

At a meeting of the Board of Education of the Regina School Division No. 4 of Saskatchewan, held at 1600 4th Avenue.

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| Members Present        | Mrs. Katherine Gagne, Chair<br>Mr. Dale West, Vice-Chair<br>Ms. Carla Beck  | Dr. Kathleen O'Reilly<br>Miss Aleana Young |
| Administration Present | Ms. Julie MacRae, Director of Education<br>Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, & Secretary-Treasurer<br>Mr. Greg Enion, Deputy Director, Student Achievement |  |

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: *Saskatchewan School Boards Association Update* and *Community Relations Committee*.

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| Adoption of Agenda | <u>Motion by Dr. K. O'Reilly:</u><br><br>That, with the additions requested, the agenda be adopted.<br><br>Motion Carried. |  |
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| Approving of Minutes | The Chairperson then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 17, 2013.<br><br><u>Motion by Miss A. Young:</u><br><br>That the minutes of the Board meeting of December 17, 2013, be approved as distributed.<br><br>Motion Carried. |  |
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| Early Years Update | Information regarding Pre-Kindergarten through Grade Three (Early Learning) initiatives had been distributed. Ms. Morgan Reed, Superintendent, Student Achievement, Ms. Juanita Redekopp-McKeown, Supervisor of Instruction, and Ms. Kira Fladager, Literacy Coordinator, provided additional information. Ms. Reed referenced the Continuous Improvement Plan goal that, by 2017, 95% of Regina Public students would be reading and doing math at grade level by the end of Grade 3. She outlined Results Team recommendations to clearly define the components of balanced literacy instruction and the non-negotiables for literacy assessment and instruction, and to formulate a professional development model for all Pre-K to Grade 3 teachers. Ms. Redekopp-McKeown outlined the collaboration with Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten teachers, the end result of which will be a set of practices, progress reporting processes and progress reports that align with early learning beliefs and practices. Ms. Reed noted that professional development opportunities provided on August 27 and October 4, 2013, focused on the non-negotiable components of balanced literacy and key resources. Ms. Redekopp-McKeown discussed the continued Unwrapping of Essential Learnings (Pre-K) and ELA and Math Outcomes (K-Gr3). Ms. Reed |  |
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pointed to the development of the English Language Arts website by Ms. Fladager. She provided an update on the Readings Effects Program, now known as Early Reading Intervention Program, which operates in 11 designated schools. Ms. Fladager showcased the Turtle Island Voices resources used to support First Nations/Métis educational content. She referred to mirror books that contain accurate reflections of the children, their lifestyles, their families and home community, and promote positive self-esteem, and window books that provide a glimpse into the diversity of the world and develop children’s comfort with and respect for unfamiliar people, places and lifestyles. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation.

Update on Meeting with Minister

Mrs. K. Gagne provided a brief summary of a meeting she and Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, attended, via conference call, with the Minister of Education, on January 3, 2014. She advised that the focus of the meeting was to discuss the unfolding of the new school bundle projects. She noted that the presentation will be made to the Regina Public and Catholic Boards on January 23, 2014, at 12:00 PM, at Division Office, and that the presentation will be circulated to Board members ahead of time.

Agenda for Annual Meeting of Electors

Further to Board motion, the proposed agenda for the Annual Meeting of Electors was circulated to the School Community Council Chairs on December 18, 2013, for input. It was noted that a request had been received to add “Capital Projects Update” to the agenda for the meeting.

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 28, 2014, at Campus Regina Public-Cochrane Campus, 1069E 14th Avenue, Regina, be approved as amended.

Motion Carried.

Closed Session

Motion by Ms. C. Beck:

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 recommended to the Board:

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- Negotiations
- 1) That two proposed Letters of Understanding with CUPE Local 650, relative to the following topics:
    - 1) Procedure Regarding Casual Employees; and
    - 2) Hiring of Facility Technicians;
- be approved for execution on behalf of the Board of Education of the Regina School Division No. 4 of Saskatchewan, subject to ratification by CUPE Local 650.

Motion by Miss A. Young:

That recommendation No. 1 (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 *Facility Matter, Update on Meeting with Minister, Information Request, Community Relations Committee, and Saskatchewan School Boards Association 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 Ms. C. Beck:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 7:00 to 8:49 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer