

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
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Administration Present	Ms. Julie MacRae, Director of Education Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, & Secretary-Treasurer Mr. Greg Enion, Deputy Director, Student Achievement Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, School Services
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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: *New Funding Distribution Model Survey and Feedback, Proposals to Amend The Education Regulations, 1986, and Mayor's Letter re: Sport Specific Academies.*

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 meetings held on June 19 and June 26, 2012.
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Motion by Mrs. A. Fraser:

That the minutes of the Board meetings of June 19 and June 26, 2012, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

School Opening Update	Ms. Julie MacRae, Director of Education, welcomed the Trustees to a new school year and acknowledged the hard work and dedication of staff from Student Achievement, School Services and Division Services in preparing for the 2012-13 school year. Mr. Greg Enion, Deputy Director, Student Achievement, reported on organizational meetings that were conducted, with a communication plan being shared relative to the re-organization of Instruction and School Services into the departments of Student Achievement and School Services. He further advised that school division-funded professional development was offered during the Summer relative to course development for Campus Regina Public and the alignment of outcomes and resources for regular and modified high school courses. He noted that 80 new teachers participated in the New Teacher's Induction held August 27 and 28, 2012. Mr. Enion highlighted additional professional development opportunities, held over the Summer, including: Response Ability Training (RAP), based on the philosophy of the Circle of Courage; Mandt Training, a strategy to support students with significant behaviours; and RespectED Training, a course focused on the
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prevention of abuse, bullying, violence and sexual exploitation. Mr. Enion responded to questions relative to Campus Regina Public enrolments.

Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, School Services, emphasized the close working relationships with the Student Achievement department in communicating changes in departmental responsibilities precipitated by reorganization, and with the Division Services department in collecting data for reporting to the Ministry of Education. He highlighted that enrolment and pupil-teacher ratios are being regularly monitored, and that staffing changes may be necessary to ensure equity across the division. Mr. Walter responded to questions relative to data collection, Pre-Kindergarten programs, transitions for Dieppe and Haultain students, the impact of English as an Additional Language delivery model changes, and enrolment numbers at the new Douglas Park School.

Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, reported on the numerous undertakings of Division Services staff in preparation for school opening. In terms of major projects, she referenced the opening of the new Douglas Park School, the progress on the new Arcola School rebuild, and the substantial completion of the underpinning project at Campbell Collegiate. She noted that Ministry approval of the Seven Stones project had been received and that the start-up of that rebuild, on the former Herchmer School site, would commence upon receipt of a building permit. She then outlined a representative sampling of work completed by Facilities staff at schools throughout the system. Ms. Burnett summarized projects and upgrades undertaken by the Information Technology department including: refreshing high school classroom computers, ensuring technology services were available for start-up at the new Douglas Park facility, installing 18 data projectors and 12 Smart Boards in classrooms, and converting to CommunityNet, the provincially-supported network solution for all school divisions in the province. She further advised that the network configuration was modified to provide for redundancy in the case of a disaster, with network equipment being divided between Division Office and Winston Knoll Collegiate. She highlighted that significant work was also completed in the areas of IT security and disaster recovery planning in response to past audit recommendations. She referred to the ongoing work of the Transportation department, noting that six additional buses were added to the Board fleet, with the total number of regular routes increasing to 192 plus 48 kindergarten runs. In addition, she outlined the projects completed in the areas of Stores and Distribution, Human Resources and Workplace Diversity, and Accounting. Ms. Burnett expressed appreciation to all staff involved in the undertakings outlined.

Board members acknowledged all staff for their work in preparing for the 2012-2013 school year.

Learning Across the Community Project

At the Board’s request, Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, School Services, Mr. Greg Enion, Deputy Director, Student Achievement, and Mr. Ron Christie, General Manager, Educational Facilities, provided an update on the Learning Across the Community project. Mr. Walter introduced Mr. Chris Holden, from the City of Regina, who serves as Chair of the Management Committee. Mr. Walter outlined the history of the project, starting with development of the Community Vision and Action Plan in 2003, and progressing to the current phase of Project Design and Construction. He noted that, throughout each phase, the vision and understanding of the partners evolved and expanded. Mr. Christie outlined the partner funding arrangements, noting that, with fewer partners than in 2003, the project budget has been reduced. Mr. Walter further acknowledged the work of Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, working with the City of Regina on ownership and operation issues. Mr. Enion highlighted the shared vision based on the cornerstones of Community, Learning and Health. He outlined the current partners in the

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project and the key elements of cooperation among community stakeholders and government, adoption of innovative approaches designed to address the unique cultural and physical program delivery needs of the North Central community, and revitalization of the neighbourhood. He drew attention to the current status of the project, mentioning three conceptual floor plan options developed by P3Architecture Partnership. He further advised of a number of recent and upcoming events, including an Elders Focus Group, Management Planning Day, and Public Open House. The presenters responded to questions relative to building capacity, transportation arrangements, employment of local area residents, Campus Regina Public possibilities, Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region and Regina Catholic Schools involvement, LEEDS Silver environmental design criteria, and Scott Collegiate building retention issues. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation.

Submission of Bylaw Amendments and Resolutions for the 2012 Annual General Meeting

Information relative to the submission of bylaw amendments and resolutions for the 2012 Saskatchewan School Boards Association Annual General Meeting had been distributed. Mrs. K. Gagne noted the deadlines for submission. Trustees requested that the matter be added to the next Board meeting agenda for further discussion.

Budget 2012-13 Final Estimates

Information relative to the approval by the Ministry of Education of the Board's 2012-13 revenue and expenditure estimates submission (as detailed at the June 4, 2012, Board meeting) had been distributed. Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, noted that, following said approval, The Education Act, 1995 requires Board approval of the final 2012-13 estimates.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That the 2012-13 estimated revenues and expenditures, as submitted to and approved by the Ministry of Education, be adopted as the final statement for the 2012-13 fiscal year.

Motion Carried.

Board Annual Work Plan 2012-13

Mrs. K. Gagne outlined the proposed Board Annual Work Plan for 2012-13, noting that the plan is designed to reflect activities in the three priority areas of: 1) Improving Student Success; 2) Quality Governance and Policy Making; and 3) Community Relations and Advocacy. Board members expressed appreciation for the layout of the Work Plan. It was requested that employee group meeting(s) be added to the Work Plan.

Motion by Dr. B. Young:

That the Proposed Board Annual Work Plan for 2012-13 be approved as amended.

Motion Carried.

CSBA Conference Update

Mrs. K. Gagne advised that she, Mrs. A. Fraser, Dr. B. Young, and Ms. Julie MacRae, Director of Education, attended the CSBA Congress in Quebec City in July, 2012. Mrs. Fraser highlighted events at the conference that she found very enjoyable, noting a forum where the Rt. Hon. Paul Martin delivered a powerful

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message on funding for school divisions. Dr. Young highlighted a forum where speaker, Margaret Trudeau, discussed brain health. She further advised of a sub-session on student engagement that highlighted a Central Student Committee within the Lester B. Pearson School Division in Quebec. Mrs. Gagne noted that the quality of conference speakers was exceptional, highlighting Buffy Saint-Marie's perspective on First Nations education. She commented on student engagement, noting that it became very evident during the session that the quality of instruction and the quality of the teacher/student connection are key. She advised that she had taken part in a very challenging and rewarding media training session for board chairs. She expressed appreciation to the Administration and Board for "leading the way" in many areas highlighted at the conference.

Mayor's Letter
re: Sport
Specific
Academies

A copy of a letter from Mayor Pat Fiacco to the President of SaskSport, relative to establishment of a sport academy in Regina, had been distributed. Mr. D. West noted that a motion at the 2011 SHSAA Annual Meeting, to not allow sport academies to compete at the high school level, was defeated. He expressed his concern for the establishment of such academies in the City and the Province. Mrs. K. Gagne advised that the letter does not accurately reflect the discussion held at the last School Board/City Council Liaison Committee Meeting, wherein representatives from both school divisions indicated that such an initiative was not a priority.

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 *Public Section Update, Facilities, New Funding Distribution Model Survey and Feedback*, and *Proposals to Amend The Education Regulations, 1986*. 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. A. Fraser:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 7:00 to 9:08 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer