

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
	Mr. Dale West, Vice-Chair	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 Miss A. Young:</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 16, 2014.
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<u>Motion by Mr. D. West:</u>
That the minutes of the Board meeting of December 16, 2014, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

Reading Achievement Results Update	Information regarding Priority Strategy Two “Improving Reading Performance” had been distributed. Ms. Kira Fladager, Literacy Coordinator, provided additional information relative to a document, developed by a Provincial Reading Committee, highlighting high impact reading strategies and the practice of transferring responsibility to students with guidance and providing opportunities for them to consolidate their skills independently. She advised that the document will have an online presence and will continue to evolve. Ms. Lois Herridge, Superintendent, Student Achievement, outlined the strategies associated with encouraging students to meet and exceed the goals set for them, and actualizing expectations with students and their families. She further outlined the importance of the classroom environment in supporting best practices. Ms. Morgan Reed, Superintendent, Student Achievement, summarized that oral language is foundational to literacy development. She highlighted that assessment and evaluation assist teachers in determining how to be most effective. Ms. Fladager shared instructional approaches in reading. Ms. Herridge outlined the interventions available if students are not reaching their goals. Ms. Reed concluded by advising that the plan will be shared with
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Chair	S/T

teachers across the Division. Ms. Fladager and Ms. Reed responded to a question relative to emphasis on literacy instruction at the post-secondary level. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation.

Connaught Design Process Update

Information regarding the Connaught School rebuild project had been distributed. Mr. Mark Whiting, Supervisor, Policy, Planning and Research, provided additional information, noting that the schematic design stage was concluding. He summarized the three phases involved: 1) schematic design; 2) design development; and 3) construction. He provided information regarding school-based site committee meeting discussions, and the ThoughtExchange process that solicited feedback from the community. He noted that two designs emerged based on a public meeting held October 1, 2014. These are currently identified as Hub Hall and Hub Heart, with both designs incorporating common concepts. He advised that a presentation of the schematic design was made to the public on December 18, 2014, and provided a brief outline. He expressed appreciation for the many stakeholders involved in this phase of the project. Mr. Whiting responded to questions relative to parking lot and bus pick-up/drop off locations, LEED certification, and occupancy schedule. Board members expressed appreciation for the report. Ms. C. Beck acknowledged the deliberate and thoughtful consultation process and echoed appreciation for all involved. She expressed the opinion that the December 18th presentation was relatively well received and emphasized the community’s desire for students to return to school in the community at the earliest opportunity.

Education Sector Strategic Plan and Catchball

Information regarding the Education Sector Strategic Plan and Catchball had been distributed. Ms. Julie MacRae, Director of Education, provided additional information, noting that the provincial leadership team, originally comprised of Ministry of Education personnel and the Saskatchewan Directors of Education, has expanded to include First Nations, Métis and Inuit representatives. She further advised that the second phase of the plan is currently being updated and revised. She outlined that the catchball process provides divisions with an opportunity to review revisions to the original plan before the plan is finalized and adopted for the 2015-16 school year, noting that this Division’s senior administration will be reviewing the revisions with principals and teacher representatives on January 14, 2015.

Annual Meeting of Electors

The proposed agenda for the Annual Meeting of Electors had been distributed. Mrs. K. Gagne advised that Seven Stones Community School would be the location for this year’s meeting. It was noted that, as per Subsection 97(4) of *The Education Act, 1995*, the proposed agenda was circulated to the School Community Council Chairs on December 16, 2014, for input and, to date, no suggested changes to the agenda have been received.

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 27, 2015, at Seven Stones Community School, 1101 Princess Street, Regina, be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

Chair	S/T

Subdivision Reports Mr. D. West advised that Sheldon-Williams Collegiate will be holding its Winter theatrical production, *Awesome 80s Prom*, an interactive improv musical, on Monday, January 12 and 13, 2015.

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:

Personnel Matter 1) That Mr. Ernie Cychmistruk be appointed acting Director of Education effective March 1, 2015, and continuing until the commencement of a replacement Director of Education or July 31, 2015, at the latest.

Motion by Mr. D. West:
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 *Elders Advisory Committee Meeting Update* and *Personnel Matter*. 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 Miss A. Young:
That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 7:00 to 8:35 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer