

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: *Saskatchewan School Boards Association Education Equity Working Advisory Group* and *Positive Path Forward*. It was also noted that item 6(b), *Public Section*, would be considered in the open session portion of the meeting.

Adoption of Agenda Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

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 September 21, 2010.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That the minutes of the Board meeting of September 21, 2010, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

Community Relations Committee Information relative to the Community Relations Committee meeting of September 27, 2010, had been distributed. Mrs. A. Fraser provided a brief summary of discussions held at the meeting, highlighting the review of and additions to the Trustee/School Community Council Dialogue PowerPoint presentation. She advised that School Community Council Chairs were to be contacted by Board members to determine suitable meeting dates. Board members recommended that an open-ended question be included in the presentation asking what one important issue/matter the Council would like the Board to know. Mrs. Fraser noted the meeting format for the Trustees/High School Student Representative Leaders Dialogue, with the first topic for discussion to be "The 21st Century Learner and Technology." It was further noted that suggested topics for future meetings would be discussed with the student leaders. She advised that, in consideration of support from the Board and school/business partnerships, it was the consensus of the Committee that

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School Community Council fundraising guidelines should continue as in the past. Mrs. Fraser advised that Mrs. K. Gagne agreed to serve on the Parent Involvement Sub-committee for the 2010-11 school year, and that preparations for a Parent Forum in the Fall were underway.

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

A proposed resolution relative to clarification of capital funding arrangements, for presentation at the 2010 Saskatchewan School Boards Association Annual Convention, had been distributed. It was noted that other boards of education would be approached regarding joint submission of the resolution.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That the following resolution be approved for submission to the Saskatchewan School Boards Association for presentation at the 2010 Annual Convention:
 BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan School Boards Association impress upon the Ministry of Education the fallacy of rigid adherence to maintaining a “Board share” of capital costs and the urgency of clarifying capital funding arrangements explicitly, recognizing that, pursuant to new funding arrangements, school boards have no local capacity to raise a percentage share of capital project costs.

Motion Carried.

Public Section

Information relative to the Public Section Executive Meeting scheduled for October 7, 2010, had been distributed. Dr. B. Young provided additional information, noting that representatives from the Phoenix Group would be in attendance to lead the executive and directors through a branding exercise. Due to a previously scheduled meeting, Mrs. A. Fraser agreed to attend the executive meeting in Dr. Young’s absence.

Renewal Update

Information regarding the renewal consultation process had been distributed. Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, provided additional information, advising that, for schools that may see an attendance area merger, he would be meeting with School Community Council chairs and school principals to clarify timelines and processes, and senior administration would be assisting Councils in preparing to consult with the Board prior to November 30, 2010. He further noted that Superintendents would be meeting with principals and School Community Council chairs of potential receiving schools, as well as contacting community organizations occupying space in those facilities. Members of the Board requested that a tour of Athabasca School be arranged. Board members also suggested that, in the future, the wording for the citing of schools/programs be reviewed to prevent any public confusion. Relative to the Douglas Park School and Arcola School rebuilds, Mr. Hoium advised that Ministry approval to proceed to tender has finally been received, and that the projects should start progressing without further delay.

Value-Added Math Assessment Program

Information relative to the Diagnostic Numeracy Assessment had been distributed. Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, Instruction and School Services, introduced Mr. Greg Miller, Supervisor of Assessment, Ms. Lori Jane Dowell-Hantelmann, Numeracy Coordinator, and Ms. Pat Kindrachuk, Value-Added Assessment Consultant. Mr. Miller highlighted the pre- and post-assessment format and the measurement of student growth. Ms. Dowell-Hantelmann

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introduced the working committee members in attendance. She outlined and summarized three separate tests that had been developed and distributed: Grade 3 Decomposing Numbers; Grade 5 Multiplication Strategies; and Grade 6 Fraction Tasks. Board members took a few minutes to take part in a sample testing. Ms. Daina Seymore, Teacher, acknowledged the assessment’s impact on teacher instruction. Mr. Miller, Ms. Dowell-Hantelmann, and Mr. Walter responded to questions relative to the ability to adjust tasks and activities to meet individual needs, and alignment with national assessments. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation.

Shared Values Recognition Program Recipients 2010-11

Mrs. K. Gagne reported on the Shared Values Recognition Program reception and awards presentation held on September 28, 2010. She highlighted the 2010-11 recipients:

- Mrs. Wendy Brhelle Administrative Assistant, Instruction and School Services, Division Office
- Ms. Janice Dohlen Principal, Elsie Mironuck Community School
- Ms. Marla Dufour Community Coordinator, Wascana Community School
- Mrs. Jo-ann Hincks Payroll Officer, Division Services, Division Office
- Mr. Dave Neuman Special Education Assistant, Campbell Collegiate
- Mr. Bruce Winchester Equipment Operator/Welder, Educational Facilities, Division Office

She expressed appreciation for the program in recognizing the contributions of Regina Public Schools employees. Board members also acknowledged Mr. Terry Lazarou, Supervisor of Communications, and Mrs. Linda Hecker, Executive Assistant, for their work in organizing the reception.

Standing Senate Committee on Aboriginal Peoples

Information relative to the Government of Canada’s Standing Senate Committee on Aboriginal Peoples had been distributed. Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, Instruction and School Services, advised that Regina Public Schools was invited to present to the Senate Committee on October 7, 2010, in Edmonton, Alberta, to describe the innovative programs and services being provided in the Division to support aboriginal students and their families. He noted that Elder Betty McKenna, Mr. Dave Hutchinson, Superintendent, Instruction and School Services, and Mr. Calvin Racette, Aboriginal Education Coordinator, Instruction and School Services, would be representing Regina Public Schools. Elder McKenna summarized her involvement with two programs: the Tawow Ceremony at Winston Knoll Collegiate to welcome Grade 9 students (Tawow being a Cree word meaning “come in, there’s plenty of room”), and the Sage Girls, a group of aged 10-14 aboriginal girls who meet regularly to learn traditional ways, learn and compose songs, and pray and drum. Mr. Racette advised that Mr. Hutchinson would be presenting an overview of the Division’s programs and accomplishments and that he and Elder McKenna would have an opportunity to then answer questions from the Senate Committee. At the request of the Board, Mr. Don Hoiu, Director of Education, advised that he would discuss with Mr. Terry Lazarou a media release following the presentation to the Senate Committee. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation.

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Bereavement Dr. B. Young advised that she had attended the traditional wake for Elder Kenneth Goodwill at the Standing Buffalo Gymnasium on September 27, 2010. She noted that a letter from former Trustee, Mrs. Barb Saylor, had been read by the eulogist. She also thanked Mr. Calvin Racette, Aboriginal Education Coordinator, Instruction and School Services, for speaking on behalf of Regina Public Schools and the Board, and for acknowledging Elder Goodwill’s many accomplishments, including his role in the bringing the Elders Advisory Council to fruition.

B-5 Facilities Plan Application Information regarding a proposed Five-Year Construction Plan had been distributed. Identified projects were Athabasca/Argyle, Haultain/Glen Elm, Connaught, Marian McVeety, Imperial/McDermid, Coronation Park/Gladys McDonald, Rosemont/Walker, and Lakeview Elementary Schools, Balfour and Campbell Collegiates, Cochrane High School, and acquisition of sites in The Towns, Greens on Gardiner, and Harbour Landing Subdivisions. Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, and Mr. Ron Christie, General Manager, Educational Facilities, provided additional information and responded to questions relative to the various Ministerial approval stages. It was noted that the school merger projects identified would be dependent upon future Board decisions. Further to earlier renewal discussions, Board members were advised that the tender for the Arcola School rebuild project had been issued and that the tender for Douglas Park School would be issued shortly.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That the Board authorize the submission of the B-5 application and associated B-1 documentation to the Ministry of Education as indicated.

Motion Carried.

Saskatchewan School Boards Association Education Equity Working Advisory Group Mrs. C. Anderson advised that the Board would be canvassed further relative to defining equity challenges, similar to the questionnaire previously circulated, but seeking more specific information. She noted that the advisory group was seeking examples to personalize and address concerns more fully, and that, once the group compiled the information, it would be presented to the Saskatchewan School Boards Association.

Positive Path Forward A copy of the Board’s “Positive Path Forward 2010-12: Areas for Emphasis and Supports/Actions 2010-11” had been distributed. Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, provided additional information, noting that the outline was for Trustee reference and use.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That we go into closed session.

Motion Carried.

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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:

Legal Matter

- 1) That Mr. Jim McLellan, Solicitor, Saskatchewan School Boards Association, be commended for the exceptional legal advice and support provided with respect to recent legal matters involving the Board.

Motion by Mrs. A. Fraser:

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 *Legal Matter*. The progress report was accepted.

Adjournment

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

Motion by Mr. T. Stobbs:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 7:00 to 9:14 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer