

Regina, Saskatchewan  
October 16, 2018

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

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.

Adoption of Agenda  
Motion by Mrs. T. Foster:  
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 September 25, 2018.

Motion by Dr. J. Ekong:

That the minutes of the Board meeting of September 25, 2018, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

Achievement Results  
Information regarding 2017-2018 achievement data and results had been distributed. Mr. Darren Boldt, Deputy Director, Student Achievement, and Ms. Laurie Gatzke, Supervisor, Assessment, outlined achievement data in the following areas: Grades 1-3 Reading, Grades 2-3 French Immersion Reading, Grade 3 Reading Cohort, Grades 4, 7 and 9 Writing, Grade 6 CAT 4, 3-year Graduation Rates, 5-year Graduation Rates, and Credit Attainment. Ms. Gatzke noted that data is currently being gathered on Grades 2, 5 and 8 Mathematics.

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Mr. Boldt observed that the 3-year Graduation rates for all students remained at the same level as the previous year, with a 2% increase in overall 5-year Graduation rates. He also advised that, over the last 10 years, the percentage of students obtaining eight or more credits in their Grade 10 year has increased and, with the focus at the high school level, those numbers should continue to increase. Mr. Boldt and Ms. Gatzke responded to questions relative to Adult Campus data, the impact of austerity budgets, reading score influences, availability of historical data, Indigenous student results, and standardized testing methodologies. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation.

Communication and Advocacy Committee

Ms. A. Young advised that the Communication and Advocacy Committee met on October 2, 2018, and discussed the Board’s Advocacy Plan, which will be updated and reviewed again at the next Committee meeting to determine a communication strategy. She noted an update on development of the Division’s website, including individual school websites. She advised that the Board Communication Plan would be discussed at the next Board Planning session. With regard to the live streaming of Board meetings, she noted that the Committee continues to review the data and will also be reviewing the costs associated with same. She provided an outline of activities and events that have been undertaken by the Division, school and staff relative to The Crescents School name change. In discussion regarding a Mental Health Communication Plan and Strategy, Mr. Greg Enion, Director of Education, reported that the Regina Human Services Partnership has discussed work that can be done as a group to address the increase in student mental health and anxiety challenges, and Ms. Young advised that the matter would be directed to the Community Relations Committee.

Community Relations Committee

Mrs. C. Anderson advised that the Community Relations Committee met on October 9, 2018, and advised that discussions relative to Policy 18 “School Community Councils” were tabled to the Committee’s next meeting. She reported that the Committee discussed meeting formats for the Parent Forum, which will be entitled “Parent Engagement,” and will include topics on social media, networking and SCC training. She noted that the Forum is tentatively scheduled for November 20th. She further noted a discussion on a Parent Speaker Series to be held in March. Mrs. Anderson further commented that Committee members agreed that the focus for an annual meeting/engagement forum should be for Trustees to listen to the views brought forward. At the recommendation of Greg Enion, Director of Education, she advised that the Committee agreed to honour the Creating Successful Outcomes Recognition Program recipients on November 6th, following the Organizational Meeting and prior to that evening’s Art Show. She advised that the Shared Values Recognition Program selection process was briefly discussed and that the current process would remain in place, but that, to keep the selection process fair and equitable, the Division will continue to communicate the specified criteria for nominations. She spoke briefly about the success of the Student Forum held on September 26th. She concluded by noting discussions relative to an annual report for SCCs to share ideas, and a proposal to initiate a Community/School Foundation in support of activities within Regina Public Schools.

Provincial Education Summit

Mrs. K. Gagne advised that she, Ms. A. Young, Mr. Greg Enion, Director of Education, Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, and Mr. Darren Boldt, Deputy Director, Student Achievement, attended the Provincial Education Summit on October 11th and 12th in Saskatoon. She and Mr. Enion provided a brief summary of the Summit, that involved over 60

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partner organizations, noting that attendees broke into small groups on the first day to develop themed areas, and participated in theming discussions on the second day. Mr. Enion advised that data was collected during the two days and presented to everyone at the conclusion of the second day. He further advised that the collected data will be used in future planning sessions. Mr. Enion, Mrs. Gagne and Ms. Young responded to questions relative to curriculum topics, Summit reporting, and Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation involvement.

Enrolment Report

Information relative to 2018-2019 student enrolment had been distributed. Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, School Services, provided additional information, including actual enrolment comparisons from 2017-2018. He noted that enrolment continues to grow and, as of September 30, 2018, system enrolment was 24,017 students, an increase of 369 students from 2017-2018, but 73 students below 2018-2019 projections. He also provided historical data on Indigenous, English as an Additional Language (EAL), and French Immersion enrolment growth trends. Mr. Walter responded to questions relative to Prekindergarten funding and enrolment, Grade 12 registrations, enrolment projection accuracy, Prekindergarten program capacity, intersections in Indigenous and EAL trends, and self-identification. Board members expressed appreciation for the report.

Subdivision Reports

Mr. J. Kasperski advised that he had attended the October SCC meeting at École Elsie Mironuck Community School and noted an exciting initiative that the parents and staff are working on related to values. He outlined that the school has developed a Monthly Character Values where a character value, such as respect, is introduced monthly through posters, books, and incorporated into lesson plans, and students are encouraged to model these values, with an opportunity to win prizes at the monthly assemblies. He commented that this holistic approach to teaching and encouraging students to develop and exhibit commendable values is an excellent example of parents and staff working together to make the school experience more positive for everyone.

Dr. J. Ekong advised that she recently attended a Jack MacKenzie SCC meeting and noted the presentation given by the school principal, providing attendees with achievement data for the school, outlining the role of the SCC in supporting student learning, and asking SCC members how they could work together to enhance achievement results. She expressed appreciation for the increased engagement of families and community members.

In addition, Mr. A. Hicks spoke relative to an upcoming Regina Public Day of WE event.

Closed Session

Motion by Mr. A. Hicks:

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 Ms. A. Young:

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:

- Grievance Presentations 1) That the response drafted, in reply to the matters regarding Step 3 grievance presentations raised by CUPE Local 3766, be authorized for signature by the Deputy Director, Division Services.
- Personnel Matter 2) That the mandate for bargaining with union locals representing Board staff be approved.

Motion by Mr. A. Hicks:

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 *SSBA Advocacy Action, Public Section, Enrolment Report, and Accommodation Report Update*. 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 Mr. J. Kasperski:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 5:30 to 8:19 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer