

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. Tracey McMurchy Ms. Lacey Weekes
Administration Present	Mr. Darren Boldt, Director of Education Ms. Naomi Mellor, Deputy Director, Division Services/CFO	

Mr. Adam 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.

Adoption of Agenda	<u>Motion by Mrs. Sarah Cummings Truszkowski:</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 February 14, 2023.
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Motion by Mrs. Tracey McMurchy:

That the minutes of the Board meeting of February 14, 2023, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

Band Program	Ms. Tannis Lowey-Chimilari, Principal that oversees the Band Program, and Ms. Tanya Hoyt, Band Teacher, presented a video on Regina Public Schools' Band Program. They advised that there are 16 band teachers and eight elementary area bands that consist of 2,000 Grades 6-8 students from 42 elementary schools. They advised that two elementary schools and one high school do not have a formal band but can be transported to other schools to participate. They responded to questions relative to funding, the Optimist Band Festival that is being held this week, tracking of band participation from elementary to high school, and encouraging participation.
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Director's Report	Mr. Darren Boldt reported that March saw the return of the Feast and Round Dance at Balfour Collegiate. He also advised that a special event at Campus
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Regina Public law the launch of a land-based program in partnership with the University of Regina and the First Nations University of Canada, where level 100 credits can be earned. He noted the launch of the STEAM program at F.W. Johnson Collegiate’s open house, a 4-year program focusing on creativity integrating science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics. He advised that over 80 students have registered for Grade 9 STEAM. He advised that the new Argyle School will open next month, with staff and students moving in after the Spring break. He commented that the SRO evaluation is complete, and it is now in the phases of reviewing and analyzing the feedback received. He further noted that the Associate Schools Review is also in the analysis phase. He pointed to the upcoming tour of Wascana Plains School and meeting with Minister of Education Dustin Duncan to discuss capacity issues in the southeast in both elementary and high school. He further anticipated an announcement of a site being secured for the Harbour Landing West school. Currently, he advised that the Division is awaiting the provincial budget to find out the operating grant allocations and major and minor capital project requests, noting that, with enrolment, staffing, etc., preliminary budgeting shows a 3-4% increase will be needed to maintain status quo. On the capital side, he expressed hope that the Division will receive funding for construction work on Campbell Collegiate as well as approval for a second elementary school in the east and progress on a southeast high school.

[Mrs. Cindy Anderson joined the meeting at 5:50 PM.]

Schools
Boards/City
Council Liaison
Committee
Update

Ms. Tara Molson advised that the School Boards/City Council Liaison Committee met on Friday, March 3, 2023 and they were able to provide an update on Harbour Landing and express concerns regarding future city planning. She advised that the committee discussed ways to collaborate and mitigate the risk of this happening in the future, specifically relative to housing density and population projections. She noted that the Regina Fire Department provided an update on Bi-Directional Amplification and have put forward recommendations to the Province. She further noted that the Committee received an update on a tree planting pilot, with a full announcement and roll out in the near future.

Strategic
Engagement
and Advocacy
Committee

Mr. Ted Jaleta advised that the minutes of the March 7, 2023 Strategic Engagement and Advocacy Committee meeting are included in the Board agenda package. He outlined the agenda items discussed, including: a review of the Committee’s Terms of Reference; an update on the Elementary and High School Student Forums; the development of a Community Newsletter; the development of an Advocacy Strategy on School Site Acquisition; a request for community members to present to the Board; and the re-establishment of the Volunteer Recognition Program. Mr. Darren Boldt, Director of Education/CEO, responded to questions relative to school site acquisition advocacy, and the community newsletter.

2023-2024
School Year
Calendars

Proposed elementary and high school calendars for the 2023/2024 school year had been distributed. Mr. Mike Tomchuk, Superintendent, Student Achievement/School Services, advised that development of the calendars was conducted in consultation with representatives of the Regina Public School Teachers’ Association and CUPE 3766, and noting that other 10-month employee groups were invited to be part of the committee. He advised that the calendars are similar to the 2022/2023 calendars, apart from a four-day start-up for teachers, with the first day of school for students to be September 5, 2023, directly after the Labour Day long weekend. He noted that, with September 30th falling on a Saturday in 2023, the calendars reflect a non-school day for staff and students on Monday, October 2nd (in lieu) to respectfully honour the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. He pointed to the two-week break in

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December as well as two one-week breaks in both February and April. Mr. Tomchuk and Mr. Darren Boldt, Director of Education/CEO, responded to a question relative to parent teacher conference time. It was recommended that the matter of parent teacher conference time be taken to a future Saskatchewan School Boards Association convention.

Motion by Mr. Ted Jaleta:

That the 2023/2024 school year calendars be approved as presented, subject to review by the Ministry of Education.

Motion Carried.
(Unanimously)

Treaty Land Entitlement Agreement with Cowessess First Nation

Information regarding a Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) Agreement Cowessess 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. Ms. Mellor responded to a question relative to the approximate amount of yearly taxes for that property.

Motion by Mrs. Sarah Cummings Truszkowski:

That the tax loss compensation agreement between the Cowessess 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)

2023-2024 School Boundary Changes

Information regarding school boundary changes in the south end of the City had been distributed. Mr. Darren Boldt, Director of Education/CEO, advised that the Administration does not take decisions of this nature lightly, and that feedback from community and staff have been incorporated in the decision. He further advised that boundary changes are needed to manage growth and capacity in schools, and transitions to other schools will be made as smoothly as possible. Ms. Delaine Clyne, Supervisor, Strategic Supports, provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the enrolment growth at Harbour Landing School since September 2022, noting that the school is at 148% utilization and over capacity by 321 students. To ensure Harbour Landing School can manage the enrolment demand until the new Harbour Landing West School opens, she advised that 200 students will need to be temporarily relocated, the plan being to permanently move 100 students from Ethel Milliken School to the new Argyle School which has the ability to add relocatables if required, and temporarily move 200 students from Harbour Landing School to Ethel Milliken School until Harbour Landing West School opens, with students being provided bussing. It was noted that, although École Massey School has space, it is the only option to manage the French Immersion pressures at Dr. A.E. Perry School. With the high utilization being experienced at Sheldon-Williams Collegiate, the feeder school change of Ethel Milliken School to Campbell Collegiate will be effective June 30, 2023; however, the current Grade 8 students at Milliken will have an option to attend either high school, the Milliken students affected by the boundary change to Argyle will continue to go to Sheldon-Williams for high school, and the students temporarily moved from Harbour Landing to Milliken will be allowed an option to go to either high school throughout their time at

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Milliken. The high school designation for Harbour Landing West will be decided closer to the school opening. Mr. Adam Hicks expressed his frustration, commenting on inadequate City planning and the two years spent by the City and Province to determine a plan to move forward. Board members supported the boundary changes presented.

Planned Agenda Items For Board member information, Ms. Tara Molson noted the planned agenda items currently set for the April 18, 2023 Board meeting, including Director’s Report, Organizational Culture and Diversity Committee, Quarterly Finance Accountability Report, Quarterly Transportation Accountability Report, Capital Projects Update, Annual Facilities Accountability Report, Long Service Reception, SSBA Spring General Assembly Summary, and 2023-2024 Budget Development.

Agenda Requests Mrs. Cindy Anderson requested that the CSBA Conference be added to the next meeting agenda to determine if any trustees will be attending.

Information – Subdivision Reports Mrs. Sarah Cummings Truskowski advised that she attended the Martin School Community Council (SCC) on March 6th, highlighting the Sports Academy programs, and their recent band and choir concert. At the Kitchener SCC meeting on March 14th, she spoke of potentially partnering with more affluent SCCs for collaboration. She further noted that, at the March 14th Walker SCC meeting, they too are interested in seeking SCC partnerships. With the Division-wide SCC Conference held on March 4th, many members were able to connect with other SCCs. She thanked Ms. Lisa Frei, Student Achievement Superintendent, for organizing the event.

Mrs. Cindy Anderson advised that she attended the open house at F.W. Johnson Collegiate on March 9th and noted it was very well attended, with much interest in the STEAM program.

Mr. Ted Jaleta advised that he attended the Wilfred Hunt SCC meeting on March 9th and the W.S. Hawrylak SCC meeting on March 20th. He noted that there is a lot of planning for Grade 8 graduations as well as outdoor activities, including track and field.

Mr. Adam Hicks thanked Ms. Tara Molson and Ms. Lacey Weekes for attending the meetings with Harbour Landing School. He further thanked trustees who attended a meeting held at Ethel Milliken School for parents impacted, noting that the parents were more open for the changes. He advised that Lakeview SCC has questioned why their school is listed third on our capital projects list and would like him to present at an upcoming SCC meeting. With critical repairs having been completed two years ago, they were told the school would need to be reanalyzed in two years and are concerned they have not heard anything. He advised that Dr. A.E. Perry parents are fundraising for new playground equipment to replace a large piece that was vandalized. They are also looking to develop the entire park behind the school.

Ms. Lacey Weekes advised that MacNeill School had their Kindness Assembly on February 17th where they showcased acts of kindness. The MacNeill girls’ basketball team was also awarded the City Championship banner. She attended the Ruth M. Buck SCC meeting on February 28th where it was announced the long-awaited school playground will be built this Summer. She further noted that Ruth M. Buck is participating in the Home Visit Pilot project this year, with 31 families signed up. Staff are impressed and grateful for the many ideas and suggestions coming from those visits. When the school was named after Ruth M. Buck, she requested that it always display aboriginal art. Ms. Weekes

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advised that the school now proudly displays works from Ron Ewenin Wapemoose and Phyllis Poitras-Jarrett, accompanied by learning packages for the teachers to use.

Mrs. Tracey McMurchy advised that she attended the Feast and Round Dance at Balfour Collegiate and thanked everyone involved in the event. She also attended the Carnivale at École Massey School. She noted that the SCC Conference hosted by Regina Public and Regina Catholic school divisions on March 4th had amazing guest speakers and was a great way for SCCs to connect and share information. She also advised that it is a big week for Band Students as they are performing at the Optimist Band Festival at the Conexus Arts Centre Monday and Thursday.

On behalf of the Board of Education, Mr. Adam Hicks 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. Cindy Anderson:

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:

Memorandum of Understanding re: Harbour Landing West School Site

- 1) That the Board of Education of the Regina School Division No. 4 of Saskatchewan authorize the Director of Education/CEO to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Regina, the Ministry of Education and the Regina Catholic School Division regarding the roles and responsibilities for the land acquisition, site servicing, and project expectations for the Harbour Landing West Joint-Use School Project, as presented.

Motion by Mrs. Cindy Anderson:

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

Motion Carried.

[Mrs. Cindy Anderson, Ms. Lacey Weekes, Mrs. Tracey McMurchy, Mrs. Sarah Cummings Truszkowski, Ms. Tara Molson, and Mr. Ted Jaleta supported the motion; Mr. Adam Hicks opposed the motion.]

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

Motion by Mr. Ted Jaleta:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 5:30 to 7:55 p.m.

Chairperson

Chief Financial Officer