

MINUTES OF A MEETING: of the Board of Education of the Saskatchewan School Division No. 13 of Saskatchewan, held on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. January 17, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Holly Kelleher (Vice Chair), Ms. Donna Banks, Ms. Charmaine Bellamy, Ms. Kathleen Brannen, Mr. Vernon Linklater, Ms. Colleen MacPherson, Mr. Cameron Scott, Mr. Ross Tait, Dr. Suzanne Zwarych

Agenda: Ms. Bellamy moved approval of the agenda.

Agenda

CARRIED (9)

Celebrating Excellence: Syrian Refugees – One Year Reflection: Mrs. Donnalee Weinmaster, Superintendent of Education, introduced Mr. Jody Glines, Principal and Ms. Allison Uitti, EAL Teacher at W.P. Bate School. Mr. Glines reflected on the events at the school since December 2015. Ms. Uitti and three of her students shared their stories of living in Canada and the progress the students have made in such a short time. Mrs. Al Soua, parent, also shared her appreciation of the family's new life in Canada.

Celebrating Excellence: Syrian Refugees - One Year Reflection

Celebrating Excellence – Award of Excellence: Mr. Shane Skjerven, Deputy Director of Education, highlighted the winners of the 2015-2016 Award of Excellence and gave a brief description of the achievement of Prapti Patel, Marion M. Graham Collegiate and Shayna Uhryn, Tommy Douglas Collegiate.

Celebrating Excellence - Award of Excellence

Celebrating Excellence – 2015-2016 Proficiency Award Winners: Mr. Shane Skjerven, Deputy Director of Education, highlighted the 2015-2016 Proficiency Award Winners.

Celebrating Excellence- 2015-2016 Proficiency Award Winners

Consent Items: Ms. Banks moved the following consent agenda items be approved as presented.

Consent Items

- ★ 7b) New School Bundling Project Update
- ★ 7c) Financial Results for the period September 1, 2016 to November 30, 2016
- ★ 8 a) Minutes – Approval of December 6, 2016

CARRIED (9)

Reports from Administrative Staff:

Core Strategy Update: Special Education – Professional Development: Mr. Shane Skjerven, Deputy Director of Education introduced Mrs. Donnalee Weinmaster, Superintendent of Education, Mrs. Randi Barker, Coordinator: Special Education and Ms. Gail Neurauter Sajtos: Consultant: Exceptional Learning Needs, Autism. The team updated the Board on the numerous opportunities for professional learning in the Special Education branch.

Core Strategy Update: Special Education – Professional Development

Unfinished Business:

Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation – Audited Financial Statements
September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016: Ms. Brannen moved that the Board approve the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended August 31, 2016 for the Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation Corp.

Saskatoon
Public Schools
Foundation –
Audited
Financial
Statements
September 1,
2015 to August
31, 2016

CARRIED (9)

Employee Benefits – Request to Quote (RTQ T1617-0005):
Mr. Tait moved that the Board approve the contract for the non-teaching employees' benefit services to The Co-operators for an initial term of three years with an option to extend for an additional two years up to a maximum total of five years.

Employee
Benefits-
Request to
Quote
(RTQ T1617-0005)

CARRIED (9)

Education Property Tax Reassessment: Dr. Zwarych moved that the Board agrees to phase-in educational property taxes as requested by the City for the 2017 property reassessment in the City of Saskatoon.

Educational
Property Tax
Reassessment

CARRIED (9)

Correspondence: Ms. Brannen moved that the Board receive, in confidence, the correspondence from the closed session of the Committee of the Whole.

Correspondence

CARRIED (9)

Reports of Committees and Trustees:

- Trustee Linklater reported on his attendance at meetings with the Saskatoon School Boards Association Aboriginal Council, the Award of Excellence luncheon and the flag reveal ceremony at Bedford Road's Invitational Tournament. He also reported on welcome back activities at Pleasant Hill School and the community education pot luck at the University of Saskatchewan.
- Trustee Banks reported on her attendance at the Care and Share luncheon in December at Confederation Park School, the School Community Council meeting and Christmas celebration at James. L. Alexander School. Ms. Banks also attended the Award of Excellence luncheon, the Board Chairs Council meeting, participated in several meetings of the Saskatchewan School Boards' Executive and attended school community council meetings at Fairhaven, Lester B. Pearson, James L. Alexander schools and Tommy Douglas Collegiate.
- Trustee Scott reported on his visits to Ward 4 schools, including the Care and Share luncheons in December. He also reported on his attendance at the Award of Excellence luncheon.
- Trustee MacPherson reported on her work on the Board's presentation in response to the Perrins report, which the Board will present to the review panel in the near future.
- Trustee Brannen reported on her attendance at several band concerts at Ward 6 schools in December, several meetings with the Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation and several meetings with school community councils in Ward 6.
- Trustee Tait reported on his visits to Ward 7 schools and his attendance at Care and Share lunches in December at Bedford Road and Mount Royal collegiates. He also reported on his attendance at school community council meetings at Alvin Buckwold and John Lake schools.
- Trustee Zwarych reported on her visits to Greystone Heights and Brevoort Park schools in December for various activities. She also reported on her attendance at upcoming school community council meetings.

Reports of
Committees
and Trustees

- Trustee Bellamy reported on her attendance at several band concerts in December and the award presentation at Lakeview School to teacher Ms. Riebot, who was involved with Experience Canada.

- Vice Chair Kelleher reported on her attendance at several Care and Share luncheons, Christmas festivals and winter carnival activities at several Ward 1 schools in December. She also reported on the gift giveaway at Mayfair School in December.

Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation 2015-2016 Annual Report:

Ms. Alison Robertson, Executive Director of Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation, highlighted the Annual Report of the Foundation for the 2015-2016 school year.

Ms. Brannen moved that the Board receive the 2015-2016 Annual Report for the Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation Corp.

Saskatoon
Public Schools
Foundation
2015-2016
Annual Report

CARRIED (9)

Approval of Directors for the Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation Corp.

Ms. Banks moved that the Board approve the term extensions requested by Jesse Radu, Zeeba Ahmad and Ray Morrison as directors for Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation Corp. effective January 1, 2017.

Approval of
Directors for the
Saskatoon
Public Schools
Foundation
Corp.

CARRIED (9)

Inviting Student Voice: Tell Them From Me 2016-2017:

Mr. Shane Skjerven, Deputy Director of Education, Dr. Scott Tunison, Coordinator: Research and Measurement highlighted the 2016-2017 Tell Them From Me report. Ms. Miranda Low, Principal of Montgomery School shared with the Board ways in which the Tell Them From Me survey is used at the school level.

Inviting Student
Voice: Tell Them
From Me
2016-2017

Ms. Bellamy moved that the Board approve the *Inviting Student Voice: Tell Them From Me 2016-2017* report to be included as part of the evidence of the quality indicators for the Director's annual evaluation.

CARRIED (9)

Ms. MacPherson moved that the Board adjourn to the call of the Chair or the Board meeting of Tuesday, February 14, 2017.

CARRIED (9)

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Secretary of the School Division

Board Chair