

At a meeting of the Board of Education of the Regina School Division No. 4 of Saskatchewan, held at 1600 4th Avenue.

Members Present	Ms. Tara Molson, Chair Mrs. Sarah Cummings Truszkowski, Vice-Chair Mrs. Cindy Anderson	Mr. Adam Hicks Mr. Ted Jaleta Mrs. Elizabeth Strom Ms. Lacey Weekes
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Administration Present	Mr. Greg Enion, Director of Education Ms. Naomi Mellor, Deputy Director, Division Services/CFO Mr. Darren Boldt, Deputy Director, Student Achievement/School Services
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Mr. Ted Jaleta 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	<u>Motion by Mrs. Cindy Anderson:</u> That the agenda be adopted as prepared.
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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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Approving of Minutes	The Chairperson then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 19, 2021.
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Motion by Mrs. Elizabeth Strom:

That the minutes of the Board meeting of October 19, 2021, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

Director's Report	Mr. Greg Enion, Director of Education, advised that the Province announced on November 8, 2021, that construction continues on the Argyle/St. Pius X joint-use school, with the school open for the Fall of 2023. He further noted that the joint planning teams for the Imperial/McDermid/St. Michael/St. Peter joint-use school are currently reviewing proposals for architects, and discussions with the Province and City continue regarding the location of the Harbour Landing West school site. He advised that a planning meeting was held November 19, 2021 with partners involved in the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the creation of a joint southeast high school in The Towns subdivision, with a steering committee created to determine a land location. Mr. Enion highlighted that, following a hiatus during the pandemic, many activities for students have recommenced this Fall. He summarized that 163 field trips involving 47 schools
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have been led by the Outdoor Education department to date, with 171 classroom requests for full-day winter trips and 113 classes scheduled for cross-country ski lessons. He outlined that the MYPAA practical and applied arts class at Campus Regina Public returned this Fall, with Grade 8 classes from 13 schools participating in learning modules in culinary arts, electrical, cosmetology, and video game design. As well, he advised that the dual credit courses at Campus Regina Public for Grades 11 and 12 students also returned, with over 300 high school students from across the eight high schools participating in 13 dual credit courses this Fall. Mr. Enion commented that newcomer student enrolment is beginning to increase, with the Newcomer Welcome Centre assisting 446 students transition into Regina Public Schools since June 2021; and it was announced earlier in the day that 150 people, approximately 30 families, from Afghanistan will be arriving in Regina and students will be transitioning into schools by January 19, 2022.

Mr. Darren Boldt, Deputy Director, Student Achievement/School Services, advised that, as previously reported, the Division had 122 reported COVID-19 cases in September, and 129 reported cases in schools in October. In those two months, the case percentage breakdowns were 73% in Pre-K to Grade 6, 19% in Grade 7 to Grade 12, and 8% Staff. He advised that there have been 37 reported cases to date in November, with that case percentage breakdown being 60% in Pre-K to Grade 6, 30% in Grade 7 to Grade 12, and 10% Staff. He reported that, in calls with the Medical Health Officers, the province and the City are seeing case trends going down. He responded to a question relative to provincial percentage breakdowns relative to vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. Mr. Boldt advised that information was received from the Province with a request to distribute to families, including a permission form for parents to use when taking their child for vaccination, and a pamphlet providing links to government sites with more information on vaccines and clinics. Relative to the use of Regina Public schools for vaccine sites, he advised that the Division would know more within the next two weeks. He responded to questions relative to distribution of the information, required consent forms, and consent forms for split families.

Ms. Naomi Mellor, Deputy Director, Division Services/CFO, provided an update on the implementation of Administrative Procedure 140 *COVID-19 Vaccination* (AP), that comes into effect November 29, 2021. Since the release of the AP in October, she advised that the department has been receiving and processing all of documentation, following up where necessary, and preparing supporting material. She expressed appreciation for the cooperation received from staff members, contractors, tenants, service providers, and others across the School Division during this implementation. She noted that the Board can expect a further report at the December 14, 2021 Board meeting.

