

Saskatchewan School Boards Association

Executive Meeting Minutes

June 21 & 22, 2012

Regina, Saskatchewan

Executive Members: Present – Ms. Bailey, Mr. Daigneault (Thursday a.m.), Mr. Danielson, Mr. Favel, Ms. Foord (Thursday), Mr. Gantefoer, Ms. Perreault, Ms. Urban-Hall, Mr. Van Den Bossche.

Association Staff: Mr. McKee (Thursday), Ms. Anderson (Thursday), Mr. Diederichs, Ms. Lenius, Mr. McNaughton (Thursday) Ms. Han (Thursday a.m.).

1. Call To Order

President Urban-Hall called the meeting to order Thursday, June 21, 2012, at 9:00 a.m.

2. Procedural Items

2.1 Agenda

12.06.01 GANTEFOER: That the agenda be approved as circulated. CD

2.2 Minutes

12.06.02 PERREAULT: That the minutes of April 18, 2012 be approved as amended. CD

2.3 In Camera Session

12.06.03 BAILEY: That the Executive move into closed session. CD

12.06.04 PERREAULT: That the Executive move into open session. CD

3. Decision Items

3.1 School Board Election Awareness Campaign

Leslie Anderson led a discussion with the Executive regarding the need to increase public awareness of the role of the school boards and to encourage citizens to consider running for the position of school board member. Information was provided to the Executive regarding a pre-provincial election media campaign.

12.06.05 BAILEY: That the Executive approve an election media campaign and that this campaign be funded from the Association reserves up to \$100,000.00. CD

4. Strategic Plan Progress

4.1 2012 Strategic Planning Session

Executive Director Darren McKee provided an update to the Executive regarding the Executive Strategic Planning retreat on September 13 & 14, 2012. A facilitator will be there to help create the Executive Strategic Plan.

5. Executive Member Reporting Responsibilities

5.1 President's/Designate Report

President Sandi Urban-Hall provided a report to the Executive regarding Student Vote.

5.2 Executive Director's Report

5.2.1 Executive Director's Report

(a) 2013 Budget

Darren McKee reviewed and discussed the 2013 Proposed Budget with the Executive. Mr. McKee will provide the Executive with a Briefing Note at the September Executive meeting regarding the level of funding of the unappropriated reserve.

5.2.2 Board Development Services

(a) Joint Educational Conference

Lionel Diederichs discussed with the Executive a Joint Educational Conference which would include SSBA, LEADS and SASBO and provided a draft Agenda. The Joint Education Conference would be held November 18-21, 2013.

5.2.3 Communication Services

(a) Aboriginal Trustee Recruitment

Leslie Anderson reviewed and discussed the Briefing Note on Aboriginal Trustee Recruitment with the Executive regarding a need to engage First Nations and Metis peoples to serve on boards of education. A brochure has been prepared that will be sent out in June to the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations, the Gabriel Dumont Institute, the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation, LEADS, First Nations University of Canada, the Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre, Saskatchewan Community Schools, Saskatchewan Urban Native Teacher Education Program, Northern Teacher Education Program/Northern Professional Access College, the Indian Teacher Education Program, the University of Saskatchewan and the Ministry of Education.

(b) Campaign School for School Board Candidates

Leslie Anderson reviewed and discussed the Briefing Note regarding Campaign School for School Board Candidates with the Executive. The Campaign School will provide leadership in encouraging and educating potential candidates who are considering seeking election to boards of education in October 2012. The Campaign School will be held on August 15 in Saskatoon.

5.2.4 Legal and Employee Relations Services

No report at this meeting.

5.2.5 Insurance and Risk Management Program

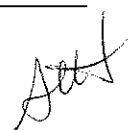
No report at this meeting.

5.2.6 Employee Benefits Plan

No report at this meeting.

5.2.7 Employee Relations

No report at this meeting.



5.3 Executive Members' Reports

5.3.1 Round Table Reports

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

5.3.2 Resolutions and Policy Development Committee

Glen Gantefer, Chair of the Resolutions and Policy Development Committee advised the Executive of the feedback from the Board of Education regarding the Position Statements. The Position Statements will be presented at Members' Council.

5.3.3 Locally Determined Teacher Benefits Working Advisory Group

Connie Bailey, Chair of the Locally Determined Teacher Benefits Working Advisory Group provided the Final Report of the WAG to the Executive with their Finding and Conclusions. Mr. Danielson requested a recorded vote.

12.06.06 GANTEFOER: That the Executive resend the letter regarding Locally Determined Teacher Benefits to the new Minister of Education. CD

In favour - Ms. Bailey, Mr. Favel, Ms. Foord,
Mr. Gantefer, Ms. Perreault,
Ms. Urban-Hall, Mr. Van Den Bossche
Opposed Mr. Danielson
Absent – Mr. Daigneault

12.06.07 VAN DEN BOSSCHE: That the Executive received the Final Report of the Locally Determined Teacher Benefits Working Group. CD

12.06.08 FAVEL: That the Locally Determined Teacher Benefits Working Advisory Group meet again before the end of the year and provide the following information to the executive not later than its December , 2012 meeting:

- a. Determine the process and gather information on the priorities and factors that Boards value in local negotiations with teachers.**
- b. Define the shortcomings and inaccuracies in the current data collected in locally negotiated teacher benefits.**

c. Review and report on any additional ministry or government information related to locally negotiated teacher benefits. CD

6. Other

6.1 Executive Members' Request for Information

6.2 Agenda Items – Future Executive Meetings

Executive members who have agenda items for future meetings should email them to Sandi Urban-Hall, Janet Foord or Darren McKee.

6.3 Milton & Associations

The Executive met with the Auditor Robert Milton from Milton & Associations on Thursday June 21, 2012. Mr. Milton reviewed and discussed with the Executive the Financial Statement to December 31, 2011. Discussion also took place regarding contracting an accountant for one-quarter time for the Insurance pools. More information will be provided to the Executive at the September Executive meeting.

12.06.09 FOORD: That the Executive accept the 2011 Auditor's Report. CD

6.4 Public Section

The Executive met with Executive Director Larry Huber and Chair Bert de Gooijer from the Public Section on Thursday June 21, 2012. Discussion took place with the Executive regarding the Public Section Strategic Plan 2012-2013 including their Mission, Vision and Issues and Strategies. They also identified Goals of the Public Section to include advocacy, communication, protection of the rights of public education and leadership.

6.5 Minister of Education

The Executive met with the Minister of Education Honourable Russ Marchuk, Acting Deputy Minister, Cheryl Senecal and Chief of Staff Gary Hutchings and for an informal meeting. Minister Marchuk provided the Executive with a brief background of his career. Discussion took place regarding Locally Determined Teacher Bargaining and First Nations and Métis Education

6.6 Catholic Section

The Executive met with Executive Director Ken Loehndorf and President Tom Fortosky of the Catholic Section on Thursday June 21, 2012. Discussion took place regarding the Theodore Litigation, Annual Convention and AGM, the Communication Committee, Provincial Mediation, 2012/12 Provincial Budget announcement, the 2012 Spring Seminar, the Joint Catholic Education and Catholic Health Conference and the Canadian Catholic School Trustees Association.

6.7 First Nation and Metis Education

Jamie Lerat met with the Executive on Friday June 22, 2012 and provided an update regarding Aboriginal Trustee Recruitment, meeting with Theodore Fontaine author of Broken Circle – The dark legacy of Indian Residential Schools to Saskatchewan, Project of Heart, Bridging the Aboriginal Gap in Saskatchewan, and discussions with Shauneen Pete to investigate and document First Nations and Métis student achievement scores.

6.8 Youth Health Initiative Report

The Executive met with Cindy Anderson committee representative of Saskatchewan Alliance for Youth and Community Well-Being Steering Committee. Ms. Anderson advised the Executive that the purpose of the committee is to enable Saskatchewan Youth and communities to influence their own well-being through effective local-level action that is supported by a coordinated and collaborative provincial system of population health surveillance and knowledge development and exchange. The Executive reviewed the Draft Terms of Reference provided. Ms. Anderson presented questions and clarification from the SSBA going forward.

7. Information Items

7.1 Reports

- 7.1.1 2012 Association Event Calendar**
- 7.1.2 Budget Update to October 31, 2011**
- 7.1.3 Darren's To Do List**
- 7.1.4 Committee List**

The Executive reviewed the reports provided in their materials.

7.2 Correspondence

No Correspondence provided at this meeting.

7.3 Conferences

The Executive reviewed the upcoming conferences.

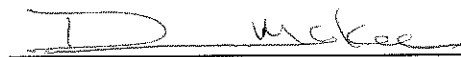
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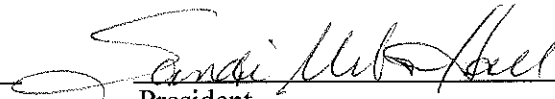
Adjournment

12.06.10 BAILEY: That the meeting be adjourned. CD

President Urban-Hall thanked everyone in attendance at the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. on June 22, 2012.



Executive Director



President