

Regina, Saskatchewan  
February 15, 2022

At a meeting of the Board of Education of the Regina School Division No. 4 of Saskatchewan, held virtually 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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Mrs. Cindy Anderson 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: *Personnel Matter*.

Adoption of Agenda	<u>Motion by Mr. Adam Hicks:</u>
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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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Approving of Minutes	The Chairperson then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 18, 2022.
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Motion by Mr. Ted Jaleta:

That the minutes of the Board meeting of January 18, 2022, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

Director's Report	Mr. Greg Enion, Director of Education, advised that on February 8th, the Premier of Saskatchewan announced the elimination of the provincial requirement to provide proof of vaccination or negative tests in Saskatchewan businesses, workplaces, and other public venues as of February 14, 2022, and further announced that public health orders mandating mask use will lapse after February 28, 2022. He noted that he received confirmation in writing from the Minister of Education on February 11th that school divisions are to remove their requirements for mandatory vaccination/testing and mask mandates when the public health orders are rescinded. He advised that the Division's requirement that every adult and student in our schools, buildings and transportation must wear a mask will remain in place until February 28th, after which the Division will continue to strongly recommend continued mask use by staff and students
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as an important layer of protection. He noted that the Division ordered a supply of KN95 masks for staff to be distributed after the February break. In addition, he outlined that the Division will maintain enhanced cleaning protocols in all facilities and buses, encourage regular self-testing at home, remind staff to remain diligent in monitoring of and staying home if they are experiencing any symptoms, inform staff of voluntarily reported COVID-19 cases in our facilities, and continue to encourage that meetings be held remotely until the end of February. He reported that measures taken early in the pandemic, such as air filtration upgrades, additional technology devices, program equipment and learning resources to support physical distancing, and more hand sanitation stands and bottle fillers continue to benefit everyone in our buildings. He also reported that field trips, tournaments, and elementary extra-curricular competitions, as well as mixing elementary cohorts for educational purposes, will resume following the February break, and parent conferences may be held in-person, remotely or as a hybrid. He pointed out that parents, volunteers, and other school visitors may access schools in a gradual and safe manner, and that Administration will continue to consult with school administrators and revisit parameters prior to the end of the February break and, thereafter, consult with public health officials as needed. Mr. Enion thanked employees, students and families for their support and diligence during the past two years and encouraged everyone to be kind and demonstrate respect for each other and teach out students to do the same.

Mr. Darren Boldt, Deputy Director, Student Achievement/School Services reminded Board members that reporting of COVID-19 cases is now voluntary for families. In the last 10 days, he advised that the Division had 458 student-reported cases and 71 staff-reported cases, averaging 53 cases per day, which is down from January’s average.

Board members expressed appreciation for the report and for the supply of KN95 masks to staff. It was noted that the funding for the KN95 masks was from the Division, as provincial COVID funding is no longer available.

Mr. Enion conveyed the need for caution, as reporting of cases is on a voluntary basis. He responded to questions relative to KN95 masks and the reporting of data.

Organizational Culture and Diversity Committee

Ms. Lacey Weekes advised that the minutes of the February 8, 2022 Organizational Culture and Diversity Committee meeting are included in the Board agenda package. She outlined the agenda items discussed, including an update on the Mental Health and Well-being Strategy, an update on the Special Committee for Diversity, SRO Review and Timeline, and Student Forum Questions. She further advised that two agenda items—National Council of Canadian Muslims Recommendation #43, and Sex-trafficking—were deferred to the next Committee meeting.

Major Capital Project Funding Application

Information regarding the Ministry of Education’s Major Capital Projects Funding Program had been distributed. Ms. Delaine Clyne, Supervisor, Policy, Planning and Research, and Mr. Jared Kleisinger, Superintendent, Educational Facilities, provided additional information, noting that school divisions have been requested to identify their top capital project priorities for the 2023/24 budget year by February 28, 2022 for Ministry consideration. Ms. Clyne advised that the Division’s priority list retains the new school in The Towns, the new Southeast Joint-Use High School, the new school for the consolidation of Coronation Park and Gladys McDonald Schools, and a rebuild or re-life of Balfour Collegiate, but modifies last year’s request by including a re-life of Lakeview School. She further noted that the Division is recommending submission of an Emergent Funding application for the Campbell Collegiate Southwest Program Wing project.

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Motion by Mr. Adam Hicks:

That the following priority projects to be submitted to the Ministry of Education for the 2023-2024 Major Capital Submission:

- Priority #1 – New Joint-Use School in The Towns
- Priority #2 – New Southeast Joint-Use High School
- Priority #3 – Lakeview School – Re-Life
- Priority #4 – Consolidation – Coronation Park School and Gladys McDonald School
- Priority #5 – Rebuild or Re-Life Balfour Collegiate

and that the Campbell Collegiate Southwest Program Wing project be submitted to the Ministry of Education as an Emergent Capital Priority.

Motion Carried.  
(Unanimously)

Treaty Land Entitlement Agreement with George Gordon First Nation

Information regarding a Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) Agreement with George Gordon First Nation had been distributed. Ms. Naomi Mellor, Deputy Director, Division Services/CFO, provided additional information, noting that the proposed tax loss compensation agreement will provide a lump sum compensation payment of five years’ worth of property taxes in exchange for discharging the First Nation from the requirement to pay any additional or future amounts of education property tax on the land in question.

Motion by Mrs. Elizabeth Strom:

That the tax loss compensation agreement between the George Gordon First Nation, the Board of Education of the Regina School Division No. 4 and the Board of Education of the Regina Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 81 be approved, and that the appropriate officers and the Board Chair be authorized to execute the final agreement on behalf of the Board.

Motion Carried.  
(Unanimously)

Planned Agenda Items

For Board member information, Ms. Tara Molson noted the planned agenda items currently set for the March 15, 2022 Board meeting, including Director’s Report, Policy, Governance and Sustainability Planning Committee, Audit and Risk Management Committee, 2022/23 School Year Calendars, Imperial/McDermid/St. Michael/St. Peter New School Land Arrangements, Teacher Home Visits Program, and 2022/23 Budget Development.

Information – Subdivision Reports

Mrs. Sarah Cummings Truskowski reported on recent Connaught, Seven Stones and Walker School Community Council meetings. She highlighted Connaught SCC’s Bylaw and Constitution review as well as a review of its social media policy. She noted many planned activities for February relative to both Black History Month and Indigenous Storytelling Month, together with a book battle for the literacy Willow Awards, and a French online session with astronaut Chris Hadfield. She noted a conversation with a Seven Stones SCC member, highlighting an increase in attendance at the school. She explained that the principal and school staff still need to connect with students who have been absent since the start of the pandemic. She noted that the SCC is adding more community gardens and some classes are already growing plants indoors. She advised that the Walker SCC is fundraising for a covered outdoor structure that has been approved by the City. The school also received a PC Charity grant that will be used for snacks and bagged lunches for students. Mrs. Cummings

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Truskowski concluded by advising that she attended a free chili night hosted by the Walker SCC and the Rosemont Mount Royal Community Association.

Mr. Ted Jaleta advised that he attended recent SCC meetings at W. F. Ready and Wilfred Hunt Schools. He noted parents’ uneasiness with the province’s lifting of restrictions and contact tracing. He advised parents that they can still voluntarily report positive COVID-19 cases to their school principal. He further noted that the SCCs Constitutions were reviewed and sent to Division Office for final approval.

Mrs. Cindy Anderson advised that she attended a revisioning meeting relative to the Imperial/McDermid/St. Michael/St. Peter joint-use school project, and was pleased to see so many ideas from the community. Ms. Tara Molson advised that the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Regina Catholic School Board informed her that the meeting was exceptional.

Mr. Adam Hicks advised that Dr. A. E. Perry School is moving ahead with a fundraiser to fix up the City field and is looking for more volunteers to join the fundraising group.

On behalf of the Board of Education, Mrs. Cindy Anderson 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. Elizabeth Strom:

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 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:

CUPE 650  
Grievance 04-  
2021

1) That, upon consideration of all relevant detail, Grievance #04-2021, submitted by CUPE 650, be denied.

Collective  
Bargaining  
Updates

2) That the Board of Education approve the collective bargaining process and parameters as proposed.

Meeting  
Adjournment  
Time

3) That the February 15, 2022 Board meeting be authorized to continue beyond the 8:30 p.m. presumptive adjournment time.

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Motion by Ms. Lacey Weekes:

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

Motion Carried.

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

Motion by Mrs. Cindy Anderson:

That recommendation No. 2 (above) from the Committee of the Whole be approved.

Motion Carried.  
(Unanimously)

Motion by Mr. Adam Hicks:

That recommendation No. 3 (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 *2022/23 Budget Development Process*, *Transportation Update*, *Personnel Matter*, and *Succession Planning Committee Update*. The progress reports were accepted. [Mr. Darren Boldt absented himself from the discussion with respect to the Succession Planning Committee Update.]

Adjournment

The Chairperson advised that this concluded the business of the meeting and called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Mr. Adam Hicks:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 5:30 to 9:07 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Chief Financial Officer