

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 | Ms. Carla Beck |
| | Mr. Dale West, Vice-Chair | Dr. Jane Ekong |
| | Mrs. Cindy Anderson | Dr. Kathleen O'Reilly |
| 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. It was requested that the following item be added: *Facilities Matter*.

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| Adoption of Agenda | <u>Motion by Dr. J. Ekong:</u> | |
| | That, with the addition requested, the agenda be adopted. | |
| | 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 January 7, 2014. | |
| | <u>Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:</u> | |
| | That the minutes of the Board meeting of January 7, 2014, be approved as distributed. | |
| | Motion Carried. | |

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| Seven Stones Virtual Tour | Mr. Greg Hasiuk, Number TEN Architectural Group, provided an update on the ongoing construction of Seven Stones Community School, including a virtual tour of the facility, showcasing the three learning communities, entrances, play areas, early learning centre, central commons area, media centre, and outdoor roof terrace classroom. Mr. Hasiuk suggested that the school will likely be the most energy efficient school in Canada, utilizing innovative features such as displacement ventilation and daylight tubes. He was pleased to note that some features from the former Herchmer Community School were incorporated into the new school. Mr. Ron Christie, Manager, Capital Planning, gave a brief overview of construction progress to date and the work yet to be completed for school opening in August, 2014. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation. | |
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| Grades 4-6 Report | Information regarding Grades Four through Six initiatives had been distributed. Ms. Starla Nistor, Superintendent, Student Achievement, provided additional information. She highlighted a half-day meeting held in August, 2013, with | |
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teachers, consultants and school-based administrators, to focus on the areas of literacy and numeracy. She noted that the literacy session concentrated on developing common understandings and beliefs regarding effective literacy instruction and how to support a balanced literacy framework, while the numeracy session was directed at ways of teaching and assessing mathematics to maximize learning for all students. Based on the results of an online survey designed to identify desired professional learning opportunities, a draft of *The Indicators of Effective Teaching and Learning* of literacy and numeracy was created by Ms. Kira Fladager, Literacy Coordinator, and Ms. Lori Jane Dowell-Hantelmann, Numeracy Coordinator, and edited by consultants and principals in January, 2014. Ms. Nistor advised that classroom visits will be organized in May, 2014, and that all Grades 4-6 teachers, consultants and administrators will receive a copy of *The Indicators of Effective Teaching and Learning* in August, 2014, and will participate in open space sessions created and presented by teachers and consultants. She showed a video of Mr. Jason Howse, a teacher at Wascana Community School, demonstrating his literacy and numeracy teaching methods. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation.

Audit and
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Policy Review

Further to his report at the December 17, 2013, Board meeting, Mr. D. West advised that the Audit and Policy Review Committee held Policy Review Meetings with Dr. Leroy Sloan on November 29 and December 11, 2013, noting that all 19 Board policies were reviewed and revisions to 15 of the policies were recommended and had been distributed. Ms. C. Beck raised a concern with differentiating between clause 2 in Policy 4 *Trustee Code of Conduct*, and the clause in the preamble of Policy 7 *Board Operations*, relative to the Board’s duties and obligations. Mr. West and Mrs. K. Gagne both noted that it was their interpretation that trustees owe a duty to the Board first and foremost in assisting the Board in carrying out its legislative duties, and that the clause does not contradict the preamble set out in Policy 7. Ms. Beck further outlined concerns with respect to proposed amendments to clause 10 of Policy 7, “Delegations to Board Meetings.” With the removal of clause 10.12, she expressed concern that there is no provision for the public to present to the Board on matters of a time sensitive or emergent nature. She requested that the proposed revisions to Policy 7 not be approved at this time and that it be referred for further review by the Audit and Policy Review Committee.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That the revisions to Board Policies 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17, be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

[Mrs. K. Gagne left the Board room for a short period of time during which Mr. D. West, Vice-Chairperson, assumed the chair. Mrs. Gagne resumed the chair upon her return.]

Community
Relations
Committee

Mrs. C. Anderson provided a brief summary of the Community Relations Committee meeting held January 14, 2014, that she chaired in Miss A. Young’s absence. She noted that the Committee discussed the proposed changes to the Committee structure and mandate. She highlighted the proposed School Community Council Forum, to be held April 8, 2014, and the consensus to request the Resource Officers to provide direction on the forum format. She further highlighted the Student/Board Forum, to be held April 29, 2014.

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She advised that for this event the format would include presentations from immigrant and Canadian students, and discussions would centre on why students choose to attend certain high schools.

Public Education Advocacy Committee Mrs. C. Anderson provided a brief summary of the Public Education Advocacy Committee meeting held January 21, 2014. She noted that the Committee discussed the proposed changes to the Committee structure and mandate. She advised that the Committee reviewed the letter submitted to the Saskatoon Star Phoenix by Mr. Bert De Gooijer, Chair of the Public Section of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association, and noted that the Committee asked Mrs. Gagne to write a letter to Mr. De Gooijer expressing the concerns of the Board regarding the submission of the letter. She highlighted that the Committee decided that another meeting with the Mayor and City Council was not required at this time due to the recent joint meeting, and noted that a meeting could be requested if any additional information comes forward regarding the joint school projects warranting such discussion. She further advised that meetings were currently being scheduled with the Saskatchewan Party Regina MLAs and NDP Regina MLAs and that these would take place prior to the end of June, 2014.

Facilities Matter Ms. Julie MacRae, Director of Education, provided an update on the structural condition of École Connaught Community School, noting that the structural integrity of the facility had been and continues to be monitored closely. She advised that a Stage One Facility Study was completed in June, 2012, and a Board motion indicating it would pursue a rebuild of the school was passed on February 26, 2013. She advised that J. C. Kenyon Engineering Inc. (the “engineering firm”) has been monitoring the condition of the school since 2010. She outlined that, in December, 2013, and January, 2014, the engineering firm completed two different types of assessments: a visual assessment as part of the ongoing monitoring cycle; and a more in-depth core sampling of the foundation, in response to ongoing observations of foundation movement and ensuing cracks in both exterior and interior walls. She advised that the engineering firm’s full report was being made public at the current time and would be posted on the Regina Public Schools website by no later than the following morning. She outlined the findings set out in the engineering firm’s report, noting the ongoing heaving of the foundation, the continuing deterioration of the foundation walls, and the widespread and active cracking of the beams, slabs and walls. It was further noted that Room 12 was evacuated in December, 2013, and a wall removed in order to avert a possible failure, strongly indicating the deteriorating condition of the facility. She noted that it was the opinion of the engineering firm that the building is at the end of its safe and useful life and should be closed at the end of the current school year. The engineering firm did state that the closure date could be extended by up to a year with certain immediate repairs and with enhanced structural monitoring, but that it would not be prepared to continue to provide monitoring and structural engineering services for the Connaught facility beyond that time.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That the Board receive the reports of J. C. Kenyon Engineering Inc., dated January 21, 2014, and February 7, 2014, and direct the Administration to identify options for the temporary relocation of École Connaught Community School students; and that the Board advocate for an expedited decision from the Ministry of Education regarding the proposed rebuild of École Connaught Community School.

Motion Carried.

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Closed
Session

Motion by Mr. D. West:
That we go into closed session.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Ms. C. Beck:
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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| CUPE 3766 Grievance 2013-07 | 1) That Grievance #2013-07, submitted by CUPE 3766 on behalf of a member, be declined. |
| Board Work Plan Review | 2) That the revised Board Annual Work Plan for 2013-2014 be approved as presented. |
| Meeting Adjournment Time | 3) That the February 11, 2014, Board meeting be authorized to continue beyond the 10:00 p.m. presumptive adjournment time. |
| Personnel Matter | 4) That the Board authorize the Director to engage Mr. Ernie Cychmistruk to conduct the Board self-evaluation and the Director evaluation and schedule the finalization session for the last Friday in August, 2014. |

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:
That recommendation No. 1 (above) from the Committee of the Whole be approved.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Ms. C. Beck:
That recommendation No. 2 (above) from the Committee of the Whole be approved.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. D. West:
That recommendation No. 3 (above) from the Committee of the Whole be approved.

Motion Carried.

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Motion by Mr. D. West:

That recommendation No. 4 (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 *Civic Pension Plan Update, Annual Meeting Debrief, High School Strategy Report, Facility Matters, and Personnel Matter*. The progress reports were accepted.

[Ms. C. Beck noted a conflict of interest with respect to the Civic Pension Plan Update and absented herself from the discussion.]

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 10:47 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer