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 Mrs. Tanya Foster Mr. Jay Kasperski Ms. Aleana Young

Dr. Jane Ekong

Administration

Mr. Greg Enion, Director of Education

Present

Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, & Secretary-Treasurer

Mr. Darren Boldt, Deputy Director, Student Achievement Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, School Services

Ms. A. Young 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 noted that item 10b, *Community Engagement Forum and Annual General Meeting Feedback*, would be considered in the open session portion of the meeting.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion by Ms. A. Young:

That, with the amendment noted, 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 January 15, 2019.

Motion by Mr. A. Hicks:

That the minutes of the Board meeting of January 15, 2019, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

Community Relations Committee Mrs. T. Foster advised that the Community Relations Committee met on January 22, 2019, with a full agenda of matters to discuss. She advised that a suggestion had been made to hold any revisions to Policy 18, School Community Councils, in abeyance until the Ministry of Education updates the roles and responsibilities of SCCs, and further noted that the Division's work with Dr. Debbie Pushor, as well as ongoing focus on parent engagement, could encourage changes regarding the roles of SCCs. She referenced that the Shared Values Recognition

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Program will launch in late March, and that the Committee agreed to leave the selection process the same for this year. She highlighted the Parent Speaker Series that will commence, preferably in late March, with potential topics being mental health issues and suicide prevention. She advised that Mr. Greg Enion, Director of Education, will be contacting Police Chief Evan Bray to inquire if he would be a guest speaker. She reported that the Committee discussed and agreed that it was not a necessity for SCCs to provide annual reports at this time. She noted that, upon review, it was agreed that the timelines for the Creating Successful Outcomes Recognition Program be modified, with nominations in April and recognition at a May Board meeting. She remarked on a brief discussion on the feedback from the SCC Forum held in November, and announced that the Committee would be discussing the planning of a SCC Conference at its next meeting. She concluded by highlighting the launch of the new Regina Public Schools public website earlier in the day and encouraged everyone to visit the site. Mrs. Foster and Mrs. C. Anderson responded to questions relative to SCC information sharing. Mrs. K. Gagne complimented the look and content of the new website.

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 2020-2021 budget year for Ministry consideration. He advised that the Division's priority list has been modified to include the re-life or rebuild of Lakeview School as well as a resubmission of the proposed Athabasca/Argyle School joint-school rebuild with St. Pius X. He further advised that the previous year's submission of an additional school in the Harbour Landing area continues to align with Division capital planning commitments and future initiatives. He noted that the joint-use high school facility in Southeast Regina, originally submitted to the Ministry of Education in 2015, would be resubmitted. Mr. Whiting and Mr. Dave Bryanton, Superintendent, Educational Facilities, responded to questions relative to joint submissions with the Regina Catholic School Board, total cost of capital requests, emergent funding requirements, and the joint-use high school facility submission. Ms. A. Young noted that she would be voting against the motion due to a lack of clarity relative to the jointuse high school facility in the Southeast and how it will impact the operation of Balfour Collegiate.

Motion by Dr. J. Ekong:

That:

- 1) The new school request for Harbour Landing and the proposed Athabasca/Argyle School joint-school rebuild with St. Pius X be re-submitted to the Ministry of Education, and a new project for the re-life or rebuild of Lakeview School be included in the Board's 2019 major capital projects submission; and
- 2) The funding application for a proposed joint-use high school facility previously submitted to the Ministry of Education be updated and included with the 2019 submission.

Motion Carried.

Community
Engagement
Forum and
Annual General
Meeting
Feedback

Mr. A. Hicks provided a brief summary of the Community Engagement Forum and Annual General Meeting, held on January 29, 2019. He highlighted that the Community Engagement Forum provided an opportunity for a lot of discussion. He noted that the breakout sessions were divided between School Administrators/Staff and Parents/School Community Council Members, and that feedback was compiled and shared with Board members in their Board meeting

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material. He further advised that, directly following the Forum, the Board held an Annual General Meeting that allowed for comments and/or questions from ratepayers. He conveyed appreciation for what was deemed to be a successful evening. Mr. Greg Enion, Director of Education, acknowledged that the feedback from the breakout sessions will greatly benefit the Board and Administration in both planning for the 2019-20 budget and general planning for the 2019-20 school year. Mrs. T. Foster commented that she sat in on one of the School Administrator/Staff breakout sessions and expressed appreciation for the honest discussions that took place regarding pressures faced in the classroom. Mrs. C. Anderson noted satisfaction with the Community Engagement Forum, indicating that parents and staff were very engaged. She suggested that the time spent on the Annual Meeting could have been better used by extending the length of the Forum. She further urged for more work to be done in facilitating the breakout sessions so that all the topics could be covered. Dr. J. Ekong observed the increased engagement at the Forum and applauded the structure of the breakout groups that allowed for more open communication. She further expressed appreciation for the Annual Meeting. Ms. A. Young commended the staff and Mr. A. Hicks for chairing the evening. She echoed Mrs. Foster's comments regarding hearing staff speak candidly on successes and challenges faced by educators.

Subdivision Reports

Mrs. C. Anderson extended congratulations to Elizabeth Gagne who was awarded a 2019 Vimy Pilgrimage Award.

Mr. A. Hicks encouraged everyone to brave the cold weather and attend the upcoming Waskimo Winter Festival on February 18, 2019.

Dr. J. Ekong expressed amazement at the creativity and generosity of Regina Public Schools' staff for providing opportunities for students to express their diverse talents. She congratulated the students of Wilfred Hunt School on their recent musical production of Mary Poppins. She further commended Ms. April Howard for directing the musical, that included many hours spent planning, designing and creating props to make the presentation look incredibly authentic.

Mrs. K. Gagne advised that she and Mr. Greg Enion, Director of Education, recently attended the Robb Nash Tour at the Conexus Arts Centre. She conveyed gratitude for the strong messages of empowerment and overcoming adversity communicated to the students in attendance. She extended thanks to the staff involved in organizing the event.

Closed Session <u>Motion by Ms. A. Young</u>:

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.

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

CUPE 650 Grievance

1) That Grievance #06-2018, submitted by CUPE 650, be declined.

Facility Matter

2) That the Administration be authorized to proceed with planning of a Lakeview School underpinning project as described, at an estimated cost of \$3.8M, funding to be programmed into the Preventative Maintenance and Renewal Program less any funds obtained from the Ministry of Education for the project, and that an application for Emergent Funding be authorized for submission to the Ministry of Education.

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 *Facility Matter* and *2019-20 Budget*. 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 8:50 p.m.

Chairperson Secretary-Treasurer