

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. Jane Ekong
	Mrs. Cindy Anderson	Dr. Kathleen O'Reilly
	Ms. Carla Beck	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 Mrs. C. Anderson:</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 September 2, 2014.
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<u>Motion by Dr. J. Ekong:</u>
That the minutes of the Board meeting of September 2, 2014, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

North Central Shared Facility Update	Information relative to the North Central Shared Facility had been distributed.
	Mr. Greg Enion, Deputy Director, Student Achievement, provided information on the background of the visionary collaboration, initiated in 2003, and outlined the integrated learning/community model that has been adopted by the partners. Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, highlighted the ongoing negotiations relative to the legal framework governing the construction and operation of the facility. She advised that two separate agreements have been developed: 1) a Development Agreement specifying the capital contributions of the funding partners and the tender and construction processes; and 2) a Master Agreement that will take effect when the parties occupy the facility. She outlined the financial implications and risks that have been identified. Mr. Enion and Ms. Burnett acknowledged the long journey to bring this innovative and worthwhile project to its current state, and thanked the other members of the Ownership Committee and Division staff for their commitment and diligence in bringing the North Central Shared Facility project this step closer to becoming a reality for North Central Regina. They responded to questions relative to insurance coverage and the potential for an athletics field.

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Board members expressed appreciation for the hard work and dedication of everyone involved in this initiative.

Motion by Ms. C. Beck:

- That:
- 1) The Administration be authorized to finalize and execute:
 - a) A Development Agreement and a Master Agreement governing the development and operation of an integrated facility in the North Central neighbourhood of Regina to be owned and operated by the Board, the City of Regina and Regina Public Library;
 - b) Any ancillary documents required to give effect to the Development and Master Agreements; and
 - c) An agreement with the Regina Public Library for the joint ownership and operation of the library located in the said integrated facility.
 - 2) The Administration be authorized to execute documentation necessary to effect the required consolidation and subdivision of lands associated with the said integrated facility.

Motion Carried.

Community Relations Committee	Miss A. Young provided a brief summary of the Community Relations Committee meeting held September 16, 2014, highlighting discussions relative to the Shared Values Recognition Program Terms of Reference, and the review of last year’s School Community Council Forum and Parent Forum. She noted that it was agreed the Parent Forum format would be pursued again this year on the topic of Internet Safety and Security. She further acknowledged that the annual Board/Student Forum would be held in the Spring. She advised that the Board would consult with School Community Councils on proposed revisions to Policy 18 <i>School Community Councils</i> . She concluded by noting that Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, School Services, had provided an outline of the High School Strategy consultation process.
Submission of Bylaw Amendments and Resolutions for the 2014 SSBA Annual General Meeting	Information relative to the submission of bylaw amendments and resolutions for the 2014 Saskatchewan School Boards Association Annual General Meeting had been distributed. Mrs. K. Gagne noted the deadline for submissions is October 17, 2014, and that requests for any potential resolutions should be submitted to Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, by October 8, 2014, for consideration at the October 14, 2014, Board meeting.
2014 SSBA Annual General Meeting: Appointment of Voting Delegates and Vote Distribution	<p>Information regarding the appointment of voting delegates and distribution of votes for the Saskatchewan School Boards Association 2014 Annual General Meeting had been distributed. Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, provided additional information.</p> <p><u>Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:</u></p> <p>That Mrs. C. Anderson, Ms. C. Beck, Dr. J. Ekong, Mrs. K. Gagne, Dr. K. O’Reilly, and Mr. D. West be appointed as voting delegates to the Annual General Meeting of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association to be held November 16-19, 2014, in Saskatoon; and that, in accordance with the</p>

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established formula, the 51 vote allocation to be cast on behalf of the Board at the 2014 Saskatchewan School Boards Association Annual General Meeting be allocated as follows:

- Mrs. K. Gagne – 9 votes;
- Mr. D. West – 9 votes;
- Mrs. C. Anderson – 8 votes;
- Ms. C. Beck – 8 votes;
- Dr. J. Ekong – 9 votes;
- Dr. K. O’Reilly – 8 votes;

and that, as a matter of policy, if for some reason the number of Board members attending the general assembly is less than the number specified, the total available votes be divided among members in attendance as evenly as possible, as determined by the Chairperson, in order to ensure that the Board’s entire voting allotment can be cast.

Motion Carried.

Strategic Plan

A draft of the *Regina Public Schools Strategic Plan 2014-2017: Relentless Pursuit of Success* had been distributed. Ms. Julie MacRae, Director of Education, highlighted the multi-year strategic plan, reporting on strategies that align with the targets and goals of previous Continuous Improvement Plans, as well as current provincial priorities. She advised that the six priority strategies are intended to ensure: a reduction in the performance gap between Regina Public’s First Nations, Métis and Inuit (FNMI) and non-FNMI learners; that all students can read at grade level at the end of Grade Three; that all students achieve at Grade level in reading, writing, and mathematics in Kindergarten through Grade 12; that more students graduate; that the necessary supports and services are in place for Early Learning; and that the Division’s available fiscal and human resources expenditures are aligned to help achieve these goals. She outlined that each of the priority strategies is supported by a departmental implementation plan, and that the plans are being monitored by the Division Management Team. She acknowledged, with gratitude, the Deputy Directors, the Superintendents, Supervisors, Managers, and other Division staff for their hard work in assisting with the development of the Strategic Plan. Board members expressed appreciation for the commitment shown to relentlessly pursuing success for Regina Public Schools’ students.

Motion by Miss A. Young:

THAT the Board of Education approve the Regina Public Schools’ Strategic Plan “*Relentless Pursuit of Success*,” as presented.

Motion Carried.

High School
Strategy
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Process

Information relative to the High School Strategy Consultation Process had been distributed. Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, School Services, reminded Board members of the High School Strategy, presented at the February 11, 2014, Board meeting, that addressed a number of issues, including ensuring equitable opportunities for all students regardless of what high school they attend. He outlined the Family of Neighbourhood Schools consultation process, highlighting the three phases contemplated. He noted that Phase 1, Current State, involved a Division-wide consultation, engaging students, parents, staff and community, seeking feedback about strengths and challenges. He noted that Fulcrom Management Solutions Ltd. has been contracted to assist in this process, utilizing the product, ThoughtExchange. He identified the three general questions that will be used to gather the feedback. In Phase 2, he advised that

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the results of Phase 1 would be shared with participants, who would then be asked to provide feedback on the Family of Neighbourhood Schools model. He outlined that in the final Phase, Decision and Implementation, feedback from participants would provide guidance for Board members and administration in determining the future of the Family of Neighbourhood Schools model. He noted that a final report on the participants’ feedback would be provided to Board members and administration, and an implementation plan developed, to commence with the 2015-16 school year. He charted the timelines for each of the Phases and summarized the communication plan. He responded to questions relative to the development of feedback questions, targeted participants, number of entries allowed per participant, computer availability and access, assistance for English as an Additional Language families, and timeline restrictions. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation and for the ongoing commitment to ensuring equitable opportunities in Regina Public Schools’ high schools.

The Canadian Wildlife Federation Memorandum of Understanding

A proposed Memorandum of Understanding with the Canadian Wildlife Federation had been distributed. Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, School Services, provided additional information, highlighting that the opportunities provided through the Memorandum of Understanding will be mutually beneficial to both organizations, with activities aligning with a number of curriculum outcomes. He noted that the Federation recently entered into a similar arrangement with Regina Catholic Schools.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That the Memorandum of Understanding between Regina Public Schools and the Canadian Wildlife Federation be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

Board Annual Work Plan 2014-2015

Ms. Julie MacRae, Director of Education, outlined the proposed Board Annual Work Plan for 2014-2015. She noted the three priority areas established by the Board: 1) Engaging in further development regarding role clarification and procedural norms for meetings; 2) reviewing Policies 12 *Role of the Director*, 17 *Aboriginal Education*, and 18 *School Community Councils*; and 3) reviewing and clarifying the Board’s role in the development of the Division Strategic Plan.

Motion by Dr. K. O’Reilly:

That the Proposed Board Annual Work Plan for 2014-2015 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

Subdivision Reports

Miss A. Young noted that Arcola Community School won one of this year’s Best of Canada Awards from Canadian Interiors Magazine, and extended congratulations to everyone involved in bringing to fruition such an innovative and creative facility for learning to the Arcola community.

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Prior to moving in camera, Ms. Julie MacRae, Director of Education, advised that she had distributed copies of the Student First Report that had been released on September 18, 2014, noting the three areas highlighting Regina Public Schools and its programs—the Shirley Schneider Support Centre at Balfour Collegiate, the Aboriginal Advocate Program, and Campus Regina Public.

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 8:15 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer