

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	Ms. Carla Beck
	Mr. Dale West, Vice-Chair	Dr. Jane Ekong
	Mrs. Cindy Anderson	Dr. Kathleen O'Reilly
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 Dr. K. O'Reilly to address the gallery. On behalf of the Board, Dr. O'Reilly recognized Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, School Services, for travelling to La Loche to support fellow colleagues during this very difficult time. She further thanked Regina Public Schools Division staff and students for the outpouring of support in the wake of the tragic events, and extended heartfelt sympathies to the community of La Loche.

The Chairperson then asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. It was requested that the following item be added: *Public Section Report*.

Adoption of Agenda	<u>Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:</u>	
	That, with the addition requested, the agenda be adopted.	
	Motion Carried.	

Approving of Minutes	The Chairperson then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meetings held on January 12, 2016, and January 26, 2016.	
	<u>Motion by Dr. K. O'Reilly:</u>	
	That the minutes of the Board meetings of January 12, 2016, and January 26, 2016, be approved as distributed.	
	Motion Carried.	

@HERE Centre and High School Registration Centre	Information regarding the @HERE Centre and High School Registration Centre had been distributed. Mr. Rick Steciuk, Superintendent, Student Achievement, introduced Mr. Brent Bachiu, Principal, Adult Campus, and teachers, Dean Kakakaway and Cory Antonini. Mr. Bachiu provided background information on how the @HERE Centre came to fruition, and highlighted the Centre's focus on school readiness and re-engagement – working with students to transition them back into their neighbourhood school. Mr. Antonini noted that the Centre serves Grade 9 students and outlined the process by which students arrive at the	
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Centre. Mr. Kakakaway highlighted the connections made with students to re-engage them. Mr. Bachiu identified the internal stakeholders that have been vital to the success of the program, including Principals, Vice-Principals, Counsellors, Aboriginal Advocates, and Elders. Mr. Antonini and Mr. Kakakaway also pointed to external partnerships with Regina Food for Learning, the YMCA, and Co-op Taxi. Quantitative data relative to attendance and transitioning back to neighbourhood schools was presented. Mr. Bachiu provided additional information on the High School Registration Centre. He explained that the Centre is open to all Grade 9-12 students who are new to Regina Public Schools or have not been attending a Regina Public school for at least one semester, and allows for the determination of necessary programs and neighbourhood school placements. He further advised that 441 students have been assisted to date, 51% of whom self-declared as aboriginal students. Messrs. Bachiu, Antonini and Kakakaway responded to questions relative to staffing, students with jobs, entrepreneurship interest, length of the high school registration process, and classes available to students. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation and for the positive working being done at the Centres.

(Dr. K. O'Reilly left the meeting at 7:30PM.)

Public Presentation re: International Baccalaureate Program	The Board received a presentation from Ms. Michelle Lang, a graduate of the International Baccalaureate certificate program at Campbell Collegiate. Ms. Lang spoke in favour of maintaining the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program at Campbell Collegiate and allowing a two-year extension for further stakeholder engagement and financial analysis. She shared a PowerPoint presentation, highlighting the positive aspects of the program, comparing costs of the IB and Advanced Placement programs, and outlining concerns should the IB program be cancelled. She appealed to the Board to reinstate the IB program. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation.
First Quarter Operating Results (2015-2016)	First Quarter Financial results for the 2015-2016 fiscal year had been distributed. Mr. Bruce Lipinski, Superintendent, Business Affairs, provided additional information, explaining that grant and taxation revenues are accrued for the reporting period based on 25% of the fiscal year, and that school generated fund expenditures are reported when realized. He further noted that capital grant receipts are currently significantly lower than expected. He observed that expenditures were at a reasonable level as of the end of November. It was noted that statements were provided on both a PSAB-compliant and a cash basis for comparative purposes. Mr. Lipinski responded to a question relative to the capital grant payment stream. Board members expressed appreciation for the report.
Somerset Concept Plan	Information relative to the Somerset Concept Plan had been distributed. Mr. Mark Whiting, Supervisor, Policy, Planning and Research, provided additional information, noting that the original Concept Plan for the Somerset development was reviewed by the Board in the Fall of 2013 with comments provided to the City at that time. He advised that the current application is to make changes to the phasing and rezoning areas for development, none of which impact the nature of the original review and comment. He did highlight that accessibility (walkability) to the local schools from the area continues to appear to be limited and requires further consideration.

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Motion by Ms. C. Beck:

That the Board’s comments forwarded previously to the City of Regina with respect to the Somerset development be reiterated.

Motion Carried.

2016-2017
School Year
Calendar

Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, School Services, presented proposed elementary and high school calendars for the 2016-2017 school year. Mr. Walter advised that consultations occurred with representatives from the Regina Catholic and the Prairie Valley school divisions to align the calendars as much as possible. He further noted that consultation had been conducted with representatives from the Regina Public School Teachers’ Association and local union presidents. Mr. Walter highlighted that the Ministry of Education provided direction to school divisions that, for the 2016-17 school year, the first day of school for students is to be September 1, 2016. He further advised that the Winter break will commence December 22nd.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That the 2016-2017 school year calendar be approved as presented, subject to review by the Ministry of Education.

Motion Carried.

Subdivision
Reports

Mr. D. West advised that students at Sheldon-Williams Collegiate held a 24-Awake-A-Thon over the weekend in support of Syrian Refugees and raised in excess of \$15,000. He extended congratulations and appreciation to the students and staff involved.

Mrs. C. Anderson extended best wishes on behalf of the Board to Mr. Rob Currie, Director of Education, Regina Catholic Schools, on his recent retirement and new position with the Ministry of Education.

Closed
Session

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That we go into closed session.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Ms. C. Beck:

That we rise and report.

Motion Carried.

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

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CUPE 3766
Grievances

- 1) That Grievance #2015-07, submitted by CUPE 3766, be declined.
- 2) That Grievance #2015-08, submitted by CUPE 3766, be declined.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

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.

At the conclusion of closed session, the Committee of the Whole reported progress with respect to consideration of *Personnel Matter* and *Public Section 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 Mr. D. West:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 7:00 to 9:02 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer