

**MINUTES OF A MEETING:**

of the Board of Education of the Saskatchewan School Division No. 13 of Saskatchewan, held on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ms. Colleen MacPherson (Board Chair), Ms. Angela Arneson, Ms. Donna Banks, Ms. Kathleen Brannen, Mr. Vernon Linklater, Mr. Michael Pidwerbeski, Ms. Kim Stranden, Mr. Ross Tait, Dr. Suzanne Zwarych

Ms. Colleen MacPherson, Board Chair, called the meeting to order, read the roll call into the minutes, and acknowledged the meeting was being held on Treaty Six territory and traditional homeland of the Métis people.

Agenda: Ms. Brannen moved approval of the agenda.

Agenda

CARRIED (9)

Engagement: Ms. Nicola Bishop Yong, Superintendent of Education, introduced Ms. Jennifer Brokofsky, Principal of Lawson Heights School and Ms. Chandra Gerich, Principal of James L. Alexander School, who, along with their school community council presidents, Sheena Kabatoff and Greg Quick, shared how the School Community councils have fostered positive relationships between home and school.

Celebrating Excellence - School Community Councils (SCC)

Consent Items: Mr. Tait moved that the following consent agenda items be approved as presented.

Consent Items

CARRIED (9)

Approval of Minutes – April 20, 2021: Mr. Tait moved that the Board approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole and Regular Board meetings held April 20, 2021.

Approval of Minutes

CARRIED (9)

Reports From Administrative Staff:

Strategic Plan Update: Engagement in Academic Excellence - Marion M. Graham Collegiate STEaM goIT: Mr. Paul Janzen, Superintendent of Education, and Marion M. Graham Collegiate Principal, Ms. Karen Peterson, provided information on the STEaM Ahead program at Marion M. Graham Collegiate. The program is offered to grade 9 students and focuses on the integration of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Students Caley and Mya Hilderman spoke on the impact the program has had on them. Mrs. Hilderman, parent, spoke on the positive impact the program has had on her children.

Strategic Plan Update: Engagement in Academic Excellence – Marion M. Graham Collegiate STEaM goIT

Dr. Zwarych moved that the Board receive the Strategic Plan Update: Engagement in Academic Excellence-Marion M. Graham Collegiate STEaM goIT update.

CARRIED (9)

COVID-19 Update: Mr. Shane Skjerven, Director of Education, introduced Mr. Brent Hills, Deputy Director of Education, who provided an update on the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 Update

Ms. Arneson moved that the Board receive the COVID-19 update.

CARRIED (9)

Human Resources Report – 2020-2021: Ms. Renee LaPlante, Superintendent of Human Resources highlighted the Human Resources Report (May 1, 2021).

Human Resources

Mr. Pidwerbeski moved that the Board receive the Human Resources Report for information.

CARRIED (9)

Unfinished Business:

Performance Audit – Monitoring Success in Readyng Students for Learning in the Primary Grades When Exiting Kindergarten: Mr. Linklater moved that the Board approve the performance audit “Monitoring Success in Readyng Students for Learning in the Primary Grades When Exiting Kindergarten” and Administration’s response to the audit.

Performance Audit – Monitoring Success in Readyng Students for Learning in the Primary Grades When Exiting Kindergarten

CARRIED (9)

Board Subcommittee Minutes: Ms. Banks moved that the Board approve the minutes of the Board Audit and Risk Committee meeting held March 23, 2021.

Board Subcommittee Minutes

CARRIED (9)

Trustee Absence Request: Ms. MacPherson moved that the Board authorize the absence of Trustee Charmaine Bellamy from 3 or more consecutive meetings of the board of education.

Trustee Absence Request

CARRIED (9)

Reports of Committees and Trustees:

- Trustee Banks reported on her involvement in adjudicating applications for the Mosaic Challenge and congratulated Mayfair Community School and Bedford Road Collegiate in being selected as winners. Ms. Banks also participated in the School Community Council Assembly meeting April 21, virtual professional development sessions and meetings of the SSBA executive and Board Chair Response Planning Committee.
- Chair MacPherson reported on her participation with weekly Board Chair meetings. She also highlighted the citizenship awards sponsored by the SSBA public section. Ms. MacPherson also expressed her delight in seeing all the vaccination photos of staff on social media.

New Business

City Centre Project Update: Ms. Stranden moved an amendment to the motion to read : “That the Board approve continued consideration of Optimist Park as an alternative location for the City Centre Project, and that Administration inform the City of Saskatoon and the Ministry of Education, and report back to the Board with regards to next steps”.

City Centre Project Update

CARRIED (7-2)  
(Trustees Banks and Linklater voted against the motion)

Three Year Preventative Maintenance and Renewal Plan:  
Ms. Brannen moved that the Board approve the 2022-2025 Three Year Preventative Maintenance and Renewal Plan dated May 4, 2021.

Three Year Preventative Maintenance and Renewal Plan

CARRIED (9)

Tender for Wildwood School Various Improvements Project: Mr. Tait moved that the Board award the tender for the Wildwood School Various Improvements Project in the total amount of \$295,000 plus applicable taxes to Miners Construction Ltd.

Tender for Wildwood School Various Improvements Project

CARRIED (9)

Comments/Concerns/Questions From the Public:

Mr. Moore thanked the school division for their work around the pandemic and keeping students safe, while allowing in-class learning.

Questions by Trustees:

There were no questions by Trustees.

Dr. Zwarych moved that the Board adjourn to the call of the Chair or the Committee of the Whole meeting of Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

CARRIED (9)

The meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.



Secretary of the School Division



Board Chair