

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
Administration Present	Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, & Secretary-Treasurer	

The Chairperson called the meeting to order and noted that, due to adverse weather conditions in Saskatoon where they were attending a LEADS conference, Dr. B. Young, Ms. Julie MacRae, Director of Education, and Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, Instruction and School Services, were unable to attend the meeting. As a result, agenda items 9a *Structural Innovation Report* and 7b *Campus Regina Public Update* were deferred to the next Board meeting. She then asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. It was requested that the following items be added: *Newcomer Welcome Centre Tour, Regina Multicultural Society Public Speaking Competition, English as an Additional Language, Choralfest 2012, Public Section Update*, and a further discussion of agenda item 5a *Public Education Advocacy Committee* in closed session.

Adoption of Agenda      Motion by Mr. D. West:

That, with the amendments noted, 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 February 7, 2012.

Motion by Ms. C. Beck:

That the minutes of the Board meeting of February 7, 2012, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

Public Education Advocacy Committee      In Dr. B. Young's absence, Ms. C. Beck provided a summary of the Public Education Advocacy Committee meeting held February 6, 2012, noting the sole agenda item was to review the Board Advocacy Plan. She further highlighted the Health Council of Canada's *Primer on Public Involvement* distributed by Dr. Young. Board members expressed appreciation for the detailed Advocacy Plan. It was recommended that #5 be revised to read "Participate in meetings with Regina MLAs..." that #1 be revised to include "Public Section General Meeting scheduled for May 31-June 1, 2012," and that #4(1) be revised to include May 11, 2012, as the date for the SSBA Public Engagement Workshop.

Chair	S/T

Motion by Mr. T. Stobbs:

That the proposed Board Advocacy Plan 2011-12 be adopted as revised.

Motion Carried.

Facilities:  
Borrowing  
Bylaw

A copy of draft Bylaw No. 1/2012, a bylaw to borrow \$16,241,110 for the purpose of financing a portion of the costs of the construction of Arcola School, the construction of Douglas Park School, and the remediation of the foundation at Campbell Collegiate (Phase I), had been circulated to Board members. It was reported that the required authorizations to borrow money by way of a long term loan had been issued by the Saskatchewan Municipal Board on February 22, 2012, and by the Ministry of Education on February 27, 2012.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That Bylaw No. 1/2012 be read a first time.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mrs. A. Fraser:

That Bylaw No. 1/2012 be read a second time.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That Bylaw No. 1/2012 be read a third time.

Motion Carried.

MLA Math  
Consultation  
Update

Mrs. K. Gagne advised that she, Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, Instruction and School Services, Ms. Juanita Redekopp-McKeown, Supervisor of Instruction, and Lori-Jane Dowell-Hantelmann, Numeracy Coordinator, attended a consultation where Regina MLAs, Mr. Gene Makowsky, Mr. Warren Steinley, and Mr. Russ Marchuk were soliciting feedback from school divisions regarding the current math curriculum. She advised that the overall feedback from the school divisions attending the meeting was positive, indicating that any change to the curriculum at this time would be premature. She further noted that concern was expressed regarding communication with parents and the community and that a Ministry strategy in support of curriculum communication was desirable. Board members expressed appreciation to the administration for the continued work in the priority area of numeracy.

Newcomer  
Welcome  
Centre Tour

Mr. D. West advised that Board members attended a tour of the Newcomer Welcome Centre, highlighting that Regina has welcomed over 400 immigrant and/or refugee students since September, 2011. He expressed appreciation for the work of the employees at the Centre. Mrs. C. Anderson echoed Mr. West's sentiments, and further expressed appreciation for the Regina Transit workers for the assistance they provide to students.

Chair	S/T

Regina  
Multicultural  
Society Public  
Speaking  
Competition

Mrs. K. Gagne advised that she recently had the opportunity to judge at the Regina Multicultural Society Public Speaking Competition, a competition open to all Regina students. She noted that students from two Regina Public schools participated – Regina Huda School and F. W. Johnson Collegiate. She applauded the high quality of student performance and recommended that the Board support and promote future competitions in all Regina Public schools.

Choralfest 2012

Mrs. C. Anderson advised that Choralfest 2012 is scheduled for March 30, 2012, at Westminster United Church, and encouraged Board members to attend the extraordinary choral event.

Closed  
Session

Motion by Mr. T. Stobbs:

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 reported progress with respect to consideration of *Members’ Council Update, English as an Additional Language, Public Education Advocacy Committee, and Public Section Update*. 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. C. Anderson:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 7:00 to 8:08 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer