

NO. #2023R-14 (MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023)

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SASKATCHEWAN RIVERS PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 119 FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023 AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE BOARD 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, Trustee (absent)

MR. A. LINDBERG, Trustee

MR. A. NUNN, Vice-Chair

MS. D. ROWDEN, Board Chair

MS. J. SMITH-WINDSOR, Trustee

DR. M. VICKERS, Trustee (absent)

MR. B. YEAMAN, Trustee

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION

Mr. N. Finch, Director of Education

Mr. J. Pidborochynski, Chief Financial Officer

Mrs. J. Ward, Administrative Services Officer

Mrs. J. Hingley, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. G. Tebay, Superintendent of Schools

D. Rowden, Board Chair, called the meeting to order. A. Nunn, Vice-Chair, provided the verbal and acknowledgement for the school division.

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

MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION:

#23R-98

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

Carried.

Regular meeting resumed.

OTHERS:

C. Lysyk, Student Board Representative (rural)

M. Oleksyn, Prince Albert Daily Herald

J. Green, Principal and C. Bergen, Vice-principal, École Vickers

D. Harding, Consultant

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

#23R-99

Moved by A. Lindberg that the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried.

CONSENT ITEMS:

#23R-100

Moved by A. Nunn the following consent items be approved:

(a) Adoption of the Regular meeting – September 18, 2023;

(b) Correspondence.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

(a) Motions from the Closed Session of October 16, 2023:

#23R-101

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

1. That the Board approve the recommendation of the Renaming Committee for Won Ska Cultural School to Victor Thunderchild Public High School.

Carried.

2. That the Board approve the updated 2023-2024 Board Advocacy Plan as amended.

Carried.

(b) SRSC Report – Student Board Representative

C. Lysyk, student board representative (rural), reviewed the SRSC Report for information. She highlighted the work of the committee to date.

(c) Verbal Update – Victor Thunderchild Public High School Renaming and Carlton Powwow Celebration

D. Rowden provided a verbal update regarding the recent celebrations that took place in our schools in the division. Trustees were also given an opportunity to provide their feedback on these events.

(d) 2023 SSBA Annual General Meeting – Ballot Information

#23R-102

Moved by J. Smith-Windsor that the Board waive Policy 8, 15.2 regarding SSBA ballot voting delegates.

Carried.

#23R-103

Moved by A. Lindberg that the Board Chair be Saskatchewan Rivers' designated voting delegate and that the Vice-Chair be the alternate voting delegate for the 2023 SSBA Annual General Meeting.

Carried.

(e) Verbal Update on Indigenous Gathering

Consensus of the Board was to postpone the gathering until January 2024.

(f) Verbal Update on RM Gathering

Consensus of the Board was to rescheduled this meeting until January 2024 due to the SARM Convention at the beginning of November in Regina. Some suggested agenda items were shared.

(g) Verbal Update on Land Acknowledgement for Trustees

D. Rowden will develop a schedule for trustees to voice the land acknowledge at Board meetings starting in November, excluding A. Nunn who did the land acknowledgement at this meeting.

(h) Board Chairs Council Verbal Update

D. Rowden provided a verbal update of the Board Chairs Council. It was noted that the SSBA Code of conduct and the document of public engagement at board meetings will be placed on a future meeting.

A trustee inquired if an invitation was issued to the Minister of Education Cockrill to visit the division. D. Rowden responded that a letter was sent shortly after the Minister's announcement.

(i) Revision to Board Policies

#23R-104

***Moved by G. Gustafson that Policy 8: Board Operations and Policy 10: Board Operations be approved as presented.
Carried.***

(j) Board Annual Work Plan

It was noted that the Board Annual Work Plan for the 2024-25 for September will be revised to include trustees' preferences for Board Committees for use at the Organizational meeting.

(k) Running for Other Offices

J. Smith-Windsor brought forth a suggestion with respect to board policy regarding running for other offices. This will be added to a future Board meeting for discussion.

ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS:

(a) Learning Improvement Plans (LIP) Accountability Report

J. Hingley provided the Accountability Report on Learning Improvement Plans for information. Note: École Vickers Public School Principal J. Green and Vice-principal Bergen shared their school story on their school improvement plan at the beginning of the regular meeting.

#23R-105

***Moved by G. Gustafson that the Board confirm that the intent of Policy 1, Policy 2, Section 3 and the Board's Strategic Plan expectation for Learning Improvement Plans have been met and that the Learning Improvement Plan Accountability Report be referred to the Director Evaluation process.
Carried.***

(b) Student Learning Accountability Report

J. Hingley reviewed the Accountability Report on student learning for information.

#23R-106

***Moved by J. Smith-Windsor that the Board confirm that the intent of Policy 2, item 3.2 and the Board's Strategic Plan expectation for monitoring of student achievement have been met and that the Student Achievement Accountability Report be referred to the Director Evaluation process.
Carried.***

It was suggested that a virtual meeting be arranged with the local Members of Parliament – Randy Hoback and Gary Vidal in February, 2024.

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

(a) Budget, Priorities, Guidelines and Timelines

Discussion was held regarding the development of a budget scenario of high level/ideal plan of expenditures (estimated costs) to meet division needs and actualize the Provincial Education Plan. This type of document will be for Board use only and helpful in its advocacy efforts. A target date for this document was the April 2024.

(b) Update regarding 2024 Board Director Seminar

N. Finch noted that the April 10, 2023 date will not work for the 2024 Board/Director Seminar as it conflicts with the Director’s provincial meeting. Consensus was to remain with the April 22, 2024 date but investigate other out of office venues.

THREE KEY MESSAGES FOR SCC/PUBLIC FROM BOARD MEETING:

- Partnerships with local businesses for emergency lunches in urban schools;
- Student Board representative;
- Learning Improvement Plans and Student Accountability Reports.

BOARD MEMBERS’ FORUM:

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

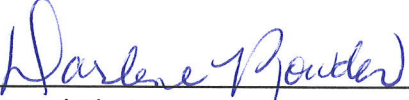
ADJOURNMENT:

#23R-107

Moved by A. Lindberg that the meeting adjourn. (5:25 p.m.)

Carried.

SIGNATURES:


Board Chair


Administrative Services Officer


Date of Approval