

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	
<p>The Chairperson acknowledged the location of every Regina Public School and the School Division Office on Treaty 4 land.</p> <p>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: <i>Administrative Procedure Update</i> and <i>Former Trustee Presentation</i>.</p>		
Adoption of Agenda	<p><u>Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:</u></p> <p>That, with the additions requested, the agenda be adopted.</p> <p>Motion Carried.</p>	
Declaration of Any Conflicts	<p>The Chairperson asked if there were any conflicts of interest to be declared. None were reported.</p>	
Approving of Minutes	<p>The Chairperson then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 13, 2018.</p> <p><u>Motion by Mr. J. Kasperski:</u></p> <p>That the minutes of the Board meeting of February 13, 2018, be approved as distributed.</p> <p>Motion Carried.</p>	
Community Engagement Forum	<p>Information relative to the Community Engagement Forum, held January 30, 2018, had been distributed. Mr. Terry Lazarou, Supervisor of Communications, provided additional information, noting results from the survey. He advised that the School Community Councils succeeded in advising people of the event. He highlighted recurring feedback and comments, including: desire for longer breakout sessions; preference for the small group format; and appreciation for</p>	

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the opportunity to dialogue with staff. He further noted that invitations were extended to Board members to attend School Community Council meetings, and that the need for an Indigenous voice at such sessions was identified. Moving forward, he outlined some suggestions, including separating elementary and high school issues, and providing questions to School Community Councils ahead of time. Mr. Lazarou responded to questions relative to the survey results distribution, the lack of discussion on Indigenous matters, and the level of engagement at the forum compared to previous annual meetings. Board members expressed appreciation to the Communication and Advocacy Committee for organizing the Community Engagement Forum.

PLT Update

Mr. Greg Enion, Director of Education, provided the Board with an overview of the work being done on the Education Sector Strategic Plan (ESSP) by the Provincial Leadership Team (PLT). He reported on current reporting and planning timelines, noting that the EESP is currently in Cycle 3 (2017-2019). He provided summaries of Cycle 3 progress in the areas of: Early Years; Unified Student Information System; At Grade Level in Reading, Writing and Math; Following Their Voices; Improving First Nations, Métis and Inuit Student Engagement and Graduation Rate; and Graduation Rates. He noted that the PLT will, during the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years, continue to monitor the progress in each of these areas and adjust actions, where necessary, to achieve targets, and will begin discussions on the planning event for Cycle 4 (2019-2021 and beyond). Mr. Enion responded to questions relative to breaking out Early Years and Urban/Rural data, clarifying First Nations Education Authority involvement, funding for early years services, tracking of students requiring supports beyond Kindergarten, and identifying schools involved in Following Their Voices. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation.

Former Trustee Presentation

Mrs. K. Gagne made a presentation to former trustee, Dr. K. O’Reilly, for her years of distinguished and dedicated service to Regina Public Schools, and expressed appreciation to Dr. O’Reilly for her hard work and dedication to public education. Dr. O’Reilly expressed appreciation for the Shared Values plaque and extended good wishes to the current Board.

Mid-Year Funding Adjustment

Information regarding the allocation of a provincial mid-year funding adjustment of \$7.5 million had been distributed. Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, School Services, provided additional information, noting that Regina Public Schools’ allocation was just over \$860,000, and that the Ministry had advised that the funding was “unconditional and no formal reporting of expenditures will be required.” Mr. Walter and Mr. Darren Boldt, Deputy Director, Student Achievement, provided a detailed breakdown of the Division’s plans for the funding including the deployment of an additional 32.5 full-time staff equivalents targeted to alleviate enrolment pressures and provide additional supports until the end of the 2017-18 school year. Mr. Walter and Mr. Boldt responded to questions relative to ongoing resources, placement timelines, current staffing levels, and the Learning and Re-engagement Centre location. Board members expressed appreciation to the Government for the mid-year funding adjustment, and appreciation to the Senior Administration for the enhancement of front-line classroom supports.

(The Board recessed from 6:55-7:25 PM to attend the Student Art Show presentation.)

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Application for  
Major Capital  
Project Funding

Information regarding the Ministry of Education’s Major Capital Projects Funding Program had been distributed. Mr. Mark Whiting, Supervisor, Policy, Planning and Research, provided additional information, noting that school divisions have been requested to identify their top three capital project priorities for the 2019-2020 budget year for Ministry consideration. He advised that the Accommodation Review (2017) identified a continued pattern of enrolment growth and the need for certain schools and neighbourhoods to begin to plan for additional school capacity, and that the opening of three new schools in September, 2017, has assisted to temper the recent systemic enrolment growth pressure, with the exception of the Harbour Landing neighbourhood. He further advised that the previous year’s submission continues to align with Division capital planning commitments and future initiatives, with the exception of requiring an additional new school in the Harbour Landing area. Mr. Whiting and Mr. Dave Bryanton, Superintendent, Educational Facilities, responded to questions relative to site possibilities and funding for relocatables. Mrs. C. Anderson expressed disappointment that the Haultain/Glen Elm School merger rebuild would be displaced from the top three projects list.

Motion by Dr. J. Ekong:

- That:
- a) A new school request be submitted to the Ministry of Education to accommodate student growth in the Harbour Landing subdivision;
  - b) The proposed Imperial/McDermid Schools merger and joint-school rebuild and the Athabasca/Argyle School joint-school rebuild be re-submitted to the Ministry of Education as the Board’s continuing capital project priorities; and
  - c) The major capital project funding application for a proposed joint-use high school facility, previously submitted to the Ministry of Education in 2015, 2016 and 2017, be included with the 2018 submission.

Motion Carried.

Twelfth Year

Information had been distributed regarding the Twelfth Year Opening Ceremony to be held on Monday, May 7, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., at the Saskatchewan Science Centre IMAX Theatre Lobby. Mrs. K. Gagne agreed to attend the event and to extend greetings and congratulations on behalf of Regina Public Schools.

Administrative  
Procedure  
Update

Due to the extensive snow fall experienced over the last few days, Mr. A. Hicks requested an update on the Division’s Transportation Administrative Procedure. Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, School Services, advised that driving conditions were such that it was deemed too risky for buses travelling, especially on residential streets, and the Division, in such cases, errs on the side of safety. Mr. Terry Lazarou, Supervisor of Communications, noted that a Synervoice malfunction occurred on March 5th, but reminded Board members that principals and media outlets were all notified of the bus cancellations very early Monday morning, and it was also posted on social media. In terms of attendance, Mr. Walter advised that 68% of students were at school on March 5th. In response to a question from Mr. Hicks, Mr. Walter advised that any absences due to bus service cancellation would not be considered with respect to the high school attendance incentive.

Subdivision  
Reports

Mrs. C. Anderson advised that she had attended the City Wrestling Championships at F. W. Johnson Collegiate on March 2 and 3, 2018, noting, with appreciation, the number of former students who are now coaching current students. She wished the athletes luck as they head to provincials. She also noted successful Pink Shirt and Dr. Seuss Days.

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Mr. A. Hicks advised that, due to safety reasons, three School Community Councils in his subdivision, Argyle, Dr. A. E. Perry, and Ethel Milliken, cancelled meetings after the extensive snowfall.

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 March 6, 2018 Board meeting be authorized to continue beyond the 8:30 p.m. presumptive adjournment time.

Motion by Mr. A. Hicks:

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 *Public Section Update, SSBA Spring General Assembly, Memorandum of Understanding, Special Meeting, Facilities Matter*, and *Meeting with Ministry Officials*. 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 Dr. J. Ekong:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 5:30 to 9:13 p.m.