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**NO. #2023R-5 (MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023)**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SASKATCHEWAN RIVERS PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION  
NO. 119 FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023 AT 4:00 P.M. IN  
THE BOARD ROOM, EDUCATION CENTRE, 545 11<sup>TH</sup> STREET EAST, PRINCE ALBERT, SK**

**PRESENT:**

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**

**MRS. C. BLOOM**, Trustee

**MR. B. GEROW**, Trustee

**MR. G. GUSTAFSON**, Trustee

**MR. B. HOLLICK**, Trustee

**MR. A. LINDBERG**, Trustee

**MR. A. NUNN**, Vice-Chair (*virtual*)

**MS. D. ROWDEN**, Board Chair

**MS. J. SMITH-WINDSOR**, Trustee

**DR. M. VICKERS**, Trustee

**MR. B. YEAMAN**, Trustee (*virtual*)

**SENIOR ADMINISTRATION**

Mr. R. Bratvold, Director of Education

Mr. M. Hurd, Superintendent of Facilities

Mr. T. Michaud, Superintendent of Schools

Mrs. G. Tebay, Superintendent of Schools

Mrs. J. Ward, Administrative Services Officer

Mr. N. Finch, Superintendent of Schools

Mrs. J. Hingley, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. J. Pidborochynski, Chief Financial Officer

Mr. C. Trann, Superintendent of Schools

D. Rowden, Board Chair, called the meeting to order.

D. Rowden provided the land acknowledgement for the school division. She congratulated two trustees, J. Smith-Windsor and C. Bloom as recipients of Queen Elizabeth Platinum Jubilee Medal for education.

Trustees were given an opportunity to declare a conflict of interest.

**MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION:**

**#23R-29**

***Moved by A. Lindberg that the meeting move into Closed Session with Board and Administration present.***

***Carried.***

Regular meeting resumed.

**STUDENT TRUSTEE**

D. Zacharias (absent)

C. Horan

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

**#23R-30**

***Moved by A. Lindberg that the agenda be approved as presented.***

***Carried.***

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**CONSENT ITEMS:**

**#23R-31**

*Moved by M. Vickers that the following consent items be approved:*

*(a) Adoption of the Minutes for Regular of February 27, 2023;*

*(b) Financial Statement – for the second Quarter Ending February 28, 2023.*

*Carried.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**(a) Matters and Motions from the Closed Session of March 27, 2023**

**#23R-32**

*Moved by D. Rowden that the following motion be brought forward:*

*1. That the Board affirm the appointment of Neil Finch as Director of Education for Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division, effective August 1, 2023.*

*Carried.*

**(b) Verbal Update on Board Chairs Council**

D. Rowden provided a verbal update on the March 13, 2023 Board Chairs Council meeting. Some topics covered included the Curriculum Advisory Committee update, provincial budget, and the professional development planned for the Spring Assembly.

**(c) Saskatchewan Rivers Students for Change (SRSC) Report**

The report regarding the recent SRSC Executive meeting was reviewed for information. R. Bratvold expressed appreciation to the SRSC group for continuing with their efforts regarding departmental exams. It was noted that the graduation requirements and possible professional development opportunities for the SRSC can be topics added to a future SRSC meeting.

**(d) Finalization of Agenda Items with First Nations Representative Gathering**

D. Rowden noted that the meeting with First Nation Representative gathering is planned for April 24, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. The trustees provided potential agenda items for the gathering.

**(e) Verbal Update on Joint Advocacy with SARM**

D. Rowden commented that the resolution to improve connectivity for rural schools received overwhelming support of 97 percent at the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities Annual Convention. The resolution was introduced by the RM of Prince Albert as a result of the Board's advocacy with rural municipalities, towns and villages.

**(f) Review plans for Upcoming SSBA Spring Assembly**

D. Rowden provided a verbal update regarding plans for the upcoming SSBA Spring Assembly on April 5 and 6, 2023.

**(g) Disenfranchisement Discussion**

Considerable discussion was held on the topic of disenfranchisement in the school division. Consensus was to place this item on the upcoming meeting with First Nations Representatives Gathering on April 24, 2023.

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**#23R-33**

*Moved by M. Vickers that the Board authorize administration to prepare a preliminary report on “non-assessable land” that exists in and around the Saskatchewan Rivers School Division (First Nations, federal park, provincial park, etc.) for the purpose of further discussion on voters, candidates and disenfranchisement.  
Carried.*

**(h) Policy Committee Update**

The Policy Committee has identified that the Board does not have an identifiable standard of engagement with our SCCs. The Committee will be surveying board members to determine a collective starting point from which to build a more effective SCC engagement. The survey topics were reviewed for information and input.

**REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:**

**(a) Enterprise Risk Management Report**

Over the past few years, the Board and Administrative Council have developed an Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) system and that system had its first full year of implementation from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. There continues to be an evolution of familiarity and expertise within the division related to ERM. The SRPSD ERM framework, the SRPSD Risk Register and Heat Map and the Risk Owners Report was shared for information.

**#23R-34**

*Moved by M. Vickers that the Board approve the Enterprise Risk Management Report as presented.  
Carried.*

**(b) Financial Statements – Charity and Scholarship Fund**

**#23R-35**

*Moved by B. Hollick that the Board approve the Financial Statements for the Charity and Scholarship Fund.  
Carried.*

**(c) Verbal Update Regarding SCC Gathering – March 28, 2023**

G. Tebay provided a verbal update regarding the School Community Councils gathering on March 28, 2023. She provided an overview of the SCC plans for the 2023-2024 school year.

**THREE KEY MESSAGES FOR SCC/PUBLIC FROM BOARD MEETING:**

- School Community Council gathering;
- Enterprise Risk Management Framework;
- Hoopla 2023.

**BOARD MEMBERS’ FORUM:**

Trustees were given an opportunity to share information on items of mutual interest.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**#23R-36**


***Moved by G.Gustafson that the meeting adjourn. (7:15 p.m.)***

***Carried.***

**SIGNATURES:**

  
Board Chair

  
Administrative Services Officer

  
Date of Approval