

Regina, Saskatchewan
January 10, 2012

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	Mr. Tim Stobbs
	Mrs. Angela Fraser, Vice-Chair	Mr. Dale West
	Mrs. Cindy Anderson	Dr. Barbara Young
	Ms. Carla Beck	

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: *MADD Presentation, Facilities Question, and Joint Meeting of Standing Committees.*

Adoption of Agenda	<u>Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:</u>
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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 December 13, 2011.
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Motion by Ms. C. Beck:

That the minutes of the Board meeting of December 13, 2011, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

Public Presentations	<p>The Board received a presentation from Ms. Lara Quintin, on behalf of the Haultain School Community Council. Ms. Quintin offered three alternatives to closure of the school at the end of June, 2012. She outlined various factors that help determine the success of an educational program and highlighted barriers to success for at-risk students in low-income areas. She encouraged Board members to make an exception to the program delivery model enrolment range and not close Haultain School. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation and materials submitted.</p>
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The Board received a presentation from Mr. Bill Gray, on behalf of the Queen City Eastview Community Association Inc. Mr. Gray urged Board members to keep Haultain School open, noting the new housing starts in the community. He further pointed to the use of the school for social and recreational activities. Mr. Gray responded to questions relative to the city-owned community centre in Eastview located in a former Catholic elementary school. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation.

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Renewing
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With respect to the next agenda item relating to the Renewal Plan, Mrs. K. Gagne stated that it had been agreed that the Vice-Chairperson, Mrs. A. Fraser, would bring forward the proposed motions in order to facilitate discussion.

Members of the Board presented their general views with respect to the proposed Dieppe School attendance area merger. In considering the motion, comments in favour included reference to the regular biennial review of the Renewal Plan, the educational benefits associated with the elementary school program delivery model, the provision of parental choice of receiving school, the questionable long-term sustainability of the school, and the obligation to consider the system as a whole. Comments opposed focused on the proximity of students within walking distance to the school, the potential for population growth and economic development in the area, the impact on enrolment levels at receiving schools, and the uncertainty associated with the new provincial funding model.

Motion by Mrs. A. Fraser:

That Dieppe School be closed at the end of the 2011-12 school year and that its attendance area be consolidated with that of McLurg School; with all current regular Kindergarten to Grade 8 pupils (and their siblings) attending Dieppe School to be eligible for transportation (in accordance with established procedures) to either McLurg School or Walker School commencing with the 2012-13 school year.

Motion Carried.

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

Members of the Board presented their general views with respect to the proposed Haultain School attendance area merger. In considering the motion, comments in favour included the educational benefits associated with the elementary school program delivery model, the questionable long-term sustainability of the school, and the obligation to consider the system as a whole. Comments opposed focused on the school’s community school status, the proximity of students to the school, the possibility of an influx of families into the attendance area, and the need to review and plan for all the schools in the planning area prior to making any closure decisions.

Motion by Mrs. A. Fraser:

That Haultain School be closed at the end of the 2011-12 school year and that its attendance area be consolidated with that of Glen Elm School; with all current regular Kindergarten to Grade 8 pupils (and their siblings) attending Haultain School to be eligible for transportation (in accordance with established procedures) to either Glen Elm School, McDermid School or Imperial School commencing with the 2012-13 school year.

Motion Carried.

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

Naming of
Facilities

Information relative to the naming of the new Wascana Community School had been distributed. Ms. Julie MacRae, Director of Education, provided additional information, noting the set of criteria outlined in Administrative Procedure 610,

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Naming of Educational Facilities. Ms. C. Beck recommended that the North Central Community Connection newspaper be included in the list of potential advertising avenues.

Motion by Mrs. A. Fraser:

That, pursuant to Administrative Procedure 610, *Naming of Educational Facilities*, plans to solicit nominations for the naming of the new school replacing Wascana Community School proceed.

Motion Carried.

MADD
Presentation

Mr. D. West advised that he had attended the provincial launch of MADD Canada’s video entitled *Damages* at Sheldon-Williams Collegiate on January 6, 2012. He indicated that students were addressed by the Honourable Tim McMillan, Minister Responsible for SLGA and SGI, and that MADD President, Ms. Denise Dubyk, was in attendance. Mr. West expressed appreciation for the presentation, noting that it was very powerful and that a number of students were overcome with emotion. He suggested that Mr. McMillan be urged to circulate the production for viewing by all high school students.

Closed
Session

Motion by Mr. T. Stobbs:

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 reported progress with respect to consideration of *Facilities Studies, Joint Meeting of Standing Committees, and Facilities Question*. 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. D. West:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 7:00 to 9:05 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer