

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
	Mrs. Cindy Anderson	Miss Aleana Young
	Ms. Carla Beck	
Administration Present	Mr. Ernie Cychmistruk, Interim 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 welcomed Mr. Ernie Cychmistruk to the position of Interim Director of Education. She then 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 February 10, 2015.
	<u>Motion by Ms. C. Beck:</u>

That the minutes of the Board meeting of February 10, 2015, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

First Nations, Métis and Inuit Achievement Initiative	Information regarding the First Nations, Métis and Inuit (FNMI) Achievement Initiative had been distributed. Mr. Greg Enion, Deputy Director, Student Achievement, outlined graduation rates, within three and five years from students starting Grade 10, and advised that the Division’s focus is to reduce the gap that exists between self-declared FNMI and non-FNMI students. Ms. Sarah Longman, Supervisor, Aboriginal Education, provided additional information on the Education Sector Strategic Plan priority strategy, outlining specific targets for schools in the areas of attendance, credit attainment, increased graduation rates, and literacy. She advised that Scott Collegiate is participating in the “Hearing Their Voices” initiative, which is based on New Zealand’s <i>Te Kotahitanga</i> project. She further advised that existing Aboriginal Education administrative procedures will be reviewed, and procedures from other school divisions and jurisdictions will be researched. She expanded on the role of the Aboriginal advocate teachers and the success of the program. Ms. Longman outlined the development of an internal strategy to collect, gather and report

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accurate information on FNMI learners in the Division, and the continued emphasis on communicating with students, families and school staff in efforts to obtain accurate information on self-declared students. She also noted the establishment of a working group to review the Elders-in-Residence program. Mr. Enion highlighted the Division-wide Treaty training that was delivered at the beginning of the school year, noting that the event was the top Twitter feed for Canada for five hours that day. He advised that more Treaty training will be provided in the future. He thanked Ms. Longman for her work on the self-declaration initiative, noting that Regina Public is leading the province in this area. He indicated that 24 Student Achievement Consultants have been trained in guided-level reading, and that, with the data collected, additional resources have been placed in four schools to assist FNMI students achieve at a higher level. Mr. Enion and Ms. Longman responded to questions relative to the impact of Campus Regina Public on FNMI graduation rates, causes of truancy, literacy achievement in primary grades, the number of Elders-in-Residence, and the collection, management and interpretation of data. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation.

Subdivision
Reports

Mr. D. West advised that he attended the official launch of Campus Regina Public’s new automotive program on February 24, 2015, showcasing its recently renovated shop area and classrooms and its partnership with Capital Auto Mall. Mr. Greg Enion, Deputy Director, Student Achievement, noted that Capital Auto is developing an internship program and will be awarding scholarships and hiring students upon graduation. He pointed to the partnership opening up other potential working relationships in the automotive industry, and thanked Mr. Bruce Axelson, President and CEO, of Capital Auto, for his proactive approach to community involvement. Mr. D. West further advised that he attended an event at Campus Regina Public on February 27, 2015, where a television crew from Washington, D.C. conducted a number of interviews and showcased Campus Regina Public for a Chinese television station. He noted that, once complete, the Division will receive a link to the broadcast.

Dr. J. Ekong recognized the hard work of the students at Campbell Collegiate who, for the second year, are raising money to support an under-developed area in China. She noted that the students raised more than \$10,000 last year to assist in erecting a school, and are raising money this year to install two wells. She congratulated the students for being productive members of the global community. She further advised that she attended the theatrical production, *Alice in Wonderland*, at Wilfred Hunt School, and acknowledged the creativity of the students in making the scenes come alive for the audience.

Ms. C. Beck welcomed the guests in attendance at the meeting, particularly the Social Work students from the University of Regina, who are studying social policy. Ms. Beck further advised that she volunteered on February 27, 2015, for Dr. Seuss Reading Day. She expressed appreciation for the event that highlights literacy, and thanked the United Way of Regina for hosting same.

Mrs. K. Gagne expressed appreciation to the teacher coaches in the Division, as basketball wrapped up for the season, and acknowledged Mr. Ben Goby in the gallery for his involvement as a volleyball coach.

Closed
Session

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That we go into closed session.

Motion Carried.

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Motion by Miss A. Young:

That we rise and report.

Motion Carried.

At the conclusion of closed session, the Committee of the Whole recommended to the Board:

- Contract Matter
- 1) That, subject to approval by the other project funding partners, the new North Central Shared Facility construction project be awarded to Quorex Construction based on the bid, itemized and alternative pricing submitted and as such are accepted by the Board and other project funding partners.
- Budget Matter
- 2) That the feasibility of establishing a Transportation Consortium in partnership with the Regina Catholic School Board be explored, and that the Ministry of Education be approached to participate in and provide financial assistance for such an undertaking.
- Personnel Matter
- 3) That out-of-scope salary adjustments be implemented as discussed.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That recommendation No. 1 (above) from the Committee of the Whole be approved.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That recommendation No. 2 (above) from the Committee of the Whole be approved.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That recommendation No. 3 (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 *Public Section* and *Other*. The progress reports were accepted.

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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 9:24 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer