

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. Tim Stobbs
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: *Community Leaders Advisory Committee Update and Thank You.*

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 22, 2011.

Motion by Dr. B. Young:

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

Motion Carried.

Public Presentations
The Board received a presentation from Ms. Natasha Morris, on behalf of the Dieppe Place Community Association. Ms. Morris pointed to the Global Transportation Hub suggesting that it will generate increased employment in the Dieppe area. She noted that enrolment at McLurg School would exceed the upper limit of the program delivery model if Dieppe School closed, and this would not include the families still to move into the Fairways West community. She advised that many families are interested in a possible Before and After School program at Dieppe School but are hesitant to commit because of the possible closure of the school. She outlined possible options to increase enrolment at the school, including developing a partnership with Bo-Peep Childcare, giving families in the McLurg School area, the former McNab School area, and the Harbour Landing subdivision area the option of enrolling their children at Dieppe School, altering the Dieppe School attendance area, and adding a pre-kindergarten program. Ms. Morris urged the Board to afford Dieppe School and the Dieppe community additional time to increase its enrolment numbers. She recommended that a five-year hiatus between closure

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citations relative to any individual school would be ideal. In response to a question from Trustee Beck, Ms. Morris noted that, in discussions with City Councillor O'Donnell, applications for new businesses in the area have been received by the City but not yet approved. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation.

The Board received a presentation from Ms. Dawn Popescul, on behalf of the Dieppe School Community Council. Ms. Popescul expressed disappointment that the Board has not taken proactive steps to increase the enrolment at Dieppe School. She asked the Board to address high enrolment situations, and to look at ways to keep schools open. She pointed to the example of the Vancouver Board of Education. Ms. Popescul urged Board members to table the proposed closure of Dieppe School for five years to give the school and the community time to stabilize. Ms. Popescul responded to a question relative to efforts to attract a Before and After School program to Dieppe School. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation.

The Board received a presentation from Mr. Bill Gray, on behalf of the Queen City Eastview Community Association. Mr. Gray urged Board members to keep Haultain School open, expressing the concern that closure of the school would negatively impact the long-range planning for Eastview. He noted that many Eastview residents have expressed the opinion that the Board of Education has already made its decision. He outlined many pilot projects and new programming occurring at Haultain School, including a project targeting children's dental health. He questioned differences in two Haultain Facility Audits provided by the Board. Mr. Gray urged the Board to explore the idea of branching out into all neighbourhoods to find ways to keep schools open, as well as soliciting the support of the Minister of Education. Trustee Stobbs offered clarification regarding the two Facility Audit Reports. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation.

The Board received a presentation from Ms. Jeannie Mah, who urged the Board to not close Haultain School. Ms. Mah provided historical background on the building and naming of Haultain School, presenting a slideshow of photos focusing on the school's architectural features. She commented that closure of Haultain School would be a historical loss, and a loss for the Eastview community. She urged the Board to work with the City's Urban Planning Department. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation.

Audit and Policy Review Committee

Mr. D. West advised that the Audit and Policy Review Committee met with the External Auditor and a representative from the Office of the Provincial Auditor on December 5, 2011, to discuss the draft 2010-11 Audited Financial Statements, and to express any concerns. Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, responded to questions relative to the sharing of proceeds with the Ministry of Education on the sale of the former Robert Usher Collegiate, and a decrease in planned maintenance expenses due to contractor inavailability.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That the Audited Financial Statements for the period September 1, 2010, to August 31, 2011, be approved as presented, and that the Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to endorse same.

Motion Carried.

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Strategic
Planning
Committee

The Continuous Improvement Report 2010-11: Reporting on Student Success had been distributed. Mr. T. Stobbs advised that the Report had been discussed at the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held December 9, 2011, and highlighted the new user-friendly design of the report. Board members expressed appreciation for the hard work and dedication demonstrated in the ongoing implementation of the Continuous Improvement Framework.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That the Continuous Improvement Report 2010-11: Reporting on Student Success be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

Public Accounts

Copies of the Board’s 2010-11 Statement of Public Accounts had been distributed.

Motion by Dr. B. Young:

That the 2010-11 Statement of Public Accounts of the Board of Education of the Regina School Division No. 4 of Saskatchewan be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

Community
Leaders
Advisory
Committee
Update

Mr. D. West provided a brief summary of discussions held at the Community Leaders Advisory Committee meeting held December 12, 2011. He advised that the committee received an update on Regina Revitalization Inc., including the proposed changes in and around Mosaic Stadium and the CP Rail area. He noted that the Deputy City Manager was requesting school board input, and, in discussions with the Catholic Board of Education representative, Mr. West felt that the matter should be added to an agenda of a future joint meeting of the two Regina school boards. He further advised that the committee received an update on the downtown neighbourhood plan and the transportation challenges associated with the newly developed plaza.

Thank You

Mr. D. West advised that he, and a number of fellow Trustees, had recently attended the high school musical, *Grease!*, at Sheldon-Williams Collegiate. Mr. West congratulated the staff and participating students on a superb production.

Closed
Session

Motion by Mrs. A. Fraser:

That we go into closed session.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mrs. A. Fraser:

That we rise and report.

Motion Carried.

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At the conclusion of closed session, the Committee of the Whole recommended to the Board:

- Meeting Adjournment Time 1) That the December 13, 2011, Board meeting be authorized to continue beyond the 9:30 p.m. presumptive adjournment time.
- Public Section 2) That an allocation of \$1.50 per pupil in support of Public Section, Saskatchewan School Boards Association, be approved for the purpose of replenishing the litigation fund.
- Personnel Matter 3) That, effective 2011-12, affected out-of-scope employment contracts be amended to remove the \$1,000/year maximum Board contribution towards LEADS membership fees.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

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

Motion Carried.

Motion by Dr. B. Young:

That recommendation No. 2 (above) from the Committee of the Whole be approved.

Motion Carried.

[Mrs. K. Gagne, Ms. C. Beck, Mrs. A. Fraser, Mr. D. West, and Dr. B. Young supported the motion; Mrs. C. Anderson and Mr. T. Stobbs opposed the motion.]

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That recommendation No. 3 (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 *Personnel Matter, Renewal Plan, Audit and Policy Review Committee*, and *School Calendar Development*. The progress reports were accepted.

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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 10:22 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer