

**NO. #2021R-5 (MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021)**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SASKATCHEWAN RIVERS PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION, BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE SEMINAR 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**, Board Chair  
**MR. A. LINDBERG**, Trustee

**MR. A. NUNN**, Trustee  
**MS. D. ROWDEN**, Vice-Chair  
**MS. J. SMITH-WINDSOR**, Trustee (E- electronically)  
**DR. M. VICKERS**, Trustee (E)  
**MR. B. YEAMAN**, Trustee

**SENIOR ADMINISTRATION**

Mr. R. Bratvold, Director of Education  
Mr. J. Pidborochynski, Chief Financial Officer (E)

Mrs. J. Ward, Administrative Services Officer (E)  
Mr. M. Hurd, Superintendent of Facilities (E)

B. Hollick, Board Chair, called the meeting to order.

B. Hollick acknowledged the traditional homelands of the Métis and the ancestral lands of the Cree, Dene, Dakota, Lakota, Nakoda and Saulteaux peoples and that the division is within Treaty 6 Territory.

Trustees were given an opportunity to declare a conflict of interest. J. Smith-Windsor expressed her conflict of interest with two agenda items - 4(a) on the Closed Session agenda and 9(g) on the Regular agenda.

**MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION:**

**#21R-42**

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

***Carried.***

Regular meeting resumed.

**STUDENT TRUSTEES**

K. Lam (absent)

E. Zbaraschuk (E)

**OTHERS**

M. Oleksyn, Daily Herald reporter (E)

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

**#21R-43**

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

***Carried.***

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

**#21R-44**

***Moved by A. Lindberg that the following consent items be approved:***

***(a) Adoption of the Minutes for Regular meetings of April 12, 2021;***

***(b) Correspondence;***

***(c) Free Virtual Conference – May 27, 2021 – poster.***

***Carried.***

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**(a) Notice of Motion**

J. Smith-Windsor provided additional background information for the proposed recommendation for Board information.

(Motion)

Moved by J. Smith-Windsor that the Board of Education invite student and staff submissions for the design of the SRPSD logo in recognition and celebration of Pride, June 2021, and annually thereafter.

**#21R-45**

***Moved by D. Rowden that the motion be tabled to a future Board meeting.***

***Carried.***

J. Smith-Windsor asked for clarification regarding the additional information required by the Board. A few trustees indicated that input from SRSC committee and students in general would be beneficial. E. Zbaraschuk will bring this forward to the next SRSC executive meeting for further discussion.

**#21R-46**

***Moved by J. Smith-Windsor that the Board of Education commit to review its policies relating to equity, diversity and inclusion as a complement to the 2021-2022 strategic plan renewal process.***

***Carried.***

**(b) SSBA Position Statements**

The Board reviewed the two of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association Position Statements – 2.2 Assessment of Student Achievement and 3.2 Infrastructure Finding. The remaining two position statements will be reviewed at the May 31 Planning meeting or the June 7 meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**(a) Motions from the Closed Session of May 10, 2021:**

**#21R-47**

***Moved by B. Hollick that the following motion be brought forward:***

***1. That the Board approve the Financial Statements for the Charity and Scholarship Fund.***

***Carried.***

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**(b) External Board Committees**

• **Policy Committee Verbal Report**

**#21R-48**

*Moved by G. Gustafson that the Board request the Director to review division Administrative Procedures to ensure they include vaccine expectations to support student and staff safety that are based on legal and public health advice; and further, that policy development related to student & staff safety and well-being, including vaccination expectations, be included in the Policy Committee's current work plan. Carried.*

**#21R-49**

*Moved by G. Gustafson that the Board confirm the following process and timeline to complete the current year policy review:*

- a) Request submissions of top 2-3 policy suggestions from trustees by noon on May 21, 2021;*
- b) Committee meets the week of May 24, 2021;*
- c) Board input will be discussed at Planning Meeting on May 31, 2021; and*
- d) Board consideration/motion for policy changes at June 7 (or June 21) meeting, as needed.*

*Carried.*

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

E. Zbaraschuk provided a verbal SRSC report that included schools' highlights for information. She noted that students had completed their professional development session – Presenting with Confidence which included individual students' presentations.

J. Smith-Windsor, Chair of the Board Committee, provided a verbal report on its committee meeting of today. The Committee reflected on the past year's work and the plans for next year. She noted that a written report will be provided at the next Regular meeting. The committee wanted to highlight some of the speeches that the students prepared after the completion of the course at the next Board meeting. E. Zbaraschuk will reach out to the SRSC group for volunteers to present.

**(d) Review of CAPSLE Conference – May 2 to 4**

Trustees who attended the virtual CAPSLE conference from May 2 to 4 provided their feedback on the conference.

D. Rowden noted that the Board Development Plan Committee is planning to survey trustees regarding this year's professional development activities.

**(e) Canadian School Boards Association Congress 2021**

B. Hollick noted that virtual Canadian School Boards Association Congress 2021 will take place from July 7 to 9, 2021. If interested in attending, please let J. Ward know.



(f) **Request for Approval of Professional Development Expense**

J. Smith-Windsor left the meeting for this agenda item.

**#21R-50**

***Moved by G. Gustafson that the Board approve the professional development request for \$1,638.00 for J. Smith-Windsor that exceeds her professional development allotment for 2020-2021.***

***Carried.***

**REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:**

(a) **2022-2025 Preventative Maintenance & Renewal Plan and the 2020-2021 Preventative Maintenance and Renewal Amendment**

**#21R-51**

***Moved by G. Gustafson that the 2022-2025 Preventative Maintenance and Renewal Plan be approved as presented.***

***Carried.***

**#21R-52**

***Moved by G. Gustafson that the 2020-2021 Preventative Maintenance and Renewal Amendment be approved as presented.***

***Carried.***

(b) **Director Update**

R. Bratvold provided an update on:

- Student learning –An excerpt from Our School that delves into three of the “Drivers of Student Achievement” was provided.
- Partnerships:
  - Schools are working with the City of Prince Albert to promote the completion of Census 2021.
  - We are excited to be partnering with the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan to implement a Michif Language and Culture early years program. Two sites have been selected: St. Louis, which is a historical Métis Community, and Queen Mary, an urban site with a high population of Indigenous students. We are very honoured and humbled to have been invited to participate in the Michif Early Learning Pilot Project.
  - Our partnership with Early Learning partners has led to the announcement that local childcare provider Blooms and Buds has been awarded and has verbally accepted the authority to operate of the Carlton Childcare Teen Facility.
  - We have a new Following Their Voices school being selected to join the program. After significant readiness work and application by the school team, St. Louis Public School will join Wesmor, Carlton, PACI and École Arthur Pechey as official FTV schools. Another school has also been selected – Queen Mary Public School.
  - Work with Kids First and Ministry of Education have resulted in the creation of an Early Years Coach position that is funded by Kids First to work with Kids First clients and ensure smooth transition into PreK and Kindergarten programs within SRPSD.

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- Provided an update of COVID rates in the in SRPSD schools. There is no indication of the need to move to level 4 in schools in the near future. We will continue our conversations with Health and if a move is required, we will determine if that is division-wide or more community based.
- We have taken the next big step in our removal from the WCB monitoring and intervention program. Several schools did not hold the required OHS meeting every 90 days, we are now back on the list of OHS intensive monitoring. We continue to work with OHS representatives and principals to take additional corrective action.
- There has been an elevated concern among many divisions about the legal liabilities of the Rapid Testing Program as it is currently structured. SSBA legal will be providing some updated guidance to school divisions as the pilot program emerges. The third party vendors to serve our area for rapid testing have not yet been finalized.
- The actions from the Provincial Education Interim Plan have begun with a mental health strategy symposium scheduled for mid-May. Although the plan has not been formally approved for implementation starting in September 2021, several aspects of the initial work are progressing.
- The draft Facility Naming Administrative Procedure was presented for initial discussion earlier this year and the Board indicated its preference to defer discussion until a later time. This will be discussed at the May 31 Planning Meeting or one of the June Board meetings.
- Congratulations to Westview Public School for applying and being selected as one of the \$10,000 award recipients of the Mosaic School Nutrition Challenge.

**(c) Interim Provincial Education Plan Endorsement by the Board and Education Authority**

This agenda item was tabled to the May 31, 2021 Planning meeting.

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

- Westview Public School – Winner of the Mosaic School Nutrition Challenge;
- Promising Enrolment Trends and Projections;
- First Nation and Métis Education in the Spotlight.

**BOARD MEMBERS' FORUM:**

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

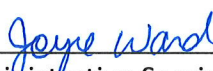
**#21R-53**


***Moved by B. Yeaman that the meeting adjourn (7:20 p.m.)***

***Carried.***

**SIGNATURES:**

  
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Board Chair

  
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Administrative Services Officer

  
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Date of Approval