



2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

BYLAW AMENDMENTS

- (95.02% Support) 1. **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Bylaw No. 7, Members' Council, be amended as follows:
- (a) by striking out "and" after subclause (a)(i);
 - (b) by adding "and" after subclause (a)(ii); and
 - (c) by adding the following subclause after subclause (a)(ii):
“(iii) the Chair of each Section, or designate, and the Executive Director of each Section established pursuant to Bylaw No. 8.”

BUDGET RESOLUTION

(61.9% Support) **Budget 2011** **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Association's annual operating budget for 2011, that is funded by membership fees, of \$2,279,258 be approved.

(85.75% Support) **Budget 2011** **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Association's annual operating budget for 2011, that is funded by membership fees, of \$2,235,215 be approved.

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were passed at the Association's annual general meeting on November 29 and 30, 2010.

(99.02% Support) **3.2-A** BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan School Boards Association impress upon the Ministry of Education the fallacy of rigid adherence to maintaining a “Board share” of capital costs and the urgency of clarifying capital funding arrangements explicitly, recognizing that, pursuant to new funding arrangements, school boards have no local capacity to raise a percentage share of capital project costs.

(97.56% Support) **2.1-A** BE IT RESOLVED that Boards of Education work to actualize the principles outlined in the Saskatchewan Provincial Policy Framework “Nourishing Minds – Eat Well, Learn Well, Live Well” introduced in October 2009;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan School Boards Association lobby the Saskatchewan Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health to acknowledge all real costs associated with implementing this Framework document, including such initiatives as staff and volunteer training, minor facility renovations, and other necessary resources. All real costs should be recognized from new monies to implement this policy.

(86.29% Support) **5-B** BE IT RESOLVED that the Association representatives urge the Ministry of Education New PreK-12 Education Funding System Advisory Committee to recommend that the Ministry of Education increase the incentives for people to become trained as student support professional specialists and to remain in their positions in rural and northern locations;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Association representatives urge the Ministry of Education New PreK-12 Education Funding System Advisory Committee to recommend that the Ministry of Education and the Saskatchewan based universities increase the number of openings for people wishing to be trained as student support professional specialists.

(85.69% Support) **3.1-B** BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan School Boards Association lobby the government of Saskatchewan to declare and support Education as its number one priority.

(81.29% Support) **3.1-G** BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan School Boards Association lobby the provincial government to make PreKindergarten Education a high priority during the 2011, and future, Provincial Budgeting process.

- (79.92% Support) **4.2-A** **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Saskatchewan School Boards Association request the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Regina to implement methodology courses to prepare students in their Colleges of Education for multi-graded classes.
- (76.59% Support) **5-C** **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Saskatchewan School Boards Association lobby the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health to institute the Eye See...Eye Learn (ESEL) Program in all school divisions in Saskatchewan.
- (74.75% Support) **3.1-F** **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Association representatives urge the Ministry of Education New Pre-K-12 Education Funding System Advisory Committee to recommend that the principles of equity are developed in the new funding model through various factors that take into consideration the Northern disparities and differences of poverty, geography, cost of living, languages and culture.
- (73.55% Support) **5-D** **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Saskatchewan School Boards Association lobby the Ministry of Education to set as one of its priorities investigating the gaps occurring between our high school grade 12 and our post-secondary education (primarily in the areas of Mathematics and English Language Arts), and, upon its findings, initiate strategies to improve the transition from K to 12 to post-secondary education.
- (67.33% Support) **3.2-B** **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Saskatchewan School Boards Association lobby government to work with the Association to explore a revenue sharing mechanism to fund the board of education share of capital projects.

The following resolutions were passed, but received less than 67% support

- (60.85% Support) **5-E** **BE IT RESOLVED** that from time to time when proposals for projects or services to be carried out by the Saskatchewan School Boards Association are put to member Boards for approval and those projects or services may have a cost and time component that will impact Association finances and staff time, it be required that all such proposals put to member Boards for consideration include the cost and time requirements to conduct the project or provide the service.
- (57.49% Support) **3.1-A** **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Saskatchewan School Boards Association lobby the Ministry of Education to provide funding to upgrade and maintain record storage facilities as required for the preservation of school division records.
- (56.37% Support) **5-G** **BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSBA immediately approach government to examine the reasons/issues why the Ministers of Education and Finance wish to extend the jurisdiction of the Provincial Auditor to the

Conseil scolaire Fransaskois (CSF) and to boards of education, explore whether there are other options for addressing those issues and, if the optimal resolution is extension of the Provincial Auditor's jurisdiction, then examine what the scope of the Provincial Auditor's jurisdiction should be.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Association lobby government to clearly establish any extension of the jurisdiction of the Provincial Auditor to the CSF and boards of education by legislation.

(52.19% Support) **5-A**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Association representatives urge the Ministry of Education New PreK-12 Education Funding System Advisory Committee to recommend allocating the necessary child care spaces in all Northern communities that have met the start-up requirements for these much needed spaces.

The following Resolutions were Defeated

(49.01% Support) **5-F**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan School Boards Association lobby the Ministry of Education and the Provincial Government for the repeal of the following tax exemption and cancellation legislation:

The Municipalities Act:

Clause 274(2)(e), Subsection 274(2.1), 291(4), 298(2), 298(7) & 298(8)

The Cities Act

Clause 244(2)(e), Subsections 244(2.1), 263(2), 263(7) & 265(8)

(38.05% Support) **3.1-D**

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2011/12 provincial funding model be applied retroactively for the 2009/10 and 2010/11 fiscal years and for those school divisions advantaged by such application, a one-time unconditional grant be provided in recognition of the inequities resulting from the transition funding model and that the one-time unconditional grant not impact any school division's operating grant in the fiscal year in which the one-time grant is received.

(23.65% Support) 3.1-E

BE IT RESOLVED that those school divisions operating within coterminous boundaries receiving less funding on a per pupil basis than their geographical counterpart for the 2009/10 and 2010/11 fiscal years receive an equivalent credit to be applied against the respective school division's share of future capital projects with the credit adjusted by the annual percentage change in provincial operating funding.

(17.59% Support) 1.2-A

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan School Boards Association develop a strategy to unify the various parent groups associated with schools under the voice and direction of School Community Councils.