

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

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

Mr. A. Hicks 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: *Facilities Matter*.

Adoption of Agenda
Motion by Mr. J. Kasperski:

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.

Approving of Minutes
The Chairperson then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 11, 2018.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That the minutes of the Board meeting of December 11, 2018, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

Waste/ Recycling Presentation
A presentation request and information regarding waste reduction and sustainability practices had been distributed. Ms. Sarah Truskowski and Ms. Samantha Bromm provided Board members with additional information, noting that Canadians generate approximately 3.25 million tons of plastic waste every year. They shared detail on current recycling practices at Regina public schools, and highlighted items that can be recycled. Mses. Truskowski and Bromm proposed six suggestions for Board consideration: 1) Create a new recycling and collection policy; 2) Add bins, boxes and bags in each classroom; 3) Create clear signage; 4) Role model behavior; 5) Partner with existing sustainable programs; and 6) Change the culture. They encouraged the Board to

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create an innovative plan and become environmental leaders. They responded to a Board member question relative to the recycling practices of other school divisions. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation.

Jack MacKenzie’s Legacy

Information regarding the contributions of Mr. Jack MacKenzie had been distributed. Mr. Jay Fladager, Principal of Jack MacKenzie School, and Ms. Nicole Krasium, a former colleague, made a presentation to Board members relative to the legacy of Mr. MacKenzie. They highlighted that the school has dedicated the 2018-19 school year to his memory. They spoke of how honored he was that a school was named for him, and how he used that opportunity to continue his teachings on kindness, effort, respect, and leadership. They referenced the Random Acts of Kindness Fund he established to encourage and support students to engage in acts of kindness around the city and beyond. It was noted that the students and staff of Jack MacKenzie School will continue his work. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation.

Communication and Advocacy Committee

Dr. J. Ekong advised that the Communication and Advocacy Committee met on January 10, 2019. She outlined discussions held relative to the upcoming Community Engagement Forum/Annual General Meeting, and the updated Board Advocacy Plan. She noted a joint advocacy meeting, held via conference call, with the Saskatoon Public and Saskatchewan Rivers School Divisions, that brought forth a number of items to be reviewed at a future Board meeting. She advised that letters of request to meet will be forwarded soon to all Regina Saskatchewan Party MLAs, Regina NDP MLAs, and the Minister of Education. She further advised that a joint meeting with the Regina Catholic School Division will be scheduled in the near future. Lastly, Dr. Ekong noted that the Committee discussed the feasibility of developing a fundraising foundation, and that the Committee recommended that Chair Katherine Gagne invite Mr. Ray Morrison, Board Chair for Saskatoon Public Schools, to a future Board meeting to outline the process for creating and operating a fundraising foundation. Dr. Ekong and Mr. Greg Enion, Director of Education, responded to questions relative to meetings with MLAs, and a report on video streaming costs. On behalf of Ms. A. Young, Mr. A. Hicks sought clarification regarding the proposed combining of the Community Engagement Forum and the Annual General Meeting.

Subdivision Reports

Mr. A. Hicks advised that he attended a few School Community Council meetings recently and was pleased to hear engaged discussions relative to strategic planning.

Mrs. T. Foster provided a brief summary of her experience in monitoring the recent election in Bangladesh, having been invited by a human rights organization to do so.

Closed Session

Motion by Mrs. T. Foster:

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

Motion Carried.

(The Board recessed from 6:52-7:17 PM to attend the Student Art Show presentation.)

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Motion by Mr. A. Hicks:

That we rise and report.

Motion Carried.

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

Trustee Expenses

1) That, further to the motion adopted at the December 11, 2018 Board meeting, the differential remuneration paid in those instances where the Vice-Chairperson assumes the responsibilities of meeting Chairperson be adjusted to \$150/meeting.

Meeting Adjournment Time

2) That the January 15, 2019 Board meeting be authorized to continue beyond the 8:30 p.m. presumptive adjournment time.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

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

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

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 *Facilities Matter, Joint Transportation Discussions, Budget Input, Trustee Expenses, Communication and Advocacy Committee, and Personnel Matter*. 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 8:45 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer