

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 items be added: *School Community Councils, Tax Rebalancing, and Scott Collegiate.*

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 April 5, 2011.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That the minutes of the Board meeting of April 5, 2011, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

Advanced Placement Program Information regarding the Advanced Placement Program (AP) at Balfour Collegiate had been distributed. Ms. Cynthia Hock, Principal, Balfour Collegiate, spoke of the number of supports in place at Balfour Collegiate to meet the needs of the diverse student population. With the implementation of Structural Innovation, she advised that AP courses offer all students an opportunity to be challenged with a rigorous academic program and to gain university credit and/or placement. Mr. Darren Boldt, Superintendent, Instruction and School Services, advised that students willing to accept the challenge of a rigorous academic curriculum can apply for admission to AP courses and that some students are identified and encouraged by teaching staff to apply for AP courses. Ms. Sharlene McGowan, Advanced Placement Coordinator, Balfour Collegiate, outlined the AP courses offered at Balfour Collegiate. Mr. Boldt advised that students can choose whether to write the AP exams, but that the University of Regina, and other leading Canadian universities, will only grant credit in approved courses to students who have completed AP exams with a minimum grade of 4 out of 5. He noted that

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research shows students who take AP courses and exams are much more likely than their peers to complete a bachelor’s degree in four years or less. Ms. Hock outlined the following reasons why students should enrol in AP courses: it helps to prepare them for post-secondary education or the world of work; they stand out in the post-secondary admissions process; they can earn academic scholarships and awards; they obtain experience with college-level exams; and they experience the discipline of preparing for exams. She highlighted that there are currently 121 students enrolled in AP courses at Balfour Collegiate, and that it is the goal of the school to increase enrolment in the next school year. Ms. McGowan, Mr. Boldt, and Ms. Hock responded to questions relative to credits from other post-secondary institutions, enrolment targets, international admissions, teaching qualifications, and comparisons with the International Baccalaureate program. Mr. Boldt advised that Winston Knoll Collegiate also offers an AP program. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation.

2011 Annual Meeting Agenda

A draft copy of the agenda for the May 10, 2011, Annual Meeting had been distributed. Dr. B. Young suggested that she keep her remarks brief and that each Trustee introduce one of the seven partnerships being showcased. Board members agreed with the suggestion.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That the draft agenda for the Annual Meeting of Electors of the Board of Education of the Regina School Division No. 4 of Saskatchewan, to be held at 7:00 p.m. on May 10, 2011, at the Regina Public School Board Office, 1600 4th Avenue, Regina, be approved.

Motion Carried.

2009-10 Continuous Improvement Report Brochure

The 2008-09 Continuous Improvement Report Brochure, that will be distributed at the Annual General Meeting, had been provided for information only. Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, noted that, in keeping with legislative requirements, the brochure would be sent to all school community councils two weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting, and following the meeting, would be distributed to each public school division household, partner organizations and non-Catholic churches, as well as being posted on the Division’s website.

Sustainability Education Background Paper

With Board members and senior administrators attending the Sustainability and Education Academy (SEdA) seminar in May, 2011, a copy of *Education for Sustainable Development in Regina Public Schools: Background Paper* had been distributed. Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, Instruction and School Services, provided additional information, noting that the Academy organizes education for sustainable development into four domains: Curriculum/Teaching/Learning; Facilities and Operations; Human Capacity (Professional Development); and Governance. He highlighted the attached Appendix that provides an overview of curriculum topics connected to aspects of sustainability. Mr. Walter and Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, responded to questions relative to transportation, interest in pursuing a Board policy on sustainable development, and the Board’s 2% CRV target being seen as environmentally responsible. Board members expressed appreciation for the background paper.

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Closed Session

Motion by Mr. T. Stobbs:

That we go into closed session.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Ms. C. Beck:

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 April 19, 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.

At the conclusion of closed session, the Committee of the Whole reported progress with respect to consideration of *Education Equity in Saskatchewan, Facility Developments, Renewal Planning, Long Service Dinner 2011 Draft Program, School Community Councils, Tax Rebalancing, Scott Collegiate, and Personnel Matters*. 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. K. Gagne:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 7:00 to 9:38 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer