

2017 Adopted Resolutions Work Plan and Assignments

October 2020 Update

1. Bylaw Amendment No. 3 Section A 5 – **no further action required**
2. Bylaw Amendments No. 4.1 (2) and (7) – **no further action required**
3. Budget Resolution – **no further action required**
4. Position Statement 3.3 – Education Equity – **no further action required**
5. Position Statement 4.1 – Collective Bargaining – **no further action required**
6. Position Statement 5.2 – Partnership Agreements – **no further action required**

7. SSBA consult with the Government of Saskatchewan, Elections Saskatchewan and SSBA Chairs' Council to consider additional qualifications for eligibility including the requirement of a satisfactory vulnerable sector check to be nominated as a candidate for and hold office as a board member for a school division under section 45 of The Local Government Election Act, 2015.
Lead: Ted Amendt. [Complete.](#)
Section 67(6)(f) of The Local Government Election Act has been amended so that SK boards are treated similarly to SK municipalities under this Act. This amendment in Bill 134 is expected to come into effect on January 1, 2020 and states:
No nomination is complete or shall be accepted by the returning officer unless the nominee's acceptance of nomination statement is... with respect to a nominee in a school board election, accompanied by any criminal record check that may be required pursuant to a resolution passed pursuant to The Education Act, 1995.

8. SSBA advocate to the Ministry of Education to repeal the amendments pertaining to the disqualification of member clause in s. 10(1)(e) of The School Division Administration Regulations.
Lead: Jill Welke. [Complete.](#)
Received confirmation from the Ministry of Education that section 10 (1)(e), the "cooling off period", from The School Division Administration Regulations was repealed (spring 2018). A letter was sent from the SSBA to Minister Wyant thanking him for hearing and acting upon the concerns raised by the SSBA membership (May 2018).

9. SSBA advocate to the Ministry of Education to restore funding levels for education sector Governance to a level that is more reflective of the financial restraint applied to the overall education sector and governance restraint measures at the provincial level.
Lead: Catherine Vu. [Complete.](#)

10. SSBA request that the Government of Saskatchewan create a working committee to develop standards, curriculum and implementation of an elective course credited personal finance class for high school students.
Lead: Ted Amendt. [Complete.](#)
In March, the Minister of Education announced a new financial literacy curriculum to be developed based on requests from the education sector, industry, and Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce. The course is expected to be ready for piloting in 2018-19 with full implementation Sept. 2019.

11. SSBA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to ensure that student safety and wellness is a priority when developing new provincial legislation regarding marijuana possession by students and youth. In addition, the added responsibilities for both teachers and administrators must be considered when developing provincial legislation.

Lead: Jill Welke. [Complete.](#)

Letters were sent to the Premier and the Minister/Ministries of Education and Justice with the statement from boards of education based on the resolution, with an offer to collaborate and engage to ensure student safety (December 2017). School boards prepared and shared a *Statement of Cannabis Legalization* publicly in late 2017 – available online at: www.saskschoolboards.ca/wp-content/uploads/SK-School-Boards-Statement-on-Cannabis-Legalization.pdf. In a letter of response to our resolution, the Government committed to ensuring school environments remain safe and healthy for all staff and students. They also indicated that the Ministry of Education is focussed on ensuring that the appropriate supports and education tools are in place for students, parents, teachers and administrators and will work with school divisions to ensure the sector is prepared for the legislative changes prior to the 2018-19 school year. The Government of Saskatchewan released the *Cannabis Framework* on March 14, 2018 details available online at: <http://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2018/march/14/framework-for-cannabis-legalization>. An update was provided on a conference call with Ministry of Education on March 20, 2018 that work is being done through a committee to ensure information and communications tools/supports are being developed and in place for school divisions as they prepared for legalization.

12. That all publicly funded schools in Saskatchewan be encouraged to display the Treaty symbol within their schools and board offices.

Lead: Jamie Lerat. [Complete.](#) On-going supports to boards for Treaty symbol, and through MOU. Supplier information posted on SSBA website and Trustee Newsletter. Conduct follow-up with divisions regarding the displaying of treaty symbol throughout 2018. A December meeting between SSBA and FSIN Chief Cameron regarding this resolution. A Follow-up letter to all board chairs advising of this meeting. Each letter included a copy of the FSIN publication "*Treaty Implementation Principals*". February 2nd MOU signing between SSBA, FSIN, OTC and SICC regarding "Strengthening Treaty Education". April Follow-up meeting with MOU partners to craft next steps. Some school divisions have requested for a higher quality of the Treaty symbols that embraces the integrity of displaying the symbol within their schools. Two additional options of the Treaty symbol are posted on the SSBA website. 178 Treaty symbols, representing 7 schools divisions have ordered through a supplier as of October 25.

13. SSBA advocate for a mandatory Indigenous Studies course in Saskatchewan high schools as part of the required curriculum for students graduating from grade twelve in addition to Indigenous teachings currently embedded into the curriculum.

Lead: Ted Amendt. [In-progress.](#)

A December meeting between SSBA and FSIN Chief Cameron regarding this resolution. A follow-up letter to all board chairs advising of this meeting. Each letter included a copy of the FSIN Publication "*Treaty Implementation Principals*". Resolution #16-06 has been absorbed under

this resolution. Secondary Social Sciences Reference committee is currently examining the existing course structure for secondary social sciences and will provide recommendations regarding curricula and course titles. An April meeting with ADM Curriculum renewal, Ministry FNME Advisor and SSBA FNME Advisor revealed preliminary recommendations to the Minister for three mandatory high school courses that are based on the foundational integration of Indigenous content, perspectives and ways of knowing. Follow-up will continue. A February 19, 2019 letter from Regina Catholic to Minister and follow-up from SSBA requested for an update regarding the advancing of these recommended high school courses. Meeting with Minister and Indigenous Council has been initiated for early May 2019. Follow-up will continue.

All new curriculum development recommended by reference committees, such as the three courses recommended by the Secondary Social Sciences Reference Committee, will be presented to the Curriculum Advisory Committee for their consideration when they meet in December 2019. If they are supportive of the recommendations, then those recommendations will be presented to the Minister. Follow-up will continue. [The Curriculum Advisory Committee \(CAC\) has met and is focusing upon the foundational items for Saskatchewan curricula. Further details regarding any mandatory Indigenous course\(s\) will be shared as they become available.](#)

14. SSBA advocate to the Ministry of Education to immediately remove the conditionality parameters from Governance funding.

Lead: Catherine Vu. [Complete.](#)

15. SSBA request the Government of Saskatchewan amend the Provincial Sales Tax Act to exempt school boards from paying PST on insurance premiums and construction services.

Lead: Jeff McNaughton. [Complete](#)

In early 2018, the Government of SK announced that insurance premiums will be PST exempt. Further follow-up on premiums included a letter and then a meeting with Minister Carr (Minister of Government Relations) on November 5, 2019, where the Minister made the statement that school boards will not be exempt from PST on construction services.