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**Saskatchewan School Boards Association**

**Executive Meeting Minutes**

**March 24 & 25, 2011**

**Regina, Saskatchewan**

**Executive Members:** Present – Ms. Bailey, Mr. Daigneault, Mr. Danielson, Mr. Favel, Ms. Foord, Mr. Gantefoer, Ms. Perreault, Ms. Urban-Hall, Mr. Van Den Bossche.

**Association Staff:** Ms. Anderson, Mr. Cychmistruk, Ms. Lenius, Ms. Ozirny.

**1. Call To Order**

President Urban-Hall called the meeting to order Thursday, March 24, 2011, at 9:00 a.m.

**2. Procedural Items**

**2.1 Agenda**

**11.03.05 FAVEL: That the agenda be approved with as amended to include the Budget and Provincial Bargaining. CD**

**2.2 Minutes**

**11.03.06 PERREAULT: That the minutes of November 28, 2010 be approved. CD**

**11.03.07 DANIELSON: That the minutes of November 30, 2010 be approved as amended. CD**

**11.03.08 GANTEFOER: That the minutes of February 3, 2011 be approved as amended. CD**

**11.03.09 BAILEY: That the minutes of February 24, 2011 be approved. CD**

**11.03.10 VAN DEN BOSSCHE: That the minutes of March 4, 2011 be approved. CD**

**2.3 In Camera Session**

**11.03.11 FOORD: That the Executive move into closed session. CD**

Update provided regarding the current provincial bargaining with teachers.

**11.03.12 PERREAULT: That the Executive move into open session. CD**

**3. Decision Items**

No Report at this meeting

**4. Strategic Plan Progress**

See Accountability Reporting of the Strategic Plan 2010-2013.

**5. Executive Member Reporting Responsibilities**

**5.1 President's/designate Report**

President Urban-Hall provided an update to the Executive regarding the Provincial Teacher Bargaining, Provincial Advisory Committee: Funding Model, CSBA, SUMA, LEADS, SARM, and the New Executive Director.

**5.2 Executive Director's Report**

**5.2.1 Executive Director's Report**

**(a) Pan-Canadian School Board Governance Study**

The Executive Director reviewed and discussed the report with the Executive with respect to the Pan-Canadian School Board Governance Study. The Executive will meet with Professor John Wiens to participate in a focus group activity on April 6, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

**(b) Executive Member attendance at Provincial Association Events**

The Executive Director reviewed and discussed the report with the Executive with respect to the Executive Member attendance at Provincial association events.

**(c) 2012 Budget Assumptions**

The Executive Director reviewed and discussed the General Assumptions to guide the 2012 Budget development with the Executive.

**11.03.13 BAILEY: That the Executive move into closed session. CD**

**11.03.14 VAN DEN BOSSCHE: That the Executive move into open session. CD**

**5.2.2 Board Development Services**

**(a) June 22-23 Executive Meeting/Retreat**

The Executive Director reviewed the Briefing Note with the Executive regarding the June 22 & 23, 2011 Executive Meeting and Retreat. The meeting will be held at the Willows Golf and Country Club in Saskatchewan.

**(b) Spring Assembly – April 7 & 8, 2011**

The Executive reviewed and discussed the Briefing Note regarding Spring General Assembly. There will be four networking meetings set for April 8.

**5.2.3 Communication Services**

**(a) Communication and Advocacy Initiatives Update**

Leslie Anderson, Communications Director provided the Executive with an update regarding Communications and Advocacy Initiatives.

**(b) Strategic Plan Funding Action**

Leslie Anderson, Communications Director reviewed the report regarding Strategic Goal 4.1 on Funding with the Executive. The Report Card will be sent out to Board Chairs, Directors of Education and Chief Financial Officers.

#### **5.2.4 Legal and Employee Relations Services**

##### **(a) Provincial Bargaining for Support Staff**

The Executive reviewed the Briefing Note with respect to Provincial Bargaining for Support Staff. Discussion took place regarding background and implications for boards of education. They also reviewed the Letter of Understanding that CUPE has prepared for boards.

##### **(b) Provincial Auditor**

The Executive reviewed the Briefing Note regarding the Provincial Auditor. Discussion took place regarding the Provincial Auditor's jurisdiction with respect to boards of education. The Executive requested a draft memo be written to be sent to boards of education and be brought to the May Executive meeting for their approval.

#### **5.2.5 Insurance and Risk Management Program**

##### **(a) Insurance Plan Renewal 2011-2012**

The Executive reviewed the Briefing Note with respect to the Insurance Plan Renewal for 2011-2012. Discussion regarding the rate increases and reductions took place

#### **5.2.6 Employee Benefits Plan**

No Report at this meeting

### **5.3 Executive Members' Reports**

Each Executive Member provided a brief update to the Executive regarding the committees with which they have been involved and other meetings.

#### **5.3.1 Resolutions and Policy Development Committee Report**

Glen Gantfoer, Chair of the Resolutions and Policy Development Committee provided the Executive with an update on the work of the committee and requested further direction from the Executive with respect to the position statement on "Assessment of Student Achievement", a resolution from the 2009 AGM, and a position statement on Public Engagement.

**6. Other**

**6.1 Executive Members' Request for Information**

**6.2 Agenda Items – Future Executive Meetings**

Executive members that have agenda items for future meetings should email them to Janet Foord or Ernie Cychmistruk.

**6.3 Saskatchewan Association of School Business Officials**

The Executive met with Executive Director Phil Benson, President Rod Quinton, and President Elect Camille Dobni from Saskatchewan Association of School Business Officials. Discussion took place regarding Strategic Planning, Leadership, Funding model, Financial Reporting, School Division Capital, Property Taxation, *The Education Act*, and the 2011/2012 Budget Announcement.

**11.03.15 DANIELSON: That the Executive approve a contribution of \$1,000.00 to the Saskatchewan Association of School Business Officials convention.**

**CD**

**6.4 Minister of Education**

The Executive met with Minister of Education Donna Harpauer and her assistant, Raynelle Wilson. Discussion took place regarding the 2011-2012 Budget including Taxation Rebalancing and Funding Distribution Model Development, Co governance, Children Infrastructure including Long Term Plan, Maintenance and Renovations, and Insurance, and Dental Health for children.

**6.5 Budget**

The Executive discussed the Budget presented by the provincial government on March 23, 2011. They reviewed a copy of the letter that was sent to boards on March 23, 2011 from the Minister of Education, a copy of a letter sent to the Directors of Education on March 23, 2011 from Audrey Roadhouse, Information regarding Education Property Tax Rebalancing, March 23, 2011 Media Release regarding the Provincial Budget, March 23, 2011 News Release from the STF, Copy of an email from Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce. They also reviewed and discussed the Report Card prepared to rate how boards felt they fared with respect to operating funding from the province.

**7. Information Items**

**7.1 Reports**

- 7.1.1 2011 Association Event Calendar**
- 7.1.2 Budget Update to December 31, 2010**
- 7.1.3 Committee List**
- 7.1.4 Ernie's To Do List**
- 7.1.5 2010 Executive and Staff Expenses**

The Executive reviewed the reports provided in their materials.

**7.2 Correspondence**

The Executive reviewed the correspondence provided in their materials.

**7.3 Conferences**

The Executive reviewed the upcoming conferences.


**8. Meeting Evaluation**

The Executive members completed an evaluation form at the conclusion of the meeting.

**Adjournment**

**11.03.16 GANTEFOER: That the meeting be adjourned. CD**

President Urban-Hall thanked everyone in attendance at the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m. on March 25, 2011.

  
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Executive Director

  
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