

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 Truskowski, Vice-Chair
Mrs. Cindy Anderson
Mr. Ted Jaleta
Mrs. Elizabeth Strom
Ms. Lacey Weekes

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

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 Motion by Ms. Lacey Weekes:
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 April 11, 2022.

Motion by Mrs. Sarah Cummings Truskowski:

That the minutes of the Board meeting of April 11, 2022, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

Director's Report Mr. Greg Enion, Director of Education, advised that, on May 2nd, all staff participated in a Gender and Sexual Diversity training session. He expressed appreciation to Ms. Krystal McPherson and Ms. Kyla Christiansen for leading the session as well as the Gender and Sexual Diversity Advisory Committee and Student Achievement team who organized it. He noted that, since February, the Newcomer Welcome Centre has registered 255 non-Canadian students, and 38 refugee students from Afghanistan and four refugee students from the Ukraine have joined our Division during that time. He advised that, on May 4th, the Division hosted a Mental Health Parent Forum at Campus Regina Public with 65 parents in attendance. He thanked Ms. Pam Korczak and Ms. Glenna Curry for presenting and Ms. Lisa Frei and the School Community Council Advisory Group for organizing the event. He noted that a recorded version can be found on the Division's website. He further advised that, on May 4th, École Centennial School was awarded the Lyle Benko Future Generations Award for

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its land-based learning project for an Outstanding Education for Sustainable Development in Kindergarten to Grade 12. Mr. Wisniewski’s Grade 6 class took part in the project and learned what stewardship means and how to better protect the land through land-based learning. Mme. Garner, along with Mr. Jeff Cappel, Indigenous Education Coordinator, worked together to design the program to increase attendance and leadership amongst the students. At a previous meeting, Mr. Enion noted that the Board was made aware of the emergent building situation at Campbell Collegiate involving the condition of the foundation. In September 2021, he advised that Facilities staff noted large cracks and lateral movement in a portion of the 1968 vocational wing; engineers confirmed displacement of the foundation, with cracks continuing to form and widen in various locations, including the concrete block walls, concrete floors and foundation. Recommended short-term remedial measures were completed and allowed for usage of the space; however, it is the opinion of the engineers that these foundations cannot be relied on in the longer term and further underpinning is not an option. He advised that the Division submitted an emergent funding application to the Ministry of Education in February and has continued to work with the contracted engineers and architects to understand the scope of the issues and determine possible solutions. He advised of recent productive conversations with Ministry officials and anticipates collaborating with the Ministry’s Infrastructure Branch to address this situation in the short and longer terms. The loss of approximately 1,575 square meters of space in the school in the Fall of 2022 will impact programming in the 2022-23 school year, and he advised that Administration is looking at alternate instructional spaces. He further advised that some PAA sections will be eliminated, more programming will be offered to Campbell Collegiate students at Campus Regina Public, and minor renovations will be made at the school to create additional instructional space. Geotechnical engineering and architectural planning work will continue with the objective of having firm plans in place later this year, and design options will be refined over the next number of months, but he noted that, at this point, the options start at over \$5M for demolition and partial rebuilding and range upwards, so the full cost will be outside the capacity of the Division alone to fund. An emergent funding application will be resubmitted this week to cover the geotechnical and architectural planning work as well as the short-term costs incurred to adjust programming for the Fall, and also a 2023-24 minor capital funding application proposal to cover the cost of demolition, renovation and construction. He thanked the Administration and staff at Campbell Collegiate and the Facilities staff for putting safety first and minimizing the impact on student learning. Mr. Enion and Ms. Naomi Mellor, Deputy Director, Division Services/CFO, responded to questions relative to routine building monitoring, land availability, and impacts on enrolment.

Board Member
Announcement

Mrs. Elizabeth Strom advised that her family is in the process of relocating to Ontario and tendered her resignation from the Regina Public School Board of Education, effective June 30, 2022.

Preventive
Maintenance
and Renewal
Plan

Information regarding the Ministry of Education’s Preventative Maintenance and Renewal Program had been distributed. Mr. Jared Kleisinger, Superintendent, Educational Facilities, highlighted amendments to the 2021-22 and 2022-23 plans and outlined plans between 2023 and 2026, including a review of intensive needs programming space, a continued focus on building structure and envelope work to preserve facilities, a continued focus on building security, intercom systems, and electrical upgrades, and a greater focus on energy reduction strategies in the largest natural gas consuming facilities. Mr. Kleisinger and Ms. Naomi Mellor, Deputy Director, Division Services/CFO, responded to questions relative to air filtration systems, relocatable classroom funding, relocatable life span, moisture issues, and the upcoming intensive supports programming review.

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Motion by Mrs. Cindy Anderson:

That the amended 2021-22 and 2022-23 Preventive Maintenance and Renewal Plans and the three-year 2023-24 to 2025-26 Preventive Maintenance and Renewal Plan be approved for submission to the Ministry of Education.

Motion Carried.
(Unanimously)

Fall 2022
Trustee
By-Election

Ms. Naomi Mellor, Deputy Director, Division Services/CFO, advised that the Board seat for Subdivision 2 will be vacant as of the end of June 2022 due to the resignation of Trustee Elizabeth Strom and, accordingly, the Board must consider a date for a by-election and make the necessary arrangements in accordance with the provisions set out in *The Local Government Elections Act, 2015*. She further advised that the date of the by-election cannot be later than six months after the position is vacant. She provided factors for Board members to consider when setting the date. She noted that, as the Division is in the City of Regina, the returning officer for a by-election is the administrator of the municipality. She outlined operational details to be addressed by the Board, including mobile and special polls, polling areas and place, advance polls, voting by mail, ballots, criminal record checks with vulnerable sector query to be included with the candidate nomination papers for all candidates, and public disclosure of election campaign contributions and expenses. She advised that the estimated cost to run the by-election is approximately \$70K and will be managed through the Operating Reserve. She further advised that the Division would manage communications in consultation with the City of Regina Returning Officer. Ms. Mellor responded to a question relative to interim arrangements.

Motion by Mrs. Sarah Cummings Truszkowski:

That:

- 1) October 25, 2022 be established as the official date for a by-election of the Board of Education of the Regina School Division No. 4 of Saskatchewan in Subdivision 2, in accordance with *The Local Government Elections Act, 2015*, and that the date be conveyed to the Office of the City Clerk for approval by City Council;
- 2) The use of mobile and special polls to serve voters at the institutions defined in Section 29 of *The Local Government Elections Act, 2015*;
- 3) The list of polling and advance polling locations, attached to these Minutes, be approved;
- 4) The names of candidates on ballots be listed in alphabetical order by surname; and
- 5) A criminal record check with vulnerable sector query be included with the candidate nomination papers for all candidates.

Motion Carried.
(Unanimously)

Shared Values
Recognition
Program Voting
Protocol and
Process

The Shared Values Recognition Program Selection Committee voting package had been distributed on May 4, 2022. Information on the voting protocol and process was included in the Board agenda package. Ms. Tara Molson advised that ballots are to be submitted by June 3rd.

Planned Agenda
Items

For Board member information, Ms. Tara Molson noted the planned agenda items currently set for the June 14, 2022 Board meeting, including Protecting, Respecting and Inclusion Presentation, Director’s Report, Organizational

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Culture and Diversity Committee, Policy, Governance and Sustainability Planning Committee, Indigenous Education Advisory Council, 2022/23 Budget Submission, Destruction of Public Documents, Central Collegiate Land Exchange Agreement, Purchase of Parking Lot for The Crescents School, Third Quarter Financial Report, Third Quarter Transportation Report, Biannual Human Resources Report, and Biannual Administrative Procedures Update.

Information –
Subdivision
Reports

Mrs. Sarah Cummings Truskowski advised that, on April 12th, she attended the Scott SCC meeting, with only one parent in attendance. She learned of the programs offered at Scott Collegiate, including the Police Academy, the Growing Young Movers program, Pathways, and Following Their Voices. She also noted that, through a partnership with Buckets and Borders, the outside basketball court is being redesigned and upgraded. She commented on attendance challenges and referenced her poverty presentation to End Poverty Regina on May 2nd, and her presentation with Trustee Lacey Weekes to City Council on May 4th regarding fare-free transit for students up to age 18 that would assist many high school students improve their attendance, and see successes at school and beyond.

Ms. Lacey Weekes advised that she attended the Regional Centre of Expertise 14th Annual Education for Sustainable Development Recognition event last week, noting that, throughout Saskatchewan, individuals, organizations, schools, and businesses are stepping up to the challenge of sustainable development. Through educational projects and initiatives, they are moving beyond “talking” about sustainability to “doing” sustainability. They are building capacity and leadership for sustainability in Saskatchewan and progress toward the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals. She congratulated the award winners, including École Centennial School’s land-based learning project.

Mrs. Elizabeth Strom congratulated Ms. Jill Labas, Business Teacher at Campbell Collegiate, who placed 2nd in the Saskatchewan High School Case Competition (Personal Finance and Entrepreneurship categories), winning over \$12,000 in scholarships. She also recognized Ms. Emily McCreery, a student at Regina Christian School, who received a Junior Citizen of the Year Award.

Mr. Ted Jaleta advised that he attended the W.F. Ready SCC meeting on April 25th and was encouraged by the school’s safety protocols, as COVID cases are still being reported. He noted the discussion on the Readiness Council that prepares students for Grade 1. He also acknowledged their first basketball game in over two years. During Bike Safety Week, he noted that students who do not have bikes may walk or run so that everyone is included in the festivities. He advised that he attended the Wilfred Hunt SCC meeting on May 6th and noted that students are enjoying being outdoors more and having extra-curricular activities like badminton and track and field. Preparation for Grade 8 Farewell is underway, and in-person orientation is being planned for parents of kindergarten students. At the W.S. Hawrylak SCC meeting on May 9th, he commented on their Grade 8 Farewell planning as well as the Track and Field meet on June 6th. He also noted a presentation on accessible playgrounds.

Mrs. Cindy Anderson advised that, on March 29th, she and Mrs. Strom attended the Clarence Campeau Development Fund’s launch of its latest economic initiative designed to support strong, successful, Métis women entrepreneurs across Saskatchewan.

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.

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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 Ms. Lacey Weekes:

That we rise and report.

Motion Carried.

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

Collective Bargaining Update

- 1) That the Memorandum of Settlement between the Board of Education of the Regina School Division No. 4 of Saskatchewan and the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 3766, effective September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2024, be approved, and that the Director of Education be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

Motion by Mr. Ted Jaleta:

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

Motion Carried.
(Unanimously)

At the conclusion of closed session, the Committee of the Whole reported progress with respect to consideration of *2022/23 Budget Development Update*. The progress report was accepted. It was advised that the *Discussion with Saskatchewan School Boards Association Representatives* would be rescheduled.

Adjournment

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

Motion by Mrs. Cindy Anderson:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 5:30 to 7:09 p.m.

Chairperson

Chief Financial Officer