Policy,  
Governance and  
Sustainability  
Planning  
Committee

Mrs. Cindy Anderson advised that the minutes of the October 26, 2021 Policy, Governance and Sustainability Planning Committee meeting are included in the Board agenda package. She outlined the agenda items discussed, including: a review of Board Policies 2, 7, 11 and 18, and a review of Board Policy 17; Government and Community Partnerships for Sustainability to assist schools with social and health challenges; development of a Board Social Media Policy; Director evaluation guidelines; a climate action plan; and a school ground tree planting project.

Audit and Risk  
Management  
Committee

Mr. Ted Jaleta advised that the minutes of the November 9, 2021 Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting are included in the Board agenda package. He outlined the agenda items discussed, including: a review of the draft Audited Financial Statements for the period ending August 31, 2021; a review of the draft Auditor’s Reports; and a review of the draft 2020/2021 Annual Report.

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2020/2021 Audited Financial Statements  
 Copies of the draft Audited Financial Statements for the year ending August 31, 2021, had been distributed. Ms. Ashley Kuntz, Superintendent, Business Services, provided a summary of the assets/liabilities and revenues/expenditures, as well as plans for Division reserves. She advised that, in the opinion of the external auditor, the financial statements present the financial position of the Board fairly in all material respects and are in full compliance with GAAP and PSAB requirements. Ms. Kuntz advised that the Division remains in a solid and stable financial position and that the clean audit reports convey that the statements can be relied upon.

Motion by Mrs. Cindy Anderson:

That the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending August 31, 2021, be approved, subject to minor changes made after final review and approval by the Ministries of Education and Finance.

Motion Carried.  
 (Unanimously)

2020/2021 Annual Report  
 Copies of the 2020/2021 Annual Report had been distributed. Ms. Delaine Clyne, Supervisor, Policy, Planning and Research, noted that the Ministry of Education continues to specify the format and content of the report. She outlined some notable items in the Report, including: the cancellation of most annual School Division events due to the pandemic restrictions; the effect of the pandemic on some Student Achievement Outcomes and the switches to remote learning throughout the school year; a significant proportion of students enrolled in e-learning throughout the entire 2020/21 school year, requiring a shift for the Division to a program delivery option that was not previously offered; the effect of the pandemic on enrolment due to lower than anticipated provincial immigration and family decisions to keep young students home instead of enrolling in Prekindergarten and Kindergarten; and the government providing contingency funding to support additional costs associated with the pandemic, with said funding being utilized to support student learning with extra staff and learning resources, facility ventilation and disinfecting enhancements, and technology to support remote learning. She advised that the Annual Report will be tabled in the legislature by December 29, 2021, and available on the Division’s website in January 2022.

Motion by Mr. Adam Hicks:

That the Annual Report 2020-2021 be approved, subject to minor changes made after final review and approval by the Ministry of Education.

Motion Carried.  
 (Unanimously)

Board Policy Amendments  
 Copies of proposed revisions to Board Policies had been distributed. Ms. Delaine Clyne, Supervisor, Policy, Planning and Research, advised that the Policy, Governance and Sustainability Planning Committee reviewed the revisions at its October 26, 2021 meeting and agreed to the revisions being brought to the Board on November 23rd for final approval. Ms. Clyne, Mrs. Cindy Anderson, and Mr. Greg Enion, Director of Education, responded to questions relative to the addition of the sentence to clause 7 of Policy 7 *Board Operations*: “The Board, through the Board Chair, may submit specific questions to the Director and the Deputy Director, Division Services, regarding agenda items prior to the Board meeting in order for the Division to provide accurate responses during the meeting.” It was also noted that the Indigenous Education Advisory Council will be asked to review Policy 17 *Indigenous Education*.

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Motion by Mrs. Cindy Anderson:

That the proposed revisions to Policy 2, *Role of the Board*, Policy 11, *Board Delegation of Authority*, Policy 17, *Indigenous Education*, and Policy 18, *School Community Councils*, be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.  
(Unanimously)

Motion by Mrs. Sarah Cummings Truskowski:

That the proposed revisions to Policy 7, *Board Operations*, be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

(Mrs. Cindy Anderson, Ms. Lacey Weekes, Mrs. Sarah Cummings Truskowski, Ms. Tara Molson, Mr. Ted Jaleta, and Mr. Adam Hicks supported the motion; Mrs. Elizabeth Strom opposed the motion.)

Climate Action Plan

Ms. Lacey Weekes presented the motion of which she had given notice at the October 26, 2021 Policy, Governance and Sustainability Planning Committee meeting.

Motion by Ms. Lacey Weekes:

WHEREAS Regina Public Schools’ mission is to instill the value of knowledge, the dignity of effort, and the worth of the individual; and

WHEREAS our shared value statements unite us: I belong, I want to know, I am responsible, and I respect;

BE IT RESOLVED that Regina Public Schools recognize the Climate Crisis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Regina Public Schools asks the School Division to form a Sustainability Committee comprised of staff and students to make recommendations to the Regina Board of Education on how the Division can move forward with a Climate Action Plan to become net zero by 2050.

Motion Carried.  
(Unanimously)

In support of her motion, Ms. Weekes advised that the School Division fully supports the City of Regina’s commitment to becoming a renewable City by 2050. She further advised that the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change found limiting global warming to 1.5 C is still possible if there is a 45 percent reduction of human-caused carbon dioxide emissions by 2030 and net zero by 2050. She concluded by noting that this motion aligns with the terms of reference for the Policy, Governance and Sustainability Committee to make recommendations and review sustainable policies and practices within Regina Public Schools, and further aligns with the Regina Public Schools 2021-22 Interim Strategic Plan Road to Recovery: Re-Engagement to expand green energy and other sustainability initiatives.

A friendly amendment, suggested by Mr. Adam Hicks, to include “to the Regina Board of Education” after the word “recommendations” was accepted by Ms. Weekes.

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SSBA Fall General Assembly Summary Ms. Tara Molson advised that the majority of Board members were able to attend the SSBA Fall General Assembly from November 14 to 16, 2021, and was pleased to announce that all three resolutions submitted by the Regina Board of Education passed. She thanked Mr. Adam Hicks, Mrs. Sarah Cummings Truszkowski and Mr. Ted Jaleta for presenting those resolutions.

Planned Agenda Items For Board member information, Ms. Tara Molson noted the planned agenda items currently set for the December 14, 2021 Board meeting, including Director’s Report, Student Mental Health and Wellness, Indigenous Education Advisory Council, Appointment of Auditors, Destruction of Public Documents, First Quarter Financial Report, First Quarter Transportation Report, and CUPE 650 Grievance.

Agenda Requests Mr. Adam Hicks requested that a review of the recent Subdivision/SCC meetings be added to an upcoming agenda.

Mrs. Sarah Cummings Truszkowski requested that an update on Public Section be added to the next agenda.

Information – Subdivision Reports Ms. Tara Molson expressed appreciation for all the School Community Council members and administrative staff who joined the recent Subdivision/SCC zoom meetings.

Mrs. Sarah Cummings Truszkowski advised that she attended the virtual Connaught SCC meeting on October 26, 2021, and outlined some exciting activities and news from that school, including a Halloween dress-up, a newly dedicated “cultural space” in the school, and several United Way fundraisers underway. She further advised that she attended the virtual Rosemont School Community Council meeting on November 16, 2021, noting that the school was one of the recipients of the Mosaic Nutrition Grant that is being used for “Take Home Meal Kits.” She also commented on the Parent Teacher Home Visit pilot taking place at the school, resulting in some very positive experiences.

Mr. Ted Jaleta advised that he attended the Jack MacKenzie SCC meeting on November 3, 2021, where they discussed the potential new schools planned for the southeast area of the City. He further advised that he attended the Wascana Plains SCC meeting on November 18, 2021 and commented on how the pandemic is affecting both the French and English reading results. He also highlighted the fundraising work being done by the W.S. Hawrylak SCC and their expressed interest in holding yearly Subdivision/SCC meetings with the Board.

On behalf of the Board of Education, Mr. Ted Jaleta acknowledged that every student, staff and community member has equal value as prescribed under the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Saskatchewan Human Rights Code, noting that diversity makes us stronger.

Closed Session Motion by Mrs. Sarah Cummings Truszkowski:

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

Motion Carried.

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Motion by Mr. Adam Hicks:

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 November 23, 2021 Board meeting be authorized to continue beyond the 8:30 p.m. presumptive adjournment time.

Motion by Mrs. Elizabeth Strom:

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 *Balfour Grounds Project, Achievement Results 2020/2021*, and *MLA Meeting*. 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. Elizabeth Strom:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 5:30 to 8:44 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Chief Financial Officer