

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	Dr. Kathleen O'Reilly
	Ms. Carla Beck, Vice-Chair	Mr. Dale West
	Mrs. Cindy Anderson	Miss Aleana Young
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	

The Chairperson called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to adopt the agenda.

Adoption of Agenda	<u>Motion by Dr. K. O'Reilly:</u>
	That the agenda be adopted as prepared.

Motion Carried.

Approving of Minutes	The Chairperson then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 18, 2012.
	<u>Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:</u>
	That the minutes of the Board meeting of December 18, 2012, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

Early Learning Update	Mr. Greg Enion, Deputy Director, Student Achievement, introduced Ms. Morgan Reed, Superintendent, Student Achievement, Ms. Laurie Gatzke, Supervisor of Assessment, Ms. Juanita Redekopp-McKeown, Supervisor of Instruction, and Ms. Kira Fladager, Literacy Coordinator. Ms. Reed and Ms. Gatzke provided an Early Learning update focused on Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and Grades 1 to 3 English. Ms. Reed noted that “learning to read” is a critical challenge in the early years and that the goal, by Grade 3, is for students to transition from “learning to read” to “reading to learn.” She further discussed the Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten programming and environments. Ms. Gatzke explained the Early Years Evaluation (EYE), including Direct Assessment for Pre-Kindergarten students (EYE-DA) and Teacher Assessment for Kindergarten students (EYE-TA). Ms. Reed highlighted Hanen’s “Learning Language and Loving It,” and its strategies for encouraging quality conversations with young children. She also pointed to the use of Balanced Literacy in Grades 1 through 3, that provides explicit instruction of skills and strategies, and promotes inquiry in a culturally-responsive setting where the needs of students are continually assessed. She also outlined reading interventions for students who struggle, including Reading Effects, and Fountas and Pinnell Leveled Literacy Intervention. Ms. Reed, Ms. Gatzke, Ms. Redekopp-McKeown and Ms. Fladager responded to questions

Chair	S/T

relative to Pre-Kindergarten vulnerability criteria, Pre-Kindergarten placements, the time dedicated to assessment, and pre- and post-assessment timeframes. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation.

Annual Meeting of Electors: Agenda/Theme/ Location	A draft agenda for the Annual Meeting of Electors had been distributed. Ms. Julie MacRae, Director of Education, noted that the annual meeting has historically been held in the month of May, a practice that pre-dates the requirement for the Board's Continuous Improvement Report to be delivered and approved in December. To align reporting with current practice, the annual meeting had been moved to the month of January. Ms. MacRae further proposed that the meeting be held at the newly constructed Arcola Community School, with the theme "Learning in the 21st Century," to highlight the Board's capital projects. She responded to a question relative to the meeting format.
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Motion by Mr. D. West:

That the draft agenda for the Annual Meeting of Electors of the Board of Education of the Regina School Division No. 4 of Saskatchewan, to be held at 7:00 p.m. on January 29, 2013, at Arcola Community School, 2315 Abbott Road, Regina, be approved, and that the theme "Learning in the 21st Century" be adopted as discussed.

Motion Carried.

Closed
Session

Motion by Miss A. Young:

That we go into closed session.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Dr. K. O'Reilly:

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 Matter* and *Long Service Event*. 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 Dr. K. O'Reilly:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 7:00 to 9:55 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer