

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. Adam Hicks, Vice-Chair Mrs. Cindy Anderson Dr. Jane Ekong	Mrs. Tanya Foster Mr. Jay Kasperski 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 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.		
Adoption of Agenda	<u>Motion by Mr. A. Hicks:</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 January 9, 2018. <u>Motion by Mrs. T. Foster:</u> That the minutes of the Board meeting of January 9, 2018, be approved as distributed. Motion Carried.	
Attendance Report	Mr. Greg Enion, Director of Education, provided a brief summary of the Attendance Matters initiative that has been a focus of the Division for the last two years. Mrs. Laurie Gatzke, Supervisor of Assessment, provided detail on student attendance from September to December, 2017, noting significant increases in attendance compared to the same timeframe in 2016, and providing breakdowns for each of the four months at both the elementary and high school levels. She concluded by highlighting the increases in attendance for Indigenous	

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and non-Indigenous students, particularly the significant increases for elementary Indigenous students, as well as the small increases for pockets of Indigenous students at the high school level (Grades 10 and 12 for September). Mr. Enion and Mrs. Gatzke responded to questions relative to possible reasons for attendance declines towards the end of December, slight decreases in the PreK and Kindergarten attendance, impact of Indigenous Advocate Teachers, impact of attendance on academic achievement, and supports provided for new Canadians. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation and the continued focus on attendance.

Community Relations Committee

Mrs. C. Anderson provided a brief summary of the Community Relations Committee meeting held January 23, 2018. She noted that the new SCC Forum, which will include SCC Members, Principals, Trustees, and Division Office staff, will be held on March 13th at Division Office, with the structure of break-out groups to be determined. She further noted that the former SCC Forum will now become the Parent Forum, and will be held on April 18th at Division Office, with Bruce Gordon from Child and Family Services to present on the topics of mental health and student anxiety. She advised that Principals have been apprised of the Volunteer Recognition Program and that a call for nominations will be sent out shortly. With regard to the format and timing of Art Shows, she advised that Committee members agreed to continue with current arrangements. It was affirmed that Principals would be reminded that all volunteers are required to complete Police Information Checks prior to volunteering. She remarked that inclusion of Trustee biographies on the Division website would be held in abeyance pending the launch of a newly designed website. Mrs. Anderson reminded everyone that Board meetings now begin at 5:30 PM, remarked that SCC members may want to attend the First Annual Saskatchewan School Community Conference, and highlighted that various school programs have recently been featured through a variety of media outlets.

Indigenous Education Advisory Council

Mr. A. Hicks provided a brief summary of the Indigenous Education Advisory Council meeting held February 1, 2018. He advised that the Council received a presentation on the number of students no longer enrolled in the Division, 69% of which are self-declared. The importance of determining why students do not re-enroll was noted, as well as the Division’s efforts to ensure contact with the students encouraging them to return and providing them with the necessary supports to keep them engaged upon return. The Council also received a presentation on the Re-Engagement Centre, housed in Scott Collegiate, that focuses on interest- and project-based learning, with one-on-one and small group learning sessions. He concluded by highlighting the presentation on the First Nations Mental Health First Aid training that was offered to Elders and Indigenous Advocates in the Division, providing practical tools to assist Indigenous students with mental health issues, and identifying over 50 key community supports that can be accessed to seek additional support.

Communication and Advocacy Committee

Ms. A. Young provided a brief summary of the Communication and Advocacy Committee meeting held on February 6, 2018. She advised that the Davin School Naming report from the online survey has been completed and will be presented to Board members in closed session. She further advised that Committee members agreed to not immediately decide on a timeline for making this decision, thereby allowing Board members adequate time to review all of the information provided. She noted that there were eight online viewers for the January 9th Board meeting, welcomed anyone currently watching, and advised that the Committee would be reviewing an analysis on the live streaming pilot,

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including cost breakdown and number of viewers, at its final meeting of the school year. She advised that the Committee reviewed a request from Trustee Hicks for the development of a Student Advisory Council, and advised that, after a thorough discussion, Committee members agreed not to move forward with same, as it appears to replicate work already being done at the well-received Student Forum and newly established Indigenous Student Forum. She did note, however, that the Administration will prepare a proposal, for Committee review, relative to receiving presentations from school student representative councils at Board meetings. She also referenced a submission to present at the SSBA’s Spring Assembly on the Student Forum and the Indigenous Student Forum. Relative to a request from Board members on the development of a Dashboard tool, she commented that further discussion is warranted on many aspects of same. Ms. Young closed by highlighting a discussion on the Community Engagement Forum and expressing appreciation for said Forum.

Policy and Governance Committee

Mrs. T. Foster provided a brief summary of the Policy and Governance Committee meeting held February 6, 2018. She advised that the Committee discussed recommended measurements for each strategy in the Strategic Plan, and that a final draft will be presented to the Committee prior to being presented to the Board for approval at the end of the school year. She further advised of a discussion on policy options relative to spirituality in schools, with the Committee to further review options at its next meeting. She noted that a review of Policy 7 was deferred to the May 15th Committee meeting, and that recommended changes to Policy 19, to reflect recent changes to *The Education Act, 1995*, will be finalized at that same meeting. She highlighted a presentation on the Division’s Social Media Procedure, and noted that each of the Standing Committees will be asked to provide input into developing a social media policy. Due to time constraints, she advised that the OneNote presentation was not completed, but that Deputy Director Darren Boldt has sent a OneNote invitation to Committee members to engage them in using the application. Mrs. Foster concluded her summary by noting a request that the Community Relations Committee review Policy 18, “School Community Councils,” and provide feedback to the Policy and Governance Committee.

Audit and Risk Management Committee

Mr. J. Kasperski provided a brief summary on the Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting held February 8, 2018, highlighting that the Committee received a presentation on Enterprise Risk Management (ERM), focusing particularly at the governance level, by Clinton Griffiths of Meyers Norris Penny LLP. Given the change in mandate of the Committee, he noted that said presentation was beneficial to Committee members. He noted that the Committee is to focus on the strategic risks and that operational risks are the responsibility of Administration. It was agreed that the topic of risk management would be explored further at future Committee meetings. He advised that the Committee reviewed the First Quarter Financial Results for the 3-month period ended November 30, 2017, and was informed by Mr. Bruce Lipinski, Superintendent, Business Affairs, that the Division budgeted for property tax from September to December due to the Ministry assuming the collection of property taxes as of January 1st, but, otherwise, revenues are accrued for the reporting period based on 25% of the fiscal year, and that the report was provided on both a cash and PSAB-compliant basis. He commented that further direction from the provincial government regarding the conditionality of governance expenditures is anticipated and the need for any further reporting in that area would be reviewed upon receipt of same. Mr. Kasperski concluded by noting the review of the First Quarter Transportation Performance Report for the 3-month period ended November 30, 2017.

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2018-2019 School Year Calendars Proposed elementary and high school calendars for the 2018-2019 school year had been distributed. Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, School Services, advised that calendars are very similar to the 2017-18 calendars, in that the first day of school for students is to be September 4, 2018. He noted the two-week break in December, as well as a week break in February that has been very well received since being reinstated. He advised that the calendars align with those of Regina Catholic and Prairie Valley school divisions, and that the calendars meet the requirement of 950 hours of instruction. He responded to a question relative to the Kindergarten schedule and the University of Regina Reading break. On behalf of the Board, Mrs. K. Gagne expressed appreciation for the consultation with the other school divisions to align the calendars.

Motion by Dr. J. Ekong:

That the 2018-2019 school year calendars be approved as presented, subject to review by the Ministry of Education.

Motion Carried.

Request for Special Meeting A copy of a petition that had been delivered to the Vice-Chairperson of the Board at the Community Engagement Forum on January 30, 2018, requesting a special meeting of the electors, had been distributed. Mr. Greg Enion, Director of Education, outlined clause 33 of *The School Division Administration Regulations* that allows for such a request, and advised that, after consultation with the Communication and Advocacy Committee, he was recommending a meeting be scheduled for February 28, 2018, at 7:00 PM at Division Office. Mrs. T. Foster, Mrs. C. Anderson, and Dr. J. Ekong expressed respect for the request, and also stressed the importance of not diminishing the success of the Community Engagement Forum and the active participation by those who attended same. Mrs. K. Gagne advised that the special meeting would not be a meeting of the Board but a meeting of the Electors, and that the Board would not be setting an agenda for the meeting. Mr. A. Hicks expressed appreciation for individuals willing to advocate for their rights and commented that he believes their concerns relate more to recent changes made to *The Education Act, 1995*. He further asserted that he had hoped the delegation would have stayed for the entirety of the Community Engagement Forum on January 30th.

Motion by Ms. A. Young:

That the Board of Education of the Regina School Division No. 4 of Saskatchewan hold a Special Meeting of the Electors at the Division Office, at 7:00 p.m. on February 28, 2018; that the individuals listed on the petition be invited, where possible; and that the notice of the Special Meeting of the Electors be advertised at the Division Office and on the Regina Public Schools website.

Motion Carried.

Notice of Motion Dr. J. Ekong advised that, at a Board meeting, she had given previous notice of bringing forward a motion relative to Board Committee structure but that the wording of the motion was not finalized at that time. She noted that, instead, she was providing her proposed motion to the Policy and Governance Committee for review and recommendations.

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Subdivision Reports Mrs. C. Anderson highlighted that it was Staff Appreciation Week and extended recognition to all of the staff in the School Division.

Mr. A. Hicks advised that Argyle School held a community Blanket Exercise on February 5th, for parents, grandparents and community members. He extended thanks to the Argyle SCC for their leadership in this initiative. He advised that Lakeview and Dr. A. E. Perry Schools recently held Skate Nights at the community rinks near the schools. He spoke of a workshop hosted by the Ethel Milliken SCC, entitled “Speak Up: Become an Effective Advocate for Students,” and thanked the SCC for organizing the informative event. He concluded by commenting on the first Movie Night at École Harbour Landing School that saw over 200 people attend.

Dr. J. Ekong advised that she had attended a production of *The Lion King* at Wilfred Hunt School on January 31st, and commended the staff and students on a great performance.

Ms. A. Young advised that earlier in the month she had the privilege of attending the Division’s Indigenous Student Forum. She noted that she chose to sit with Grade 12 students during the Forum. She commented that they advised they were being approached by other students and community members to stand as representatives for all Indigenous people in the province, in light of the Stanley trial, and how this had impacted them and their ability to feel safe or to learn. She outlined words shared with her by a lawyer relative to the jury selection process in the province, and she encouraged those students and community members to become engaged citizens.

Closed Session Motion by Ms. A. Young:

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. C. Anderson:

That we rise and report.

Motion Carried.

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

- Meeting Adjournment Time 1) That the February 13, 2018 Board meeting be authorized to continue beyond the 8:30 p.m. presumptive adjournment time.
- Joint-Use Schools: Legal Matter 2) That lease agreements with the City of Regina relative to the municipal reserve lands associated with the construction and operation of École Harbour Landing School, École Wascana Plains School and Plainsview School be approved and that, subject to no substantive changes being required by the City of Regina, the proper officers of the Board be authorized to execute same.

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Motion by Mr. A. Hicks:

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

Motion Carried.

Motion by Dr. J. Ekong:

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 *Provincial Funding, Facility Matter, Communication and Advocacy Committee*, and *Insurance*. 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 Mrs. C. Anderson:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 5:30 to 8:56 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer