

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	Dr. Jane Ekong Ms. 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. J. Ekong:</u> That the agenda be adopted as prepared. Motion Carried.	
Declaration of Any Conflicts	The Chairperson asked if there were any conflicts of interest to be declared. None were reported.	
Approving of Minutes	The Chairperson then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 24, 2016. <u>Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:</u> That the minutes of the Board meeting of May 24, 2016, be approved as distributed. Motion Carried.	
Thank You Gift to Regina Public Schools	Information regarding a donation of a fountain and planter from the Ruecker family to Regina Public Schools had been distributed. Mrs. Mona Ruecker, Mr. Ron Ruecker, Ms. Brooklyn Ruecker and Mr. Deed Ruecker were in attendance at the meeting. Mrs. Ruecker spoke on behalf of her family, expressing sincere gratitude to Regina Public Schools for the years of education, support, inclusion and work experience opportunities afforded Brooklyn, who attended McLurg School and Winston Knoll Collegiate. She advised that it was always a priority for Brooklyn to be included in her neighbourhood schools, as those were the schools attended by her siblings and the other children in the community. Deed spoke on what it meant to him to have his younger sister attend school with him and be welcomed by everyone. On behalf of Brooklyn, the Ruecker family donated a fountain and planter to Regina Public Schools as a	

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symbol of her excellent education and inclusion experiences. Quoting Elder Betty McKenna, Mrs. Ruecker offered the view that water is life and our most essential resource; it exists in one form or another everywhere; it is essential like our children; and children are an essential resource for our future; and plants represent the continued growth of our children. On behalf of the Board and Administration, Mrs. K. Gagne expressed appreciation for the fountain and planter, and also for the richness brought to our school communities through Brooklyn.

Joint-Use
School Early
Learning and
Childcare

Information relative to the development and implementation of a new provincial model for early learning and child care had been distributed. Ms. Juanita Redekopp-McKeown, Supervisor of Instruction, provided additional information, highlighting that the opening of the new joint-use schools provided an opportunity for the Ministry of Education, public and separate school divisions, and child care centres, to develop and implement a new provincial model for early learning and child care, aimed at strengthening the early learning experiences and transitions to school by creating stronger and consistent linkages between communities, child care providers, and education. She provided a brief outline of the new model, designed and developed by the Early Learning Working Group, to be used in the new joint-use schools. She noted that information gathered from surveys, experience and research was used to inform the development of the new model, which is comprised of three key fundamental pillars – quality early learning childcare programming, partnerships, and community and family engagement. She further outlined a number of new features in the model, including a strong working relationship and governance structure between school and child care administrators and educators to facilitate the best outcomes for children in the early years. She advised that the Ministry established a staged three-year plan to be ready for the opening of the schools in September, 2017, and for full implementation of the model within one year after the opening. Ms. Redekopp-McKeown responded to questions relative to assessment monitoring, the Request For Proposals process, alignment to the Education Sector Strategic Plan, the maximum enrolment in the programs, the criteria for selection of students, and the division of enrolment between the public and separate schools. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation.

[Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, School Services, joined the meeting during the Joint-Use School Early Learning and Childcare presentation.]

Third Quarter
Operating
Results (2015-
2016) and
Subsequent
Events Audit
(2014-2015)

Third Quarter Financial results for the 2015-2016 fiscal year had been distributed. Mr. Bruce Lipinski, Superintendent, Business Affairs, provided additional information, advising that the revenue stream for the School Division is, for the most part, realized proportionally over the 12-month fiscal year, and that major expenditures are realized over a 10-month period from September to June, resulting in expenditures being greater than revenues as at May 31, 2016 (excluding capital grants). With regard to the Subsequent Events Audit, he advised that the date for reporting has been moved to July 6, 2016, and that, between March 31 and July 6, 2016, no significant changes are anticipated. He further noted that an additional confirmation from the Division will be required for the period July 6 to July 14, 2016, and again advised that no significant changes are anticipated. Board members expressed appreciation for the report.

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Public
Education
Advocacy
Committee

Dr. J. Ekong provided a brief summary of the Public Education Advocacy Committee meeting held May 24, 2016. She advised that the Committee discussed funding advocacy relative to the arrival of Syrian refugees. She noted that a meeting had been held with Minister of Education Don Morgan, and that the Chairperson will be following up with the office of Mr. Ralph Goodale, MP, to arrange a meeting. She advised that the Committee received an update on the Attendance Incentive Program, which contributed to an increase in high school attendance for the 2015-2016 school year. Division Administration will work with high school administrators on adjustments to the program and continue to work with the United Way on the “Attendance Matters” program. She noted a review of a letter supporting a 100% GST refund and advised that the Chairperson signed and forwarded the letter to the Office of the Prime Minister. She further advised that an update on the School Board/City Liaison Committee was provided, and noted that Mr. Greg Enion, Director of Education, and the Director of Education for Regina Catholic Schools, have met with Mr. Chris Holden, the new City Manager, to discuss several topics of mutual interest for both divisions. Mrs. K. Gagne advised that she had contacted Mr. Goodale’s office but was not granted a meeting with him at this time. She also confirmed that the letter to the Prime Minister relative to the GST refund matter had been forwarded. It was noted that the Private Members Bill brought forward by Mr. Kevin Waugh, MP, regarding the *Excise Tax Act* (school authorities), was not province-specific, but nation-wide. Dr. Ekong expressed appreciation to the Public Education Advocacy Committee members for their work during the 2015-16 school year.

Community
Relations
Committee

Ms. A. Young provided a brief summary of the Community Relations Committee meeting held June 7, 2016. She highlighted that the Board/Student Forum was, once again, a success, with positive feedback on topics and the engagement of students. She advised that student feedback was received and considered, and noted a suggestion to plan for smaller groups next year to create more focus for students. She further highlighted that the School Community Councils (SCC) Forum was also successful, with appreciation being expressed for the format, topics and staff presenters. The new process of surveying parents in advance regarding possible topics was very helpful and will be continued. She also noted that the forum will be held earlier next year (likely in March) to accommodate more parents. She advised that the Committee discussed a number of other topics, including ways to include more parents, building Trustee and SCC engagement, planning orientation modules for new Trustees, and possible Board recognition of long-serving SCC members, and noted that these topics would be included in the Board’s Fall Planning Session. She outlined that, in lieu of a New Employees Reception, which has seen declining attendance, the Committee endorsed having the Director annually visit each school, personally welcome each new employee, and present them with a pin. Ms. Young expressed appreciation to the Community Relations Committee members for their work during the 2015-16 school year.

Trustee
Subdivision
Boundaries

Information regarding approval by the Ministry of Education of the electoral boundary changes had been distributed. Mr. Mark Whiting, Supervisor, Policy, Planning and Research, advised that the subdivision boundary descriptions in Board Policy 7 *Board Operations* required updating.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That the recommended revisions to Policy 7 *Board Operations* be approved.

Motion Carried.

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Preventative Maintenance and Renewal 3-Year Plan Information regarding changes to the Ministry of Education’s Preventative Maintenance and Renewal Program had been distributed. Mr. Dave Bryanton, Superintendent, Educational Facilities, advised that, under the current Board Governance Model, the project requests have, in the past, been approved for submission by Administration, but that the Ministry of Education recently changed its processes and now requires Board approval of the 3-year pre-planned submission, including approval of amendments.

Motion by Ms. A. Young:

That the 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 PMR Plans, and the 2016-17 amendments, be approved, as presented, for submission to the Ministry of Education, with the understanding that Administration may revise same as necessary.

Motion Carried.

Strategic Plan Update Information on progress relative to Regina Public Schools’ Strategic Plan had been distributed. Mr. Darren Boldt, Deputy Director, Student Achievement, outlined the Division’s priority targets and noted that they align with the Province’s Education Sector Strategic Plan targets. Mr. Boldt, Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, School Services, summarized actions relative to the following core strategies: 1) Development of a First Nations, Métis and Inuit Achievement Initiative; 2) Implementation of a Comprehensive Program to Improve Reading Performance at All Grade Levels; 3) Increasing the Number of Kindergarten Students Who Enter Grade One Ready to Learn; 4) Increasing the Number of Students Who Achieve Grade Level Performance in Literacy and Numeracy; and 5) Improving Student Attendance and Credit Attainment as a Means of Increasing Graduation Rates. Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, summarized progress relative to the final core strategy: 6) Ensuring All Current and Future Program and Service Expenditures Contribute Positively to Student Success. Mr. Boldt, Mr. Walter and Ms. Burnett responded to questions relative to First Nations, Métis and Inuit enrolment data and transportation efficiencies. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation.

Subdivision Reports Mrs. C. Anderson advised that she recently attended an enjoyable dessert theatre at Harvest City Christian Academy. She further extended congratulations to Imperial Community School on receiving a \$40,000 grant from the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation.

Dr. J. Ekong provided a brief summary of the Thursday night speaker at the recent Public Section Meeting. Mr. D. West noted that the meeting agenda contemplated the Public Section Report was to be provided in closed session.

Ms. A. Young extended congratulations to Arcola Community School for being one of three Saskatchewan schools selected as winners of the “Mosaic Extreme School Makeover Challenge.”

Mrs. K. Gagne extended appreciation to all the staff of Regina Public Schools for their exceptional work throughout the 2015-16 school year.

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Closed
Session

Motion by Mr. D. West:

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:

2016-2017
Budget

- 1) That a Board meeting be scheduled for June 28, 2016, commencing at 4:30 PM, to be held at the Regina Public School Board Office, 1600 4th Avenue, Regina, in order to finalize the 2016-2017 budget submission.

Motion by Ms. 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 *Community Relations Committee*, *Public Section Update*, and *School Naming*. 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 Ms. A. Young:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 7:00 to 9:25 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer