

**Saskatchewan School Boards Association
Executive Meeting Minutes**

**October 27 & 28, 2011
Regina, Saskatchewan**

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

Association Staff: Mr. McKee, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Diederichs, Mr. Jackson (Thursday p.m.), Ms. Lenius.

1. Call to Order

President Urban-Hall called the meeting to order, Thursday, October 27th, 2011 at 9:07 a.m.

2. Procedural Items

2.1 Agenda

11.10.01 BAILEY: That the agenda be approved as amended. CD

2.2 Minutes

11.10.02 VAN DEN BOSSCHE: That the minutes of September 28 & 29, 2011 be approved as amended. CD

2.3 In-Camera Session

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

11.10.04 FAVEL: That the Executive move into open session. CD

3. Decision Items

3.1 Annual Report

Ms. Anderson reviewed and discussed with the Executive the 2010-2011 Annual Report.

11.10.05 FOORD: That the Executive approve the draft 2010-2011 Annual Report, with updates to be included in the final Report, for distribution to the membership at the 2011 Fall General Assembly. CD

3.2 Education Scholarship Criteria

Mr. Gantefoer, Chair of the Board Development Committee, reviewed and discussed with the Executive the Education Scholarship Criteria.

- 11.10.06 DANIELSON: That the Executive accept the recommendation of the Board Development Committee to maintain the current criteria with respect to the Education Scholarship Criteria. CD

3.3 Education Scholarship 2011 Recommendations

Mr. Gantefoer, Chair of the Board Development Committee, reviewed and discussed with the Executive the Education Scholarship 2011 recommendations.

- 11.10.07 VAN DEN BOSSCHE: That the Executive accept the recommendations of the Board Development Committee to award the two scholarships to the following graduating students:

Siera Bearchal – A.E. Peacock High School – Moose Jaw
Prairie South School Division No. 210
University of Saskatchewan – Bachelor of Science

Janelle Regier – Winston High School – Watrous
Horizon School Division
SIAST in Regina – Dental Assistant

CD

3.4 National Guideline for Substance Abuse

Mr. Diederichs reviewed and discussed the report regarding Youth Substance Abuse Prevention with the Executive.

- 11.10.08 PERREAULT: That the Executive submit the following resolution to the Resolutions and Policy Development Committee for the 2011 AGM:

That the Saskatchewan School Boards Association support the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse's "*Portfolio of Canadian Standards for Youth Substance Abuse Prevention*" as the standard for prevention programs.

CD

3.5 Mediation Table

Ernie Cychmistruk met with the Executive on Thursday October 27, 2011 and provided a report with respect to the Public and Catholic Section Mediation Table.

- 11.10.09 FOORD: That The Executive receive and file all documents as CONFIDENTIAL related to the Public-Catholic Section Mediation Table. November 2008-October 2011. The CONFIDENTIAL documents will not be distributed without the written permission of all parties to the Mediation Table. CD**

4. Strategic Planning Progress

4.1 Accountability Report #2 – Public Awareness & Engagement

Mr. Diederichs reviewed the Accountability Report #2 – Public Awareness & Engagement with the Executive.

- 11.10.10 BAILEY: That the Executive accept the Accountability Report #2 – Public Awareness & Engagement. CD**

5. Executive Member Reporting Responsibilities

5.1 President's/designate Report

President Urban-Hall discussed with the Executive the increased presence of the Association amongst Saskatchewan MLA's and suggested to members to consider the modern role of 'LINC' and how to best bargain them.

5.2 Executive Director's Report

5.2.1 Executive Director Report

(a) CSBA Report

Mr. McKee reviewed and discussed the Briefing Note with the Executive on the creation of two new committees: An Ad-Hoc Committee on Aboriginal Education and an Ad-Hoc Committee to address membership questions and opportunities for additional memberships beyond traditional trustee membership.

(b) 21st Learning Initiative

Mr. McKee reviewed and discussed the Briefing Note with the Executive on the 21st Learning Initiative to focus on Diversity and Inclusion.

5.2.2 Board Development Services

No Report at this meeting.

5.2.3 Communication Services

No Report at this meeting.

5.2.4 Legal and Employee Relation 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.

5.3 Executive Member's 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 Report

Mr. Gantefoer provided a report to the Executive regarding the Position Statements on Public Engagement and Assessment of Student Achievement.

11.10.11 GANTEFOER: That the Executive agree to sponsor the resolutions submitted by the Resolutions and Policy Committee with respect to "Public Engagement" and "Assessment of Student Achievement". CD

11.10.12 GANTEFOER: That the Executive approve the Executive Policy No. 17 – Prioritization of Resolutions for Action. CD

6.0 Other

6.1 Executive Member's Request for Information

No Report at this meeting.

6.2 Agenda Items – Future Executive Meetings

No agenda items were discussed to be added to future meetings.

6.3 Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce

Executive Director Steve McLellan and Past Chair Holly Heatherington from Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce met with the Executive on Thursday October 27, 2011. Topics discussed included partnerships with key stakeholders, student literacy reports, student achievement, Student Community Councils and graduation rates.

6.4 Delegation – Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation

President Steven Allen and General Secretary Gwen Dueck of the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation met with the Executive on Thursday October 27, 2011. Copies of the Governance Handbook and the Strategic Plan were provided to the Executive. A discussion was held regarding governance, achievement gaps with First Nation and Métis education and the benefit programs.

6.5 Delegation – Anti Racism Research Report

The Executive met with Verna St. Denis on Wednesday October 27, 2011. Discussion took place regarding the research she is doing on race in society and public schools. Ms. St. Denis asked the Executive for an in-kind contribution to the project.

11.10.13 FAVEL: That the Executive engage as a partner with the research project with Verna St. Denis and prepare and forward a letter of endorsement of the project.

CD

6.6 Premier Announcement

The Executive discussed the Saskatchewan Party's election promise to have the student school year begin after Labour Day in all school divisions and approved the media release to be issued in response to the announcement.

7. Information Items

7.1 Reports

7.1.1 2011 and 2012 Association Event Calendar

The Executive members discussed upcoming events in their regions.

7.1.2 Budget Update to August 31, 2011

The Executive reviewed the Budget update. Revisions and inquiries were addressed

7.1.3 Committee List

No new committee's to discuss.

7.1.4 Darren's To Do List

The Executive reviewed Darren's To Do List.

7.2 Correspondence

No correspondence at this meeting.

7.3. Conferences

7.3.1 SARM Midterm Convention -- November 9 & 10 -- Regina

7.3.2 Fall General Assembly -- November 28 & 29 -- Saskatoon (Radisson)

8. Meeting Evaluation

Meeting evaluations were to be completed by all Executive members.

Adjournment

11.10.14 DANIELSON: That the meeting be adjourned. CD

President Urban-Hall thanked everyone in attendance at the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m. on October 28, 2011.


Executive Director


President