

**Saskatchewan School Boards Association
Executive Meeting Minutes
March 2 & 3, 2023**

Executive Members:

Present – Ms. Smith-Windsor, Mr. Bachmann, Ms. Banks, Dr. Davidson, Mr. Favel, Ms. Gradin (Virtual), Ms. Greeyes, Mr. Niezgoda, Ms. Perreault.

Association Staff: Mr. McKee, Dr. Amendt, Ms. Horejda (Virtual), Ms. Lenius, Mr. McNaughton, Ms. Vu, Ms. Welke.

1. Call to Order

President Smith-Windsor called the meeting to order on Thursday March 2, 2023 at 9:04 a.m.

2. Moment of Reflection

3. Additions/Changes/Approval of Agenda

23.03.01 PERREAULT: That the Executive approved the agenda as circulated.
CD

4. Review/Discuss Delegation(s) Preparation –

The Executive prepared for their discussions with the Saskatchewan Association of School Business Official, Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation and the Leader of the Opposition and Education Critic.

4.1 Saskatchewan Association of School Business Officials (SASBO)

The Executive met with President Matt Read and Executive Director Jaime Valentine. They shared an overview and update on the strategic plan and recent work of SASBO. Topics of shared interest that were also raised or discussed included: sector collaboration, operational reserves work, shared work through sector committees, education funding, capital project and funding and the Provincial Education Plan.

4.2 Leader of the Opposition and Education Critic

The Executive met with Carla Beck and Matt Love. They provided the Executive with an update on areas they have been focusing on in education. Topics of shared interest included: investment in education, school operating funds, relationships, engagement and consultation, mental health,

Independent Schools, class size and composition, board autonomy, pandemic impact and learning opportunities, capital projects and inflationary pressures.

4.3 STF and SSBA Executive – Social Supper Meeting

During the evening of March 2, the SSBA and STF Executives met in-person for the first time in many years due to the pandemic. They used this opportunity to build relationships, discuss topics of shared interest and talk about shared work and sector collaboration.

5. Declaration of Conflict of Interest – no conflicts declared

6. In-Camera Session (March 2, 2023 - 2:12 – 5:29 p.m.)

23.03.02 BANKS: That the Executive move into closed session. CD

23.03.03 BANKS: That the Executive move into open session. CD

(March 3, 2023 – 9:04 – 9:27 a.m.)

23.03.04 BANKS: That the Executive move into closed session. CD

23.03.05 BANKS: That the Executive move into open session. CD

7. Adoption of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

7.1 January 19 & 20, 2023

23.03.06 NIEZGODA: That the minutes of January 19 & 20, 2023 be approved as amended. CD

8. Business Arising from Minutes - none

9. Discussion Items

9.1 Provincial Budget

Darren McKee provided the Executive with an update regarding the process for the Provincial Budget announcement on March 22, 2023.

9.2 Collective Bargaining

Darren McKee provided the Executive with an update regarding the preparations for Collective Bargaining.

9.3 Curriculum Advisory Committee

The Executive discussed the information provided from the Curriculum Advisory Committee regarding Credit and Graduation Options and the Graduation Requirements - Draft Recommendations. Feedback will be compiled from the Executive and sent to the committee by March 17, 2023.

10. Decision Items

10.1 2024 SSBA Fall General Assembly

The Executive reviewed and discussed the briefing note with respect to the dates for the 2024 SSBA Fall General Assembly.

23.03.07 FAVEL: That the Executive approve December 1-3 as the Fall General Assembly dates for 2024. CD

10.2 SSBA Spring Assembly – Networking Groups Discussion Guide

The Executive reviewed and discussed the proposed Network Groups Discussion Guide for the SSBA Spring Assembly.

23.03.08 GREYEVES: That the Executive approve the SSBA Spring Assembly Networking Group Discussion Guide. CD

10.3. Draft 2024 Strategic Plan

The Executive reviewed and discussed the draft 2024 Strategic Plan.

23.03.09 DAVIDSON: That the Executive approve the draft SSBA Strategic Plan for 2024. CD

10.4 2023 Section Payments

The Executive reviewed and discussed the briefing note with respect to the annual allowance to the Public Section, Catholic Section and CEF.

23.03.10 GREYEVES: That the Executive approve the 2023 annual allowance Section payments to the Public Section, Catholic Section and CEF.

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10.5 2023 ERM Report

The Executive reviewed and discussed the briefing note with respect to the Enterprise Risk Management report for 2023.

23.03.11 BANKS: That the Executive receive and file the SSBA ERM report for 2023.

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11.1 Executive Work Plan

The Executive reviewed the Executive work plan for 2023.

23.03.12 PERREAULT: That the Executive receive and file the Executive work plan.

CD

11.2 SSBA Strategic Plan Report

The Executive reviewed the SSBA Strategic Plan March report.

23.03.13 FAVEL: That the Executive receive and file the SSBA Strategic Plan report - March.

CD

12. Reports from President and Administration

12.1 President's Report

The President provided updates related to recent correspondence, media relations, provincial and federal legislation, recent research and reports, board engagement meeting planning, and the Canadian School Boards Association's (CSBA) work related to federal advocacy, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion anti-racism workshops, and French language teacher recruitment. She also provided updates from the Provincial Curriculum Advisory Committee, Government Trustee

Bargaining Committee, the Canadian School Mental Health Leadership Network, Operational Reserves Committees, as well as a follow-up conversation/meeting with the President of the Public Section.

23.03.14 GREYEYES: That the Executive receive and file the President's Report. CD

12.2 Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director's report highlighted recent activity related to the SSBA Strategic Plan, Legal Services transition, MOU renewals, national and international interest in the Indigenous Education Responsibility Framework, CSBA federal advocacy and their equity and inclusion modules with Dr. Jerome Cranston, as well as conversations with Dr. Corey Neudorf about some pandemic reflection and lessons learned opportunities for the SK education sector. Regular meetings continue with the Ministry and Deputy Minister of Education as well as with the Executive Directors of SASBO, STF and LEADS.

23.03.15 GREYEYES: That the Executive receive and file the Executive Director's Report. CD

12.3 Communications and Strategic Services

The Executive reviewed the briefing note from Communications and Strategic Services with an update with respect to recent activity, communications and media requests.

23.03.16 GREYEYES: That the Executive receive and file the Communications and Strategic Services Report. CD

12.4 Board Development Services – no report

12.5 Corporate Services Report

Catherine Vu provided the Executive with an update with respect to Corporate Services.

23.03.17 BANKS: That the Executive receive and file the Corporate Services Report. CD

12.6 Legal Services Report

Jolene Horejda provided the Executive with an update with respect to Legal Services and Employee Relations.

23.03.18 PERREAULT: That the Executive receive and file the Legal Services Report. CD

13. Executive Members' Reports

13.1 Vice-President

The Vice-President provided updates from the Class Size and Composition Committee.

13.2 Catholic Constituency

13.3 Central Constituency

13.4 Conseil scolaire fransaskois Constituency

13.5 Indigenous Constituency

13.6 Northern Constituency

13.7 Southern Constituency

13.8 Urban Public Constituency

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

23.03.19 GREYEVES: That the Executive receive and file the Executive Members' Reports. CD

14. Committee Reports

14.1 Resolutions and Policy Development Committee – no report

14.2 Executive Human Resources (HR) Committee Report

An update was provided from the Executive Human Resources Committee regarding their meeting of January 5, 2023 and the HR Accountability Report.

23.03.20 GREYEVES: That the Executive receive and file the Executive Human Resources Committee report. CD

14.3 Board Development Committee Report

A report was provided from the Board Development Committee regarding their meeting on January 23, 2023.

23.03.21 PERREAULT: That the Executive receive and file the Board Development Committee report. CD

14.4 Audit and Investment Committee Report

The Audit and Investment Committee met on November 21 to approve an investment withdrawal and will be meeting on February 17, 2023.

23.03.22 BACHMANN: That the Executive receive and file the Audit and Investment Committee Report. CD

14.5 General Insurance Plan Committee Report – no report

14.5.1 Cyber Insurance Working Advisory Group – no report

14.6 Executive Policy Handbook Review Committee Report – no report.

14.7 EBP Advisory Committee – no report

14.8 Provincial Bargaining Committee – no report

14.9 Executive Compensation Committee – no report

15. Presentations/Activity – no presentations

16. Information Items

- 16.1 2023 Association Event Calendar
- 16.2 Committee List and Executive Liaison List
- 16.3 2023 Trustee Academy Evaluation

- 16.4 2023 Professional Development Report
- 16.5 CSBA Anti-racism project update

17. Identification of future agenda items

The Executive reviewed the future agenda items. Discussion regarding the session on Robert's Rules will be added.

18. Meeting Evaluation

The Executive reviewed the Evaluation from the January meeting. The link for the March Evaluation form was provided to the Executive.

Adjournment

Vice President Davidson adjourned the meeting at 2:57 p.m. on March 3, 2023.

23.03.23 GREY EYES: That the meeting be adjourned.



Executive Director



President