

At a meeting of the Board of Education of the Regina School Division No. 4 of Saskatchewan, held at 1600 4th Avenue.

Members Present	Mrs. Katherine Gagne, Chair Mrs. Angela Fraser, Vice-Chair Mrs. Cindy Anderson	Ms. Carla Beck Mr. Dale West Dr. Barbara Young
Administration Present	Ms. Julie MacRae, 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 Resolutions, Public Section, Negotiations Update, and Acknowledgement.*

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 November 1, 2011.

Motion by Ms. C. Beck:

That the minutes of the Board meeting of November 1, 2011, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

Prime Minister's Award Recipient Information regarding the "Certificate of Excellence" presented to Ms. Joanna Sanders-Bobiash, Teacher, École Wilfrid Walker, had been distributed. Ms. Simone Verville, Principal, École Wilfrid Walker, provided additional information relative to the Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence and expressed appreciation for the opportunities afforded teachers through Structural Innovation to look at education in a different way. Ms. Sanders-Bobiash highlighted the work that she did in the 2009-10 school year that led to the nomination, including technology-enhanced project-based learning. She commented that, in sharing with the other teachers receiving the award, the common goal of developing students into outstanding, caring citizens was noted. Board members expressed congratulations to Ms. Sanders-Bobiash for receiving the most prestigious award in the Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence Program.

Appointment of Standing Committees Based on member preferences expressed and in accordance with Policy 8 "Committees of the Board," Mrs. K. Gagne asked for a motion to appoint members to serve on the four standing committees until the next Organizational Meeting.

Chair	S/T

Motion by Mrs. A. Fraser:

That:

- a) Mr. D. West (Chair), Mrs. C. Anderson and Ms. C. Beck be appointed to serve on the Audit and Policy Review Committee;
 - b) Mrs. A. Fraser (Chair), Mrs. C. Anderson and Dr. B. Young be appointed to serve on the Community Relations Committee;
 - c) Dr. B. Young (Chair), Ms. C. Beck and Mr. T. Stobbs be appointed to serve on the Public Education Advocacy Committee; and
 - d) Mr. T. Stobbs (Chair), Mrs. A. Fraser and Mr. D. West be appointed to serve on the Strategic Planning Committee;
- until the next Organizational Meeting of the Board.

Motion Carried.

Appointment of Board Representatives

In accordance with Policy 9 “Board Representatives,” Mrs. K. Gagne asked for a motion to appoint members to represent the Board on certain external committees.

Motion by Dr. B. Young:

That:

- a) Mrs. A. Fraser be appointed to serve as Board Representative on the Public Section of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association;
 - b) Mrs. K. Gagne and Mrs. A. Fraser be appointed to serve as Board Representatives on the School Boards/City Council Liaison Committee;
 - c) Ms. C. Beck be appointed to serve as Board Representative on the Community Leaders Advisory Committee; and
 - d) Mrs. C. Anderson be appointed to serve as Board Representative for the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency;
- until the next Organizational Meeting of the Board.

Motion Carried.

English as an Additional Language Programming Update

Information regarding the English as an Additional Language (EAL) program had been distributed. Ms. Juanita Redekopp-McKeown, Supervisor of Instruction, and Ms. Linda Mitchell, EAL Coordinator, provided additional information, noting that, as at November 21, 2011, there were 1,731 EAL students registered in Regina Public Schools, with 32.5 full-time equivalent EAL teachers in place. A map was presented evidencing Regina Public Schools EAL students and families residing in every school catchment area. Ms. Redekopp-McKeown outlined current general supports available for EAL students through the Newcomer Welcome Centre. Ms. Mitchell outlined student supports provided, including Home School, Sector School, and Adult Campus programming. Ms. Redekopp-McKeown noted teacher, administrator and school support, including the creation of an EAL Continuous Improvement Coordinator position. Ms. Redekopp-McKeown and Ms. Mitchell responded to questions relative to levels and lengths of support, teacher work-load, and supports for families. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation.

Acknowledgement

On behalf of her family, Mrs. A. Fraser thanked Board members and Division Office staff for the outpouring of condolences on the passing of her father, and further expressed appreciation for the donation made in his memory.

Chair	S/T

Closed Session

Motion by Ms. C. Beck:

That we go into closed session.

Motion Carried.

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:

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- 1) That the proposal to purchase submitted by the Sikh Society of Regina, Inc., relative to the Athabasca School site (3905 Princess Drive, Regina), be accepted subject to approval by the Ministry of Education and conclusion of a satisfactory sales agreement.

Motion by Ms. C. Beck:

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

Motion Carried.

[Mr. D. West noted a conflict of interest, absented himself from the discussion, and abstained from voting on the immediately preceding motion.]

At the conclusion of closed session, the Committee of the Whole reported progress with respect to consideration of *Renewal Plan, Meeting with Saskatoon Public School Board, Negotiations Update, Saskatchewan School Boards Association Resolutions, and Public Section*. 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 9:25 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer