

Regina, Saskatchewan
February 22, 2011

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. Katherine Gagne, Vice-Chair Mrs. Cindy Anderson Ms. Carla Beck	Mrs. Angela Fraser 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 item be added: *Elders Advisory Council Meeting Date Change*.

Adoption of Agenda Motion by Mr. T. Stobbs:

That, with the addition 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 February 8, 2011.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That the minutes of the Board meeting of February 8, 2011, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

Treaty Education Information relative to treaty education had been distributed. Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, Instruction and School Services, and Mr. Calvin Racette, Coordinator, Aboriginal Education, provided additional information, noting that, as a result of the low scores from a survey conducted by the Office of the Treaty Commissioner during the 2008-09 school year, Regina Public Schools, at the commencement of the 2009-10 school year, committed to providing a variety of professional development opportunities and resources to staff on the subject. Mr. Racette advised that, following this training, survey results showed an overall improvement of approximately 5% in treaty knowledge in the Division. He highlighted that nine of the Division's schools scored significantly higher than average, and, as a result, the principals of those schools were requested to meet and discuss how the successes were achieved. The four key areas identified were: having a lead teacher in the school with a strong background in aboriginal education, having an elder in the school working with the staff, teaching to the outcomes and indicators, and making treaty education a priority. He noted that the nine principals took a lead role at an elementary principals' meeting, discussing and providing direction on how the other schools can

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improve their results. He further advised that the next step is to train 40 teachers to become catalyst teachers. Mr. Walter and Mr. Racette responded to questions relative to resources, increased results, and testing. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation.

Renewal
Planning

Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, advised Board members that, relative to the specialized programs currently located at Athabasca School, commencing with the 2011-12 school year, both the junior and senior FIAP programs would be relocated to Lakeview School, and the two Discovery Pre-Kindergarten classes would be relocated to Lakeview School and Davin School respectively. He advised that parents of all the FIAP students and parents seeking a second year of Discovery Pre-Kindergarten have been contacted with respect to the new program locations.

Follow-up to
Government
Regina MLA
Meeting

Regarding a meeting of the Board and Government Regina MLAs, held on February 14, 2011, Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, expressed appreciation for the presentation and comments of the Board members, noting the level of enhanced engagement with the MLAs. Mrs. K. Gagne advised that, in follow-up conversations, she had received very positive feedback, and encouraged Board members to continue to advance and advocate for public education. Board members expressed appreciation for the set-up of the room for the meeting.

Ministry of
Education
Funding Model
Announcement

Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, advised that, on February 15, 2011, he had been informed by the Deputy Minister of Education that the Education Funding Model, that was to be announced as part of the 2011-12 provincial budget, was going to be delayed until 2012. It was his assumption that the transition funding model currently in place would continue for another year. He responded to questions relative to the release of more information prior to the provincial budget, and capital borrowing options.

City of Regina
2010 Highlights
Brochure
Recognition

The City of Regina 2010 Highlights brochure had recently been distributed. Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, expressed appreciation to the City of Regina for its recognition of Regina Public Schools throughout the brochure, and thanked Mr. Terry Lazarou, Supervisor of Communications, for his ongoing efforts in publicizing Division developments. Mr. D. West indicated that he would secure more copies of the brochure for use in the Director search process.

Elders Advisory
Council
Meeting Date
Change

Mrs. A. Fraser noted that the date for the upcoming Elders Advisory Council Meeting coincided with Search Committee interviews. Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, advised that he would arrange to reschedule the Elders Advisory Council Meeting and advise Board members accordingly.

Closed
Session

Motion by Mrs. A. Fraser:

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 reported progress with respect to consideration of *Transportation Matter, Partnership Initiative, Public Section, SSHRC Proposal, and Transition Funding Follow-up*. 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 Mrs. C. Anderson:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 7:00 to 8:44 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer