

Regina, Saskatchewan
April 5, 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. Cindy Anderson Ms. Carla Beck	Mrs. Angela Fraser Mr. Tim Stobbs Mr. Dale West
Administration Present	Mr. Don Hoiium, 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: *Audit and Policy Review Committee, Facility Announcement, Choralfest 2011, and I Love Regina Run.*

Adoption of Agenda Motion by Mrs. A. Fraser:

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 March 22, 2011.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That the minutes of the Board meeting of March 22, 2011, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

HEROES™ Program Information relative to the HEROES™ program at Cochrane High School had been distributed. Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, Instruction and School Services, advised that Cochrane High School joined forces with Impact Society to provide extra support for students. Mr. Rick Steciuk, Principal, Cochrane High School, provided background information on Impact Society and the development of the HEROES™ program, noting that the vision of the program is to build confidence, hope, character, respect, and passion in teens. He highlighted the program framework and advised that the volunteer instructors—a husband and wife team—lead 14 one-hour sessions that help students identify with their skills and abilities and develop a desire to succeed. Mr. Steciuk concluded the presentation by outlining the guiding principles of the program. Mr. Walter and Mr. Steciuk responded to questions relative to assessment of program results, future plans to offer the program at other high schools, and program offerings for teachers. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation.

Chair	S/T

Audit and Policy Review Committee

Mr. D. West provided a summary of the Audit and Policy Review Committee meeting held March 29, 2011, noting a discussion relative to legislative compliance matters. He highlighted the proposed 2010-11 Audit Service Plan submitted by Meyers Norris Penny LLP, and the draft Audit Involvement Memorandum provided by the Provincial Auditor.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That the proposed 2010-11 Audit Service Plan submitted by Meyers Norris Penny LLP be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

Public Section

Information relative to the upcoming Public Section Executive Meeting had been distributed. Dr. B. Young advised that Board members would be polled as to their availability for the general meeting scheduled for June 3-4, 2011. She advised that the executive meeting scheduled for April 21, 2011, would focus on the branding issue and presentation of more possible logos.

Harbour Landing Concept Plan

Information relative to proposed amendments to the Harbour Landing Concept Plan had been distributed. Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, provided additional information, noting that the proposed amendments contemplate a slightly reduced green area for the future school site that still remains within Ministry guidelines. All of the other proposed changes were determined to not impact Regina Public Schools' current assessment of site suitability. He noted that the amendments favour more dense housing developments. He pointed to the work undertaken by Mr. Mark Whiting, Manager, Policy, Planning and Research, and Mr. Ron Christie, General Manager Educational Facilities, on the Joint Site Planning Committee with the City's Planning Department. Mr. Hoium responded to a question relative to potential fencing along the creek in the area.

Motion by Mr. T. Stobbs:

That the City of Regina Planning and Development Division be notified that RPS has no concerns with the existing update to the Harbour Landing Concept Plan and that the results of the current review of RPS guidelines by the joint site-planning committee will be provided to the City to be considered in future sub-division planning.

Motion Carried.

Class Size Report

Information regarding class sizes for elementary English and French Immersion, high school and special education programs, had been distributed. Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, Instruction and School Services, provided additional information, noting an average class size of 23.69 students for Grades 1 to 8 in the English program, a decrease of 0.67 from last year, and an average class size of 23.69 students for Grades 1 to 8 in the French Immersion program, a decrease of 0.83 from last year. In regards to Grades 9 through 12, he noted an average class size of 23.66 students, a decrease of 0.44 from 2009-10. Mr. Walter acknowledged the Superintendents and in-school administrators for their efforts in meeting the challenges of reducing class sizes. He responded to questions relative to Kindergarten class sizes. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation.

Chair	S/T

Choralfest 2011 Mrs. A. Fraser advised that she, along with Dr. B. Young and Mrs. C. Anderson, had attended the 2011 Choralfest on April 1, 2011, and expressed appreciation for the amazing individual school performances as well as the mass choir performance. She extended congratulations to the Music Directors and students involved in the event, noting, in particular, the supportive, encouraging environment that prevailed.

I Love Regina Run Mrs. C. Anderson advised that she had received an invitation to attend a kick-off of the I Love Regina Run at Glen Elm School on May 17, 2011, and extended the invitation to other Board members.

Closed Session Motion by Mr. D. West:
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 recommended to the Board:

CUPE 650 Grievance G02-2011 1) That, upon consideration of all relevant detail, CUPE 650 Grievance G02-2011 be denied.

Meeting Adjournment Time 2) That the April 5, 2011, Board meeting be authorized to continue beyond the 9:30 p.m. presumptive adjournment time.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That recommendation No. 1 (above) from the Committee of the Whole be approved.

Motion Carried.

[Mrs. C. Anderson noted a conflict of interest, absented herself from the presentation and discussion, and abstained from voting on the immediately preceding motion.]

Chair	S/T

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That recommendation No. 2 (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 *Audit and Policy Review Committee*, *SSBA Feedback Request*, *2011-12 Budget Update*, *School Community Council Consultations Interim Update*, and *Facility Announcement*. 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 Mr. T. Stobbs:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 7:00 to 9:44 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer