

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
	Mr. Adam Hicks, Vice-Chair	Mr. Jay Kasperski
	Mrs. Cindy Anderson	Ms. Aleana Young
	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	

Mrs. T. Foster 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 item be added: *Scheduling*.

Adoption of Agenda	<u>Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:</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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[Mr. A. Hicks joined the meeting.]

Approving of Minutes	The Chairperson then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 6, 2018.
	<u>Motion by Dr. J. Ekong:</u>
	That the minutes of the Board meeting of March 6, 2018, be approved as distributed.
	Motion Carried.

Prekindergarten Programming	Ms. Juanita Redekopp-McKeown, Supervisor of Instruction, provided an overview of early learning programs offered in Regina Public schools, with a focus on Prekindergarten. She identified the three programs that support early
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learning—the Early Learning Intensive Support Pilot, Prekindergarten and Kindergarten—all designed to and work together in support of the Education Sector Strategic Plan and the Division’s Strategic Plan. She advised that the recently announced Early Learning Intensive Support Pilot is a limited space half-day program for three- and four-year-old children requiring intensive support to meet their potential, providing opportunities for them to engage in inclusive learning with other children the same age. The Prekindergarten program, she noted, is a limited space half-day program for three- and four-year-old children who would benefit most from enhanced programming, with a teacher and teacher associate team providing developmentally appropriate, holistic, play-based programming. She highlighted that Regina Public Schools hosts 41 Prekindergarten programs in 24 of its elementary schools. She outlined that the Kindergarten program is a full-day/alternating days program for five-year-old children, with a teacher facilitating learning through children’s inquiry and play with environments and conversations carefully designed to inspire children to wonder and ask questions, and to encourage independence, responsibility, and participation. She highlighted that Regina Public Schools hosts Kindergarten programs in all of its elementary schools with French Immersion Kindergarten programs in eight of its elementary schools. She provided further information and detail relative to the Prekindergarten program, noting that it targets children primarily living in vulnerable circumstances. She outlined Ministry of Education guidelines for determining eligibility. She noted that, given the limited resources, it is imperative that the Division support families and children that would most benefit from this support. She further noted that, although operated by school divisions, Prekindergarten in Saskatchewan is a shared responsibility of the province, school divisions, community, and families, and that family engagement and active participation is a key factor in a child’s learning journey and success. She concluded by sharing information on curriculum and teaching and learning practices, as well as the application and review process. Ms. Redekopp-McKeown and Mr. Darren Boldt, Deputy Director, Student Achievement, responded to questions relative to the dispersion of programs, the effectiveness and/or impact of a universal Prekindergarten program, Early Learning Intensive Support Pilot detail, agency referrals, and program quality. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation and the work being done at the early learning stage.

[Mrs. K. Gagne turned the Chair over to Mr. A. Hicks for the remainder of the meeting.]

Audit and Risk
Management
Committee

Mr. J. Kasperski provided a brief summary of the Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting held March 20, 2018, noting the proposed 2017-18 Audit Service Plan submitted by Meyers Norris Penny LLP, which was approved by the Committee, and the Audit Involvement Memorandum provided by the Provincial Auditor. He also observed that Committee members were provided the opportunity to meet with the Auditors in the absence of members of the Administration. He advised that Mr. Bruce Lipinski, Superintendent, Business Affairs, reviewed with the Committee the Second Quarter Financial Results for the 6-month period ended February 28, 2018, noting that the report is provided on both a cash and PSAB-compliant basis. He advised that the Committee received the Second Quarter Financial Results and appreciated the change in format to reflect discussion at the last Committee meeting. He noted that Mr. Lipinski also provided a summary of the Second Quarter Transportation Performance Report for the 6-month period ended February 28, 2018, and drew attention to the inclusion of the average school bus utilization and accident details. He advised that the Committee received the Second Quarter Transportation Performance Report. Mr. Kasperski noted that, due to time

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constraints, he distributed notes outlining his thoughts, from an audit and risk management perspective, regarding a social media policy, and advised that the Committee will discuss this matter, as well as the matter of an Enterprise Risk Management Framework, at its next Committee meeting.

Community Relations Committee
Mrs. C. Anderson referred to the January 23rd Community Relations Committee meeting, at which time discussions were held relative to a new format for the SCC Forum. She noted that, due to attendance numbers, the March 13th Forum was moved to Campus Regina Public. She provided further detail on the breakout groups and list of questions for same. She noted that an online survey has been developed to gather feedback from SCCs on the new format. Mrs. Anderson advised that the Committee will review the feedback at its next Committee meeting. Ms. A. Young commended Mrs. Anderson for her ongoing commitment to enhancing community engagement.

Special Meeting of Electors
Statement of Proceedings
As required under section 33 of *The School Division Administration Regulations*, the Secretary’s statement of proceedings of the Special Meeting of Electors, held February 28, 2018, had been circulated to Members of the Board for receipt of same. Mr. A. Hicks noted that, as is also required under section 33 of the Regulations, the statement of proceedings would subsequently be forwarded to all School Community Councils.

Motion by Mr. J. Kasperski:

That the Statement of Proceedings of the Special Meeting of Electors, held on February 28, 2018, be received.

Motion Carried.

Subdivision Reports
Dr. J. Ekong advised that she recently visited two elementary schools in her subdivision, W. S. Hawrylak and W. F. Ready Schools, and was very impressed with the high visibility of the Division’s Strategic Plan, Shared Values and Attendance Matters, and commended Mr. Greg Enion, Director of Education, for highlighting these important initiatives that are contributing to successful student outcomes. She also commended one school’s commitment to risk management, in having parents sign children in or out when they will be absent for a portion of a school day. Dr. Ekong also advised that she attended Diversity Day at F. W. Johnson Collegiate, where she was treated to an International luncheon, a fashion show and a collection of ethnic dances. She applauded the many examples of holistic learning displayed through this cultural event and encouraged other Board members to attend next year.

Ms. A. Young congratulated students at Marion McVeety School for achieving 95% attendance during the month of February.

On behalf of Mrs. K. Gagne, Ms. A. Young congratulated Hoopla winners, Campbell Collegiate 5A Boys Consolation Gold, Winston Knoll Collegiate 5A Boys Consolation Silver, Regina Christian School 3A Boys and 3A Girls Gold, and Harvest City Christian Academy 2A Girls Bronze.

Mr. A. Hicks noted a recent *Leader-Post* article announcing City Council had passed a motion for City Administrators to provide a program design by June for Council to vote on relative to free transit services for class field trips. He expressed appreciation for City Council’s consideration of this program.

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Closed
SessionMotion by Mr. J. Kasperski:

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 Dr. J. Ekong:

That we rise and report.

Motion Carried.

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

Scheduling

- 1) That the previously scheduled April 17, 2018 Board meeting be cancelled and, in its stead, a Board meeting be scheduled for April 24, 2018, at 5:30 p.m., at 1600 4th Avenue, Regina.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

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 *Facilities Matter, Audit and Risk Management Committee, SCC Review, Intensive Supports Review, Joint Meeting, and Board Planning Session*. 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. K. Gagne:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 5:30 to 8:35 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer