

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 Mr. Dale West, Vice-Chair Mrs. Cindy Anderson Ms. Carla Beck	Dr. Jane Ekong Dr. Kathleen O'Reilly Miss Aleana Young
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 Dr. K. O'Reilly:</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 November 24, 2015.	
	<u>Motion by Miss A. Young:</u> That the minutes of the Board meeting of November 24, 2015, be approved as distributed.	
Motion Carried.		
Community Relations Committee	Miss A. Young provided a brief summary of the Community Relations Committee meeting held December 1, 2015. She highlighted discussion regarding a communications strategy for the Division, and noted the continued good work of Mr. Terry Lazarou, Supervisor, Communications, in communicating with the media about good new stories in our schools. She also pointed to the use of social media, the Division's website, and school newsletters as great avenues for communication. She advised that, at the time of the meeting, Mr. Greg Enion, Director of Education, had visited 40 schools, with plans to visit all schools by the end of January, 2016. She outlined further discussion regarding Policy 18 "School Community Councils," and noted that the revised draft will be forwarded to the Policy and Planning Committee for review. She expressed appreciation to Ms. Terri Baldwin, Superintendent, School Services, for her work in this area. Ms. Young concluded by noting that plans are in place to consult with the parent community to identify a topic of interest for the next annual parent forum to be held in the Spring.	

Chair	S/T

Noon Hour Supervision Information regarding the review of the Universal Lunch Room Supervision Program had been distributed. Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, School Services, reminded Board members that, with the significant cost increase associated with the provision of universal free lunch room supervision for Grades 1 to 8 students, a \$300,000 reserve allocation was included in the 2015-2016 budget to offset these supervision costs, with changes to be implemented effective with the 2016-2017 school year. He summarized the feedback obtained through online, school-based and Division-wide consultations. He further noted the direction provided in *The Education Act, 1995*, relative to the supervision of students transported by the Division. Based on the foregoing, Mr. Walter advised that, commencing with the 2016-2017 school year: 1) parents of all Grades 1 to 8 students staying over the lunch period who are not transported by the Division will be required to pay a registration fee at the beginning of the school year—\$100 for full-time students and \$50 for part-time students; 2) there will be a process put in place whereby families can apply for an exemption or a reduced rate where financial need is demonstrated; and 3) the maximum paid by one family to supervise their children will be capped at \$200. He advised that a communication plan will be rolled out early in the new year. He responded to questions relative to monitoring afternoon attendance, non-payment, cost recovery, and administration of the program at each school. Board members expressed appreciation for the thorough consultation and the report.

Subdivision Reports Ms. C. Beck advised that, on December 11, 2015, there was a launch of three classroom libraries at Kitchener Community School. She expressed appreciation to the United Way Regina, Evraz and BlueSky Financial for their sponsorship of this pilot project designed to enhance literacy for students. She further advised that she attended a lunch at École Connaught Community School where the senior classroom cooked a turkey dinner for teachers and staff. She expressed appreciation for the signage that is now in place on the École Connaught School rebuild site.

Mr. D. West expressed gratitude to employees of Regina Public Schools who supported the 2015 United campaign, raising a total of \$47,895.97 through payroll deductions, cash donations, the Director’s Breakfast, and special events held at each of the schools and at Division Office. He extended a special thank you to the Grade 3 class at Jack MacKenzie School who, with the help of their teacher, Ms. Jorie Gilroy-Beck, raised \$3,205 by selling handmade necklaces. The school raised a total of \$5,902. He noted that each and every contribution to the Regina United Way makes a difference in the lives of those in the community. Mr. West further expressed appreciation for those in the Division who are helping with the arrival of Syrian refugees, and reiterated the need for Federal and Provincial funding for the increased enrolment the Division will experience as a result.

Dr. J. Ekong commended the students and staff at Wilfred Hunt School for their pancake breakfast and raffle in support of Souls Harbour Rescue Mission and Marian Centre.

Mrs. K. Gagne brought attention to and expressed appreciation for the students and staff at George Lee School for their Backpack Project. Through personal and corporate donations, they assembled over 300 school starter kits for Syrian Refugee children entering the Division in the near future.

Ms. C. Beck drew attention to the release of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s final report, commending Justice Murray Sinclair and the other Commission members for their work. She advised that the report and its 94 recommendations can be found online, and highlighted that the first category of the report revolves around education.

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Mrs. K. Gagne wished everyone with Regina Public Schools the best of the holidays.

Closed
Session

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That we go into closed session.

Motion Carried.

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:

CUPE 650
Grievance
01-2015

1) That Grievance #01-2015, submitted by CUPE 650, be declined.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

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 *International Baccalaureate (IB) Program*. The progress report was accepted.

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 8:40 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer