

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. Greg Enion, Director of Education	
	Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, & Secretary-Treasurer	
	Mr. Darren Boldt, 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 Mr. D. West:</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 29, 2015.
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	<u>Motion by Dr. K. O'Reilly:</u>
	That the minutes of the Board meeting of September 29, 2015, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

United Way Summer Success Reading Program	Information regarding the Summer Success Reading Program sponsored by the United Way had been distributed. Ms. Lois Herridge, Superintendent, Student Achievement, introduced Ms. Joanne Grant, CEO, United Way Regina, and Ms. Robyn Edwards-Bentz, Director of Community Impact and Investments, United Way Regina. She noted that, through a generous donation from United Way Regina, 10,000 books were recently distributed to schools for students to take home to bolster their personal libraries. She advised that the program, designed for Grades 1-3 students reading no more than two grade levels below adequate, was held at Seven Stones, Albert, Kitchener and Thomson Schools. It ran half-days for two weeks, with a maximum enrolment of 15 students per location. Through funding from United Way Regina, the program involved three teachers and community volunteers, and offered parent and family engagement opportunities, attendance incentives, field trips, movement breaks, snacks, home reading books and activities as well as a reading assessment. She outlined the goals of the program, including maintaining or improving reading levels, engaging community, celebrating literacy, fostering a love for reading,
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facilitating reading intervention, and providing families access to books. Ms. Laurie Gatzke, Supervisor of Assessment, summarized quantitative and qualitative data associated with the project, noting 71% of the students in the program achieved 70% or better attendance, and 88% of the students maintained or improved their June reading benchmark levels. A video focusing on program highlights, produced by United Way Regina, was shared. Ms. Grant responded to a question relative to program advocacy support. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation and the program.

Aboriginal Advocates Information regarding Aboriginal Advocate Teachers had been distributed. Mr. Darren Boldt, Deputy Director, Student Achievement, introduced Ms. Sarah Longman, Supervisor of Aboriginal Education, and the seven Aboriginal Advocate teachers—Dawne Cassell, Deanna Pelletier, Rhonda Stevenson, Russell Paskimen, Rick Desjarlais, Ceane Dusyk, and Peter Turner. Ms. Longman outlined the foundational principles for Aboriginal Advocate teachers, and provided a brief overview of their roles and responsibilities, including monitoring attendance and credit attainment, providing instructional support, and assisting with transition to post-secondary opportunities. She further outlined the focus on relationship building with and engagement of families. Mr. Boldt summarized assessment data, evidencing an increase in credit attainment and graduation rates of First Nations, Métis and Inuit students. Ms. Longman responded to questions relative to the number of Inuit students in the Division, and the uniqueness of the program in the Province. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation and thanked the Aboriginal Advocates for their efforts and commitment.

2015-2016 Annual Work Plan The Positive Path Forward 2015-2016 and Board of Education Calendar 2015-2016, had been distributed. Mrs. K. Gagne provided an overview of the Board’s Positive Path Forward for the 2015-2016 school year.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

- That:
- 1) the Positive Path Forward developed at the Annual Board Self-Evaluation held June 9, 2015, be approved as outlined; and
 - 2) the Proposed Board of Education Calendar for 2015-2016 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

Enrolment Report Information relative to 2015-2016 student enrolment had been distributed. Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, School Services, provided additional information, including actual enrolment comparisons from 2014-2015. He advised that the actual system enrolment, as of September 30, 2015, was 22,409 students, an increase of 485 students from 2014-2015, and 56 students above 2015-2016 projections (including Pre-Kindergarten and Home-Based students). It was noted that this enrolment growth (the equivalent of a large elementary school) was not recognized in the 2015-2016 funding provided by the Ministry of Education. Mr. Walter responded to questions relative to the funding shortfall and the possible impact on future class sizes and pupil-teacher ratios and projection accuracy. Board members recognized the significant issue of the funding shortfall and expressed appreciation for the report and for the continued work to minimize the direct impact on students.

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Subdivision Reports Miss A. Young advised that she and Ms. C. Beck attended the We Day presentation at Campbell Collegiate on October 14th. She noted that the presentation was broadcast live across the Division, and that Mr. Craig Kielburger, Co-Founder of Free the Children, was the keynote speaker. She expressed appreciation for the event and for the engagement of students.

Closed Session Motion by Miss A. Young:
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:

Facilities Matter 1) That the application for emergent funding, as submitted to the Ministry of Education on September 30, 2015, be endorsed.

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 *Joint Use Schools Project – Legal Matter*, and *Enrolment Report*. 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 Mrs. C. Anderson:
That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 7:00 to 8:05 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer