

MINUTES OF A MEETING: of the Board of Education of the Saskatoon School Division No. 13 of Saskatchewan held on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. September 17, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Trustee Kim Stranden (Chair), Angela Arneson, Donna Banks, Vernon Linklater, Michael Pidwerbeski, Colleen MacPherson, Ross Tait, Suzanne Zwarych

REGRETS: Trustees Charmaine Bellamy and Kathleen Brannen

Chair Stranden, called the meeting to order, read the roll call into the minutes, acknowledged that the meeting was being held on Treaty Six territory and traditional territory of the Cree, Dene, Nakoda, Lakota, Dakota and Saulteaux nations, and the homeland of the Métis and Michif people.

Agenda: Trustee Zwarych moved approval of the agenda Agenda

CARRIED (8)

There were no conflicts of interest declared by any board members.

Celebrating Excellence: - Student Science Fair Awards: Superintendent Reeve introduced Joti Gokaraju, his parents, younger sister and vice principal Candice Elliot Jansen. Candice introduced Learning Coordinators Jonathen Mckee as well as Lisa Kolesnikoff. Joti is a grade 12 student at Walter Murray Collegiate who created Touch Talk, a novel brail communication platform for deaf, blind people. He has made a profound impact through the hearing and visual community through a science fair project. This project has been recognized with prestigious national awards. Joti talked about the background of why he started this project and how he contacted the SPS alternative format library teachers to receive suggestions on how to improve his prototype. He hopes that his project will greatly help the world. Celebrating Excellence – Student Science Fair Awards

Consent Items: Trustee Arneson moved that the board approve the consent items as presented. Consent items

CARRIED (8)

Approval of Minutes – June 18, 2024 and August 27, 2024: Trustee Arneson moved that the board approve the minutes of the committee of the whole and regular board meetings held June 18, 2024 and the minutes of the August 27, 2024 committee of the whole meeting. Approval of Minutes

CARRIED (8)

Reports from Administrative Staff:

School Opening Update: Director Skjerven gave the School Opening Update addressing the difficult opening at Evan Hardy Collegiate regarding the events on September 5, 2024. He reiterated that the safety and well-being of students, staff and families is the priority of Saskatoon Public Schools and in turn classes were cancelled for two days after the incident and resumed on Tuesday September 10, 2024, with activities in place designed to support healing amongst students and staff. Director Skjerven mentioned that they are extremely grateful to the staff at Evan Hardy Collegiate and the support staff in our division for the tremendous care and empathy during this tragic situation. Director Skjerven also provided other highlights from school opening. School Opening Update

Unfinished Business:

Audit Service Plan for the Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2024: Trustee Banks moved that the board approve the audit service plan for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2024. Audit Service Plan for the Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2024

CARRIED (8)

Board Subcommittee Minutes: Trustee MacPherson moved that the board approve the minutes of the Board Audit and Risk Committee meeting held June 18, 2024

Board
Subcommittee
Minutes

CARRIED (8)

Reports of Committees and Trustees:

- Trustee Arneson reported on her attendance at the Centennial Collegiate's School Community Council meeting and Meet the Teacher evening. She also attended the SSSAD Coaches Appreciation Awards Breakfast and the Indigenous Advisory Council Luncheon.
- Trustee Banks reported on her attendance at wâhkôhtowin, Fairhaven and Lester B Pearson's Grade 8 Farewell in June. She also attended Tommy Douglas and Estey's Grade 12 graduations. She also reported on attending the CSBA conference in Toronto, SSBA executive meeting, new teacher orientation, Lester B. Pearson's meet the teacher and has visited her five schools plus Nutana Collegiate. Trustee Banks was happy to report the Tommy Douglas win at the football game against Bethlehem High School and was in attendance at the SSSAD Coaches Appreciation Awards Breakfast.
- Trustee Linklater reported on his attendance at the Indigenous Council Advisory Luncheon on September 17, 2024.
- Trustee MacPherson reported on her attendance at the new teacher orientation and the School Community Council Meeting at Silverspring school.
- Trustee Pidwerbeski reported on his attendance at the Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation Fall Meeting and will be attending Mayfair School on September 19, 2024 to help with pancakes.
- Board Chair Stranden reported on her attendance at the Tommy Douglas football game against Bethlehem High School and that she will be attending a few pancake breakfasts and barbeques next week.
- Trustee Tait reported that he will be attending the flag raising with Whitecap Dakota Nation and Chief Whitecap School on September 19, 2024.
- Trustee Zwarych reported on attending the MLT Aikins Lecture Theatre in the College of Law at the University of Saskatchewan.

New Business

Cybersecurity Update: Chief Technology Officer Dunk presented the Cyber Security Update for the board to review for information

Cyber Security
Update

Notice of Motion:

No notices of motion were brought forward.

Questions by Trustees:

Trustee MacPherson asked Director Skjerven a question regarding Bill 137 Parent Choice. The bill states that all schools in Saskatchewan will fly the Saskatchewan flag. She has noticed that many schools have the Saskatchewan flag flying beneath the Canadian flag. In Canada, the flag is supposed to have its own pole according to protocol.

Director Skjerven responded that this is a relatively new directive and the school division has been working to get Saskatchewan flags to all schools. Concerns have been expressed to the Ministry of Education that we do not have two flag poles and that adding a second is a significant investment. We have been told by the Ministry of Education that we can fly the Saskatchewan flag on the same pole as the Canadian flag.

Trustee Arneson also asked Director Skjerven a question regarding Bill 137. She asked if the Ministry of Education has changed direction on the third-party providers being allowed to present in schools.

Director Skjerven responded that the direction from the Deputy Minister of Education banning third party providers in schools related to sexual public education would continue.

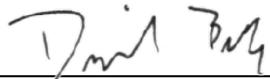
Comments/Concerns/ Questions from the Public:

No comments/ concerns/ questions from the public.


Adjournment: Trustee Linklater moved that the board adjourn to the call of the chair or the board meeting of Tuesday, October 15, 2024.

CARRIED (8)

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.



Secretary of the School Division



Board Chair