

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 the following items be added: *Submission of Resolutions for the Saskatchewan School Boards Association 2017 Annual General Meeting (closed session)* and *School Community Council Guidance*.

Adoption of Agenda	<u>Motion by Mrs. T. Foster:</u>
	That, with the additions 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 September 5, 2017.
	<u>Motion by Mr. A. Hicks:</u>
	That the minutes of the Board meeting of September 5, 2017, be approved as distributed.
Motion Carried.	

2016-2017 Student Achievement Report	Information regarding 2016-2017 achievement data and results had been distributed. Mr. Darren Boldt, Deputy Director, Student Achievement, introduced members of the graduation rate improvement team in attendance—Ms. Lois Herridge, Mr. Rick Steciuk, Mr. Luc Lermينياux, Mr. Ian McKillop,
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Mr. Ken Meredith, and Ms. Nancy Buisson. Mr. Boldt and Ms. Laurie Gatzke, Supervisor, Assessment, outlined achievement data in the following areas: Early Years Evaluation, Grades 1-3 Reading, Grades 2-3 French Immersion Reading, Grades 1-2 French Immersion Cohort, Grades 4 and 7 Writing, 3-year Graduation Rates, 5-year Graduation Rates, and Credit Attainment. Mr. Boldt was pleased to note that 3-year Graduation Rates for Indigenous students increased by 11% from 2015-16, with rates now above the provincial average. He attributed this success to the hard work and commitment of high school principals and staff and the Student Achievement team. He further noted a slight 2% increase in overall 5-year Graduation Rates. Ms. Gatzke advised that the Division will be administering Cat4 Math and Reading tests to all Grade 6 students yearly, starting in November, 2017, and that Mathematics outcome data is being aligned with Ministry reporting requirements for Grades 2, 5 and 8. Mr. Boldt and Ms. Gatzke responded to questions relative to the number of extended time graduates, correlation between attendance and achievement, grade levels for Cat4 test administration, the possibility of extracting English as an Additional Language student data, the number of early years students requiring significant support, province-wide assessment consistency (see Provincial Leadership Team Update below), and French Immersion Cohort determination. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation.

- Submission of Bylaw Amendments and Resolutions for the 2017 Annual General Meeting
- Two proposed resolutions for presentation at the 2017 Saskatchewan School Boards Association Annual Convention had been submitted by Mr. A. Hicks for consideration.
- Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:
- That the following resolutions and associated rationales be approved for submission to the Saskatchewan School Boards Association for presentation at the 2017 Annual Convention:
- 1) BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan School Boards Association Executive consult with the Government of Saskatchewan, Elections Saskatchewan and SSBA Chairs’ Council to consider additional qualifications for eligibility to be nominated as a candidate for and hold office as a board member for a school division under section 45 of *The Local Government Election Act, 2015*.

2) BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan School Boards Association Executive request that the Government of Saskatchewan create a working committee to develop standards, curriculum and implementation of a course credited personal finance class for high school students.

Motion Carried.

- Appointment of Voting Delegates and Vote Distribution
- Information regarding the appointment of voting delegates and distribution of votes for the Saskatchewan School Boards Association 2017 Annual General Meeting had been distributed.
- Motion by Mrs. T. Foster:
- That Mrs. K. Gagne, Dr. J. Ekong, Mrs. T. Foster, and Mr. A. Hicks be appointed as voting delegates to the Annual General Meeting of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association to be held November 13, 2017, in Regina; and that, in accordance with the established formula, the 51 vote

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allocation to be cast on behalf of the Board at the 2017 Saskatchewan School Boards Association Annual General Meeting be allocated as follows:

- Mrs. K. Gagne – 12 votes;
- Dr. J. Ekong – 13 votes;
- Mrs. T. Foster – 13 votes;
- Mr. A. Hicks – 13 votes;

and that, as a matter of policy, if for some reason the number of Board members attending the general assembly is less than the number specified, the total available votes be divided among members in attendance as evenly as possible, as determined by the Chairperson, in order to ensure that the Board’s entire voting allotment can be cast.

Motion Carried.

Members’ Council Update Mrs. K. Gagne advised that she, Ms. A. Young and Mr. Greg Enion, Director of Education, attended Members’ Council on September 22, 2017, and that there was much discussion regarding the significant challenges facing boards of education. Ms. A. Young noted that the group met the new Minister of Education, The Honourable Bronwyn Eyre. She further advised that there were significant discussions relative to the Saskatchewan School Boards Association’s proposed budget as well as a thorough presentation on the Education Sector Strategic Plan.

Accommodation Review In accordance with Board policy, an Accommodation Review analyzing current and projected school facility requirements had been distributed. Mr. Mark Whiting, Supervisor, Policy, Planning and Research, highlighted 1) enrolment trends and projections, including high school enrolment; 2) planning horizon timeline; 3) program delivery model variances; 4) low and growing enrolment programs; 5) school capacity and utilization; and 6) major capital projects. He advised that, overall, Division enrolment continues to increase, particularly in the City’s new subdivisions. He noted that, using the existing facility utilization methodology and projecting enrolments to 2027, continued monitoring of enrolments is necessary to ensure that original expectations are achieved and that overcrowding at schools is avoided. He outlined that the recommendations arising out of the report are that the Administration: 1) continue to include the new south east high school in the Division’s annual capital submission to the Ministry with an emphasis on the need for a 2021 opening to accommodate the student growth in south east Regina; 2) request an additional new school in the Harbour Landing area; 3) retain the former Dieppe School to allow for its repurposing in the future if required; 4) consider relocating the French Immersion programming from École Elsie Mironuck School to Coronation Park Community School, and include a major capital Coronation Park redevelopment/rebuild proposal in the Division’s major capital strategy; 5) continue monitoring enrolment patterns and addressing capacity for Dr. A. E. Hanna School and Judge Bryant School to accommodate future enrolments, and include major capital redevelopment/rebuild proposals in the Division’s major capital strategy; and 6) continue monitoring of enrolments at Grant Road, École W. S. Hawrylak, and École Elsie Mironuck Schools to ensure that recent boundary changes achieve the original expectations and that overcrowding at these schools is avoided. He advised that the next Accommodation Review will be in 2019. Mr. Whiting responded to questions relative to École Harbour Landing School enrolment projections, capacity impacts, capital priority identification, communication with potentially impacted SCCs, and continued capital advocacy. Board members expressed appreciation for the report.

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Provincial
Leadership
Team Update

During the presentation of the 2016-17 Achievement Results, Mr. Greg Enion, Director of Education, advised that the Provincial Leadership Team met the previous week to review provincial data and hold a strategic planning session on actions and deliverables that need to be brought forward. He noted that, with respect to the Sector Plan outcome regarding Graduation Rates, student achievement in Regina Public Schools played a significant role in the 1% increase in overall provincial graduation rates.

Subdivision
Reports

Mrs. T. Foster spoke relative to school events in her subdivision, including the grand opening of Scott Collegiate at the Māmawêyatitân Centre and the relocation of the Adult Campus, now known as the Allan Blakeney Adult Campus, to the former Wascana School site.

Mr. J. Kasperski spoke relative to the grand opening of Plainsview School and its well attended inaugural School Community Council (SCC) meeting where all executive positions were filled.

Dr. J. Ekong advised that she had a personal tour of the new École Wascana Plains School on September 20, 2017, and commented on the excitement of the children regarding their new facility. She noted that the school’s SCC met on September 19th, with all executive positions filled and many volunteers signed up. She advised that the funds for the playground equipment have been raised and installation of the equipment is slated for October. Dr. Ekong further advised that she attended a “Meet the Teachers” barbeque and SCC organizational meeting at Wilfrid Walker School on September 21, 2017. She expressed appreciation for the extremely engaged community.

Mr. A. Hicks advised that the École Connaught Community School Open House and Parent Night were very successful, with many former students attending. He noted that the École Harbour Landing SCC held its first meeting prior to the grand opening, allowing for a quick tour of the facility, and commented that the grand opening was a wonderful event. He advised that he has attended a few parent/community barbecues at some schools. He reported that the Davin SCC raised over \$10,000 in the Davin Home Tour, and expressed appreciation to those who opened their homes for the tour. He concluded by advising of a very well attended Ethel Milliken SCC meeting, that saw great representation of the diversity in that school.

Mrs. K. Gagne thanked Mr. Stuart Harris, Engagement and Transitions Coordinator, for live streaming the Board meeting.

Closed
Session

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That we go into closed session in order to consider those matters identified on the meeting agenda for referral to said session.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mrs. T. Foster:

That we rise and report.

Motion Carried.

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

- Submission of Bylaw Amendments and Resolutions for the 2017 Annual General Meeting

1) That the following resolution and associated rationale be approved for submission to the Saskatchewan School Boards Association for presentation at the 2017 Annual Convention:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association be restricted from making decisions to utilize employee benefit and/or insurance reserve funds (and the interest thereon) to fund Saskatchewan School Boards Association operational costs.
- Meeting Adjournment Time

2) That the September 27, 2017, Board meeting be authorized to continue beyond the 10:00 p.m. presumptive adjournment time.
- Director Evaluation

3) That the Director of Education’s Performance Review be approved as circulated.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

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.

Motion by Dr. J. Ekong:

That recommendation No. 3 (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 *2017-2020 Strategic Plan, Members’ Council Update, Personnel Matter, and School Community Council Guidance*. The progress reports were accepted.

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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. T. Foster:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

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

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer