

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. 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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Ms. Lacey Weekes 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 thanked Mr. Adam Hicks for his dedication to the School Division, its staff, students and families, and for his positive leadership as Chairperson during the pandemic, from November 2020 to September 2021.

She then asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. It was agreed that item 9b, *Public Section Update*, be moved to the closed session portion of the meeting. It was further requested that *Communication Review* be added for consideration in closed session.

Adoption of Agenda	<u>Motion by Mrs. Cindy Anderson:</u>
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That, with the amendments 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 Board meeting and the Organizational meeting, both held on September 28, 2021.
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Motion by Mrs. Cindy Anderson:

That the minutes of the Board meeting of September 28, 2021, and the minutes of the Organizational meeting of September 28, 2021, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

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Director’s Report

Mr. Greg Enion, Director of Education, highlighted Education Week (October 17-23, 2021), with this year’s theme of *Learning for the Future*. He spoke of schools working with students relative to careers and other future options. He also noted that it was Bus Driver Appreciation Day. He advised that the Division, through its partnership with Warner Transportation, has 78 buses and 108 bus routes, transporting over 3,700 students every day and, including light vehicles, there are over 4,400 students transported each day. He expressed appreciation for the expert service provided by all the Division’s drivers. He pointed to the schools’ active role in activities on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, and advised that two more schools, Glen Elm School and Campbell Collegiate, are now flying the Treaty 4 Flag. He outlined that he participated in a press conference on September 29th at Mosaic Stadium where the City of Regina announced a large event for September 29, 2022, in recognition of the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. He made a commitment on behalf of the Division to be a part of that event. He provided an update on COVID-19 cases, noting 122 positive cases in schools in September, with 76% being Pre-K to Grade 6 students, 13% being Grades 7 to 12 students, and 11% being staff. He pointed to this as a clear indication that vaccines have made a difference. He reported that there have been 78 cases so far in October. He reminded Board members that the Division works very closely with the Medical Health Officers to determine outbreaks and which classrooms must move to remote learning. With respect to rapid test kits, he advised that the Deputy Minister of Education has assured that tests will arrive in schools in the next few days. He further noted that rapid test kits have been ordered and will be funded by the Division for staff use. Mr. Enion responded to questions relative to feedback on the new COVID-19 Vaccination Administrative Procedure. Ms. Naomi Mellor, Deputy Director, Division Services/CFO, responded to questions relative to employee and contractor/third party vaccination declarations, and staff communication. Mr. Darren Boldt, Deputy Director, Student Achievement/School Services, provided a further breakdown on COVID-19 numbers. Mrs. Sarah Cummings Truszkowski expressed appreciation for the rapid test kits being made available for families, especially families with children who are not yet eligible to receive a vaccination.

Organizational Culture and Diversity Committee

Ms. Lacey Weekes advised that the minutes of the October 12, 2021 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; Student Trustee; Diversity Coordinator; Guidelines for a SRO Review; Review of the Trustee Skill Matrix; an update from the meeting with the African Canadian Resource Network; and the National Council of Canadian Muslims Recommendation #43.

Appointment of Standing Committee Members

Based on member preferences expressed and in accordance with Policy 8 *Committees of the Board*, Ms. Tara Molson asked for a motion to appoint members to serve on the five standing committees until the next Organizational Meeting.

Motion by Ms. Lacey Weekes:

That:

- a) Ted Jaleta (Chair), Adam Hicks and Elizabeth Strom be appointed to serve on the Audit and Risk Management Committee;
- b) Elizabeth Strom (Chair), Adam Hicks and Sarah Cummings Truszkowski be appointed to serve on the Strategic Engagement and Advocacy Committee;
- c) Cindy Anderson (Chair), Sarah Cummings Truszkowski and Lacey Weekes be appointed to serve on the Policy, Governance and Sustainability Planning Committee;

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- d) Lacey Weekes (Chair), Cindy Anderson and Ted Jaleta be appointed to serve on the Organizational Culture and Diversity Committee; and
- e) Sarah Cummings Truskowski (Chair), and all other Board members be appointed to serve on the Indigenous Education Advisory Council; until the next Organizational Meeting of the Board.

Motion Carried.  
(Unanimously)

Appointment of Board Representatives In accordance with Policy 9 *Board Representatives*, Ms. Tara Molson asked for a motion to appoint members to represent the Board on certain external committees.

Motion by Mrs. Sarah Cummings Truskowski:

That:

- a) Tara Molson and Sarah Cummings Truskowski be appointed to serve as Board Representatives on the School Boards/City Council Liaison Committee for 2022; and
- b) Sarah Cummings-Truskowski be appointed to serve as Board Representative on the Public Section of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association until the next Organizational Meeting of the Board.

Motion Carried.  
(Unanimously)

2021 SSBA AGM: Appointment of Voting Delegates and Vote Distribution Information regarding the appointment of voting delegates and the distribution of votes for the Saskatchewan School Boards Association 2021 Annual General Meeting had been distributed. Ms. Tara Molson noted the recommendation to select one voting delegate for this year’s virtual meeting.

Motion by Mrs. Cindy Anderson:

That Ms. Tara Molson be appointed as voting delegate to the Annual General Meeting of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association to be held November 15, 2021, virtually; and that the 51 vote allocation to be cast on behalf of the Board at the 2021 Saskatchewan School Boards Association Annual General Meeting be allocated as follows:

Ms. Tara Molson – 51 votes;

and that, as a matter of policy, if for some reason a Board member who is listed as a “voting” delegate is unable to attend the general meeting, the Board Chair or other person authorized by the Board can have that Board member’s ballots allocated to another Board member, by contacting the SSBA prior to 4:30 PM on November 14, 2021, to make the change.

Motion Carried.  
(Unanimously)

Enrolment Report Information relative to 2021-2022 student enrolment had been distributed. Mr. Darren Boldt, Deputy Director, Student Achievement/School Services, provided additional information, including actual enrolment comparisons from 2020/2021. He noted that projections for the 2021/2022 school year were difficult to determine due to the pandemic and families keeping children at home, particularly Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students. He advised that the Division is seeing the same trend this year. He also pointed to the impact the pandemic has had on newcomers to Regina. As of September 30, 2021, system

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enrolment was 24,591 students, an increase of 300 students from 2020/2021, but 763 students below 2021/2022 projections. He provided information on initiatives to re-engage families. Mr. Boldt responded to questions relative to contacting families, student registrations, home-school enrolments, socio-economic impacts, and communicating the Division’s safety protocols. Board members expressed appreciation for the report.

**Planned Agenda Items** For Board member information, Ms. Tara Molson noted the planned agenda items currently set for the November 23, 2021 Board meeting, including Director’s Report, Achievement Results 2020/21, Summer Success Report 2021, Policy, Governance and Sustainability Planning Committee, Audit and Risk Management Committee, 2020/21 Audited Financial Statements, 2020/21 Annual Report, and CUPE 650 Grievance 02-2021.

**Agenda Requests** Mr. Adam Hicks requested a Saskatchewan School Boards Association Fall General Assembly Summary be added to the next agenda. Mr. Greg Enion, Director of Education, advised that he would include an update on the implementation of Administrative Procedure 140 in his next Director’s Report.

**Information – Subdivision Reports** Mrs. Elizabeth Strom advised that she attended two Treaty 4 flag raising ceremonies—one at Thomson Community School and one at Campbell Collegiate, and noted that the ceremonies were very moving. She further advised that she attended a Balfour School Community Council meeting.

On behalf of the Board of Education, Ms. Lacey Weekes 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 Ms. Lacey Weekes:  
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 reported progress with respect to consideration of *Public Section Update* and *Communication Review*. The progress reports were accepted.

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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 Mrs. Cindy Anderson:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 5:30 to 7:16 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Chief Financial Officer