

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	Mrs. Tanya Foster
	Ms. Aleana Young, Vice-Chair	Mr. Adam Hicks
	Mrs. Cindy Anderson	Mr. Jay Kasperski
	Dr. Jane Ekong	
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 acknowledged the location of every Regina Public School and the School Division Office on Treaty 4 land.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. It was requested that, in consideration of exceptional circumstances, the following item be added, notwithstanding that the prescribed notice had not been provided: *Presentation*.

Adoption of Agenda	<u>Motion by Dr. J. Ekong:</u>
	That, with the addition requested, the agenda be adopted.
	Motion Carried.

Declaration of Any Conflicts	The Chairperson asked if there were any conflicts of interest to be declared. None were reported.
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Approving of Minutes	The Chairperson then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 4, 2017.
	<u>Motion by Mrs. T. Foster:</u>
	That the minutes of the Board meeting of April 4, 2017, be approved as distributed.
	Motion Carried.

Presentation	Three parents of children who attend non-Ministry designated Prekindergarten programs made a brief presentation to the Board. They thanked the Board for funding the programs for as long as it has, and advised that they are rallying to show their provincial support for the Board, understanding the difficulty faced by the Board given funding reductions for 2017-18. They noted that the
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programs are pivotal in the development of the children attending them. They advised that they will be presenting the Government with precedent-setting cases and expressed hope that the Government will reverse its position and fund these programs. Mrs. K. Gagne thanked the parents for sharing their stories and advised that the Board and Administration continue to communicate with the Ministry of Education regarding these programs.

Technology in the Classroom

Information regarding Technology in the Classroom had been distributed. Mr. Erik Van Dusen, Coordinator, Assessment and Educational Technology, provided additional information, outlining various means by which technology is being used in the classroom. He provided an update on the Seesaw Learning Journals. He highlighted G Suite, that provides productivity tools for inside and outside the classroom, allowing access to Gmail accounts, calendars, websites and other applications. He noted the use of Google Classroom by many teachers in middle years and high school, and demonstrated the process for ongoing feedback and instruction with respect to student assignments. He advised that Chrome Books have been introduced at the high school level and that two high school labs have been recently refreshed. He further noted that plans for Scott Collegiate at the Mâdawêyatitân Centre incorporate a state-of-the-art Mac lab. He noted specific literacy software, including Read&Write for Google Chrome, that can convert speech, decode unfamiliar words with visual dictionaries, and encourage writing. He provided further examples of how technology is engaging students and teachers. He advised that this year’s Federal budget earmarked an amount for coding and programming curriculum, further observing that Saskatchewan is one of the few provinces not endorsing or funding an official curriculum for same. He outlined the coding being taught at both the elementary and high school levels. He also pointed to the Bring Your Own Device strategy being implemented. Mr. Van Dusen concluded his presentation by noting increased interest in digital citizenship. He responded to questions relative to accessibility of applications from locations other than school, equity of access to devices, iPad deployment, coding, teacher uptake and attitude, and bandwidth adequacy. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation.

Preventative Maintenance and Renewal

Information regarding proposed amendments to the 2017-2018 PMR Plan had been distributed. Mr. Dave Bryanton, Superintendent, Educational Facilities, outlined the proposed amendments and advised that Board approval of the amendments is required for submission to the Ministry of Education. He responded to questions relative to the nature of permalon, roof and chiller replacements.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That amendments to the 2017-2018 PMR Plan be approved, as presented, for submission to the Ministry of Education.

Motion Carried.

Annual Meeting of Electors
Statement of Proceedings

As required under section 97(8) of *The Education Act, 1995*, the Secretary’s statement of proceedings of the Annual Meeting of Electors, held January 31, 2017, had been circulated to Members of the Board. It was noted that the statement of proceedings would be subject to approval at next year’s annual meeting of electors.

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Motion by Mr. J. Kasperski:

That the Statement of Proceedings of the 2017 Annual Meeting of Electors, held on January 31, 2017, be adopted as prepared and referred to the 2018 Annual Meeting of Electors.

Motion Carried.

Banking
Resolution:
Purchasing
Card Program

Information regarding a Banking Resolution relative to a Purchasing Card Program had been distributed. Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, advised that, as the School Division falls under the umbrella of the Government of Saskatchewan, it would be eligible to join the Government’s Public Sector Group, and thus eligible to receive a rebate on total purchases based on the combined total card expenditures of all participants in the group. She responded to a question relative to the reporting requirements associated with the program.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That the Board of Education of the Regina School Division No. 4 of Saskatchewan become a member of the Government of Saskatchewan Public Sector Group in order to access the BMO MasterCard Commercial Card Program; and BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The Corporation is hereby authorized to enter into an arrangement with BMO to provide the Corporation with credit by way of an Account, under which arrangement the Corporation may request that BMO issue cards on the Account, and the Corporation will be responsible for the payment of all amounts (including fees and interest) charged to the Account, the whole substantially on the terms and conditions set out in the draft corporate card agreement (the “Agreement”) submitted to, and hereby approved by, the directors;
- 2. THAT the person with the title of Deputy Director, Division Services, is hereby authorized to sign the Agreement with BMO substantially on the terms and conditions of the draft thereof approved by the directors, with such changes or modifications as the persons so signing may in their sole discretion deem appropriate, and to sign from time to time such other documents, agreements, amendments to, and restatements of, the Agreement and to do such other things they in their sole discretion deem appropriate or advisable in connection with, or to give effect to, such Agreement and the program contemplated thereunder.
- 3. The execution and delivery of any other agreements, instruments or documents ancillary or incidental to the documents referred to in this resolution which may have been executed or delivered prior to the enactment of this resolution, regardless of the officer or other employee of the Corporation who executed such agreement, instrument or document, and regardless of any informality in such execution or delivery, are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed in all respects.

Motion Carried.

Subdivision
Reports

Mrs. C. Anderson expressed appreciation for the Student Forum, held April 4, 2017, noting the thoughtful and insightful conversations held.

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Ms. A. Young congratulated Douglas Park School for raising \$279 for Autism Research.

Mr. A. Hicks advised that the École Harbour Landing School Community Council’s applications for several grants for playground equipment had been declined, but that the Council is starting to receive donations from local businesses and has scheduled eight future fundraising events.

Closed
Session

Motion by Dr. J. Ekong:

That we go into closed session.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mrs. T. Foster:

That we rise and report.

Motion Carried.

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

CUPE 3766
Grievance
2016-04

1) That Grievance #2016-04, submitted by CUPE 3766, be declined.

Meeting
Adjournment
Time

2) That the April 11, 2017 Board meeting be authorized to continue beyond the 10:00 p.m. presumptive adjournment time.

Motion by Mr. J. Kasperski:

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

Motion Carried.

Motion by Ms. A. Young:

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 *2017-2018 Budget Deliberations* and *School Naming*, and *Partnership Question*. The progress reports were accepted.

[Mrs. K. Gagne absented herself from the Board discussion and vote with respect to CUPE 3766 Grievance 2016-04.]

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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 Mrs. C. Anderson:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 7:00 to 10:35 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer