related motions for consideration.

Motion by Mrs. A. Fraser:

That, based on the 2010-2011 phase of the RPS Renewal Plan, the Massey School (English) attendance area be combined with that of Marion McVeety School for students residing north of a dividing line (parallel to Parker Avenue), and with that of Grant Road School for students residing south of the dividing line such that parental choice of either Marion McVeety or Grant Road Schools is provided for existing students; and that the proposed attendance area merger be carried forward for consultation with the Massey School Community Council and other interested parties, with the Board to make its decision with respect to this matter on or before January 15, 2011.

Motion Carried.

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Motion by Mrs. A. Fraser:

That, based on the 2010-2011 phase of the RPS Renewal Plan, Athabasca School be cited for closure effective June 30, 2011, and its attendance area combined with that of Argyle School, with parental choice for student attendance at Argyle, Lakeview, or Connaught Schools; and that the proposed facility closure and attendance area merger be carried forward for consultation with the Athabasca School Community Council and other interested parties, with the Board to make its decision with respect to this matter on or before January 15, 2011.

Motion Carried.

Budget 2010-11 Information relative to the approval by the Ministry of Education of the Board’s 2010-11 revenue and expenditure estimates submission (as detailed at the June 22, 2010, Board meeting) had been distributed. Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, noted that, following said approval, The Education Act, 1995 requires the Board to approve the final 2010-11 estimates.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That the 2010-11 estimated revenues and expenditures, as submitted to and approved by the Minister of Education, be adopted as the final statement for the 2010-11 fiscal year.

Motion Carried.

School Opening Update Information relative to school opening staffing changes resulting from enrolment variations had been distributed. Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, Instruction and School Services, provided additional information, noting that, at the Kindergarten level, half-day programs were added at five schools, while half-day programs were reduced at four schools; at the elementary level, one teacher was added to each of five schools and one teacher was reduced at each of three schools; and at the high school level, there were teacher increases at three schools. He further noted that the Division maintains a small bank of teaching positions each Spring to address possible enrolment increases and/or variations in the Fall. Mr. Walter assured that school-based and Division Office leaders work closely with students, parents and staff involved in Fall staffing changes to support smooth transitions for all. He responded to questions relative to grades affected and overall enrolment figures.

Individualized Report on School Community Councils – Survey Results A copy of the Ministry of Education’s “Regina School Division Individualized Report on School Community Councils Survey Results 2008-2009” had been distributed. Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, Instruction and School Services, provided additional information, noting the four categories of the survey: General Information, Membership, Policy, and Support. He highlighted that all Regina public schools have School Community Councils in place, and that most have elected and appointed members. He outlined the current funding support in place for the School Community Councils, and advised that all have been involved in the development of Learning Improvement Plans.

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Standing
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Request

Ms. C. Beck requested that the Public Education Advocacy Committee and, subsequently, possibly the Audit and Policy Review Committee review the Board’s process on consulting with agencies and interested parties housed in Regina public schools when dealing with proposed program closures and mergers. She further requested the Committee(s) to review the possibility of having Board meeting agenda packages posted on the Board’s website in advance of meetings and also the feasibility of including a 20-minute public input forum at the beginning of Board meetings.

Closed
Session

Motion by Mr. T. Stobbs:

That we go into closed session.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mrs. A. Fraser:

That we rise and report.

Motion Carried.

At the conclusion of closed session, the Committee of the Whole reported progress with respect to consideration of *Equity Working Advisory Group, Shared Values Recognition Program, Suspension Information, Donation of Book Bags, Transportation, McCallum Hill Centre Parkade Tax Exemption Agreement, and Report on the Vancouver School Board (School District 39)*. 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 Ms. C. Beck:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 7:00 to 9:07 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer