

NO. #2022R-5 (MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022)

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SASKATCHEWAN RIVERS PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION
NO. 119 FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022 AT 4:00 P.M. IN
THE SEMINAR ROOM, EDUCATION CENTRE, 545 11TH 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 (virtual)

DR. M. VICKERS, Trustee (virtual – left meeting at 5:30 pm)

MR. B. YEAMAN, Trustee

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION

Mr. R. Bratvold, Director of Education

Mrs. J. Ward, Administrative Services Officer

Mr. J. Pidborochynski, Chief Financial Officer

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.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION:

#22R-24

Moved by G. Gustafson that the meeting move into Closed Session with Board and Administration present.

Carried.

Regular meeting resumed.

STUDENT TRUSTEES

T. McCallum

D.Vidal (absent)

OTHERS

M. Oleksyn, Daily Herald reporter (virtual)

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

#21R-25

Moved by G. Gustafson that the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried.

CONSENT ITEMS:

#22R-26

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

- (a) Adoption of the Minutes for the Regular meeting of February 28, 2022;***
 - (b) Board Committee/Representative Updated Terms of Reference for 2021-2022;***
 - (c) Financial Statements – for the Period Ended February 28, 2022.***
- Carried.***

BUSINESS ARISING FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING:

(a) Injury Report

The Safety Program of the division is wide ranging and includes things ranging from fire safety and WHMIS to OHS and our Return-to-Work program. The division safety team consists of the Superintendent of Facilities, Human Resources Manager and Director of Education. This team meets on a regular basis (quarterly at minimum) to

- Review data from WCB, OHS, and internal sources.
- Connect with representatives from WCB, OHS and WorkSafe.
- Plan, implement and monitor actions designed to improve safety across the division.
- Identify emerging issues and plan a response.
- Create reports or other forms of communication to share with the Board, administration and others.

The purpose of the Injury Report was to highlight some of the key indicators that provide a snapshot of injury data currently and over time.

NEW BUSINESS:

(a) Motions from the Closed Session of March 14, 2022:

No motions brought forward from the Closed Session.

(b) External Board Committees:

- Public Section

A. Nunn provided a verbal overview of the March 3 Public Section Executive meeting – Public Section promotional video, meetings with Minister of Education and Education Critic and student citizenship awards.

- Facilities Committee

B. Yeaman reported that a letter had been sent to S. Moe in his role as the MLA for Shellbrook and the Town of Shellbrook regarding the Division's major capital project for a new school in Shellbrook.

(c) Verbal Update – SRSC Committee

T. McCallum provided a verbal report on the individual schools' activities that have taken place to date.

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(d) Verbal update Regarding a RM/Town Gathering

B. Hollick noted that planning is in place to organize a meeting with the rural municipalities, town and villages. He noted that proposed dates will be shared with trustees for input.

(c) Board Development Committee Update

D. Rowden reviewed the progress of the Board Development Plan. She noted that the Board should plan to meet with its local Members of Legislative Assembly in the next few months. It was noted that a meeting with the Ministry of Education along with our division and Prince Albert Separate School Division is in the works.

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

(a) Director's Update

R. Bratvold provided an update on:

- Student learning - excerpts from a few school newsletters provides some insight into the kinds of activities students are engaged in and the move to a comprehensive reporting system has been mostly successful as the division transitions away from reliance on a few major events (report cards and parent teacher interviews) towards a more frequent and diverse approach to assess and report student progress to students and families.
- Partnership with Dumont Technical Institute (DTI) to provide additional support for students seeking Adult Basic Education. At least two local organizations are considering the purchase of the Margo Fournier Centre and both have reached out to SRPSD to explore possible partnerships and shared programming if they are successful in their venture.
- Feedback on the Interim Provincial Education Plan was well-received by the Ministry and expectations to have the IPEP finalized in the coming month.
- The Invitational Shared Service Initiative partnerships will continue to be an application-based process. The good work with our active ISSI First Nation partners (Wahpeton, One Arrow, Muskoday, Saskatoon Tribal Council) is anticipated to roll-over as it was a three-year plan with annual renewal.
- There will be a special report from the Children's Advocate regarding mental health support. It will have several recommendations specific to school divisions and is expected to be released before the end of March.
- There have been additional discussions since the last budget discussion with the Board but we are awaiting the provincial budget allocation before considering next decisions. Schools shares significant appreciation for the Board's decision to support the literacy coaching and staff development project.
- The decision to transfer high school transportation to city transit has received both positive and negative feedback. The first few weeks of September are significantly challenging and can anticipate some of the same challenges to occur for the city transit as well. Schools currently provide support to vulnerable families by providing city bus passes and expect that to continue. It was noted that despite the substantial growth in enrolment in our city high schools, the ridership on buses remains relatively low.

(b) School Tours

Consensus of the Board was to plan for two days of in-person school tours this spring.

(c) June Recognition Event

J. Ward provided a verbal update regarding details for the June 13 Recognition Event for information.

THREE KEY MESSAGES FOR SCC/PUBLIC FROM BOARD MEETING:

- New Superintendent of Schools;
- Partnership with Dumont Technical Institute;
- SRSC update – school initiatives.

BOARD MEMBERS' FORUM:

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


ADJOURNMENT:

#22R-27

Moved by A. Lindberg that the meeting adjourn. (7:00 p.m.)

Carried.

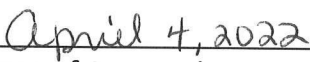
SIGNATURES:



Board Chair



Administrative Services Officer



Date of Approval