

**The Board of Education of the
Good Spirit School Division No. 204 of Saskatchewan**

**Minutes of the Regular and Organization Meeting of the Good Spirit Board of Education
Thursday, November 16, 2023
Good Spirit Education Complex, Yorkton, Saskatchewan**

Board Members (P)Present (A)Absent

P	Anderson, Jade
P	Dokuchie, Gilda
P	Johnson, Jaime – Chair
P	Morrison, Jan
P	Simpson, Bob
A	Variyan, Steve

P	Balyski, Chris
P	Gendur, Gord
P	Leson, Shannon
P	Pohl, Nicole – Vice Chair
P	Smandych, Lois

Staff

Quintin Robertson – Director of Education
Keith Gervais – Chief Financial Officer
Lauren Denyseck – Assistant to the Director
Lisa Wotherspoon – Superintendent of Learning
Audrey Severson – Norquay School Principal
Stacy Rubletz – Norquay School Vice-Principal

23-183

Johnson:

Call to order

That this meeting now come to order at 10:03 a.m.
Carried.

23-184

Dokuchie:

Adoption of agenda

That the agenda be adopted as presented.
Carried.

23-185

Smandych:

Approval of October 12, 2023, regular minutes

That the minutes of the October 12, 2023, Regular meeting be adopted as presented.
Carried.

Business arising from the minutes

None

Conflict of Interest

None

Delegation

None

Accountability Report

1. Mental Health and Well-being for Students and Staff

Amanda Kornaga, Superintendent of Schools, and Michelle Goulden, Mental Health Capacity Building Promoter, entered the meeting at 10:04 am to present the Accountability Report.

Board members Morrison and Balyski joined the meeting at 10:14 am

23-186

Anderson:

Accountability Report – Mental Health and Well-being for Students and Staff

That the Board approve the accountability report on Mental Health and Well-being for Students and Staff and acknowledge the report met the requirements of QIs 1.1 and 9.4, based on the evidence within the report.

Carried.

Board Development

1. Student and Family Engagement at the Early Years Level

Kerrilyn Trost, Early Years Curriculum Consultant, entered the Board meeting at 10:55 am to present the Board Development report.

Closed Session Items

1. Human Resources Report
 - a. Employee Concerns
2. Student Discipline Reports
 - a. Student Discipline Report – 2101595
 - b. Student Discipline Report – 2131126
 - c. Student Discipline Report – 2130571
 - d. Student Discipline Report – 2126748
 - e. Student Discipline Report – 2134038
 - f. Student Discipline Report – 2079063
3. Transportation Committee
 - a. Taljaard Family
 - b. Van Horn Family
 - c. Munroe Family
4. Aged Accounts Receivable and School-Related Debt
5. Cote First Nation Student Transportation
6. Little Miners Community Daycare

23-187

Simpson:

Enter closed session

That the Board enter closed session to receive and review agenda items.

Carried.

Jason Trost, Human Resources Superintendent, joined the meeting at 11:12 am to present the Human Resources Reports

23-188

Balyski:

Exit closed session

That the Board rise and report.

Carried.

Lunch

Advocacy/Relationship Building

Reagan Foster, Amy Thomas, and Rochelle Berrns with School Community Council Outreach joined the Board for a relationship-building session

Board member Leson joined the meeting at 1:08 pm

23-189

Gendur:

Enter closed session

That the Board enter closed session to receive and review agenda items.

Carried.

23-190

Morrison:

Exit closed session

That the Board rise and report.

Carried.

Action Items

1. Items Arising from Closed Session

- a. Student Discipline Committee Recommendations
 - i. Student Discipline Report – 2101595
 - ii. Student Discipline Report – 2131126
 - iii. Student Discipline Report – 2130571
 - iv. Student Discipline Report – 2126748
 - v. Student Discipline Report – 2134038
 - vi. Student Discipline Report – 2079063
- b. Transportation Committee Recommendations
 - i. Taljaard Family
 - ii. Van Horn Family
 - iii. Munroe Family
- c. Cote First Nation Student Transportation
- d. Little Miners Community Daycare

23-191

Pohl:

Student Discipline Recommendation - 2101595

That the Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Student Discipline Report – 2101595.

Carried.

23-192

Dokuchie:

Student Discipline Recommendation - 2131126

That the Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Student Discipline Report – 2131126.

Carried.

23-193

Smandych:

Student Discipline Recommendation - 2130571

That the Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Student Discipline Report – 2130571.

Carried.

23-194

Anderson:

Student Discipline Recommendation - 2126748

That the Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Student Discipline Report – 2126748.

Carried.

23-195

Simpson:

Student Discipline Recommendation - 2134038

That the Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Student Discipline Report – 2134038.

Carried.

23-196

Balyski:

Student Discipline Recommendation - 2079063

That the Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Student Discipline Report – 2079063.

Carried.

23-197

Gendur:

Taljaard Transportation Request

That the Board approve the recommendation of the Transportation Committee to deny the Taljaard transportation request.

Carried.

23-198

Leson:

Van Horn Transportation Request

That the Board approve the recommendation of the Transportation Committee to deny the Van Horn transportation request. The host family option will be offered to the family.

Carried.

23-199

Morrison:

Munroe Transportation Request

That the Board approve the recommendation of the Transportation Committee to approve the Munroe transportation request.

Carried.

23-200

Pohl:

Cote First Nation Student Transportation

That the Board approve the recommendation of Senior Leadership to provide an existing bus from the GSSD fleet to the Cote First Nation.

Carried.

Pat Morrison, Facilities Manager, joined the meeting at 2:25 pm to present the Facilities Reports

New Business

1. Approval of the Draft 2022-23 Annual Report
2. 2022-23 Audited Financial Statement and Management Letter
3. School Community Council Board Designations
4. Policy Review
 - a. Repeal Policy 4 Board Member Code of Ethics & Policy 4 App A Trustee Code of Conduct Sanctions.
 - b. Adoption of New Policy 4 and Appendices
 - c. Policy 3 – Role of the Board Member
5. Central Office Closure, Winter Break

23-201

Dokuchie:

Approval of the Draft 2022-23 Annual Report

That the Board approve the 2022-23 Annual Report for submission to the Ministry, pending technical edits following the final format approval of the Audited Financial Statements and additional feedback from the Ministry.

Carried.

23-202

Smandych:

2022-23 Audited Financial Statement and Management Letter

That the Board receives and approves the Management Letter and Audited Financial Statements for the year ending August 31, 2023 pending minor changes made after Ministry of Education and Finance format review and approval.

Carried.

23-203

Anderson:

2022-23 Audited Financial Statement and Management Letter

That the Board approve the transfer of \$100,000 from unrestricted surplus and distribute to internal sources within Governance for future election expenses.

Carried.

23-204

Simpson:

2022-23 Audited Financial Statement and Management Letter

That the Board approve the transfer of \$250,000 from unrestricted surplus and distribute to internal sources within Instruction Resources for the purchase of instructional resources.

Carried.

23-205

Leson:

2022-23 Audited Financial Statement and Management Letter

That the Board approve the transfer of \$500,000 from unrestricted surplus and distribute to internal sources within Facilities for risk management and security.

Carried.

23-206

Balyski:

2022-23 Audited Financial Statement and Management Letter

That the Board approve the transfer of \$250,000 from unrestricted surplus and distribute to internal sources within Technology Resources for the purchase of technology renewal.

Carried.

23-207

Gendur:

2022-23 Audited Financial Statement and Management Letter

That the Board approve the transfer of \$300,000 from unrestricted surplus and distribute to internal sources within Bus Purchases for the purchase of buses.

Carried.

23-208

Morrison:

Repeal Policy 4 - Board Member Code of Ethics & Policy 4 App A Trustee Code of Conduct Sanctions

That the Board accepts the recommendation to repeal the current Board Policy 4 – Board Member Code of Ethics & Appendix – Trustee Code of Conduct Sanctions.

Carried.

23-209

Pohl:

Adoption of New Policy 4 and Appendices

That the Board accepts the recommendation to adopt a new Board Policy 4 – Board Member Code of Conduct and the supporting Appendices A, B, C, D, and E as presented.

Carried.

23-210

Dokuchie:

Policy 3 – Role of the Board Member

That the Board approve Board Policy 3 Role of the Board Member as presented.

Carried.

23-211

Smandych:

Central Office Closure, Winter Break

That the Board approve the dismissal of all staff on Friday, December 22 at 12:00 pm, while the Good Spirit Education Complex remain open until 5:00 pm and the closure of the Good Spirit Education Complex on December 27, 28, and 29, 2023.

Carried.

Discussion Items presented by the Director of Education

1. None

Information Items presented by the Director of Education

1. Thank you notes
2. Important Dates
3. Saskatchewan School Boards Association
4. Facilities Update & School Tours
5. GSSD Professional Development Opportunities
6. Student Incident Report
7. Administrative Procedures
 - a. AP 208 – Community Perceptions and Norms: Controversial Issues
 - b. AP 208 App A – Parental Request for Exemption From Instruction
 - c. AP 208 App B – Letter for Parents/Guardians Regarding Health Education
 - d. AP 438 – Certification of Staff
8. Correspondence
 - a. SSBA The School Trustee
 - b. SSBA Annual General Meeting

Committee / Conference Reports

1. Indigenous Advisory Committee Report
2. SCC Meetings & Celebrations

Future Business

1. Meeting dates
 - a. December 14, 2023
 - b. January 25, 2024
 - c. February 29, 2024
 - d. March 28, 2024
 - e. April 25, 2024
 - f. June 13, 2024

- g. August 15, 2024
- h. Other
 - i. May 23, 2024 – Special Board Meeting (Preliminary Budget)
- 2. Notice of Motion
- 3. Topics for Future Agenda
 - a. Accountability
 - i. Allocating Resources to Improve Experiences for Students Staff, and the community/Financial Report & Audit
 - b. Board Development
 - i. Fast Facts on How Federal Students are Funded in the Provincial System
 - c. Director's Report
 - i. Financial Update
 - ii. Transportation Update
 - d. Board Business
 - i. Review community and family engagement strategies
 - ii. Review communication strategies
 - iii. Approval of the Risk Registry
 - iv. Review Policy 5 (Role of the Chair), Policy 6 (Role of the Vice Chair), & Policy 7 (Board Operations)
 - e. Relationship Building
 - i. SSBA, Local MLAs – Greg Ottenbreit, Terry Dennis, Warren Kaeding & Tribal Council Leadership (funding focus)

Board member Leson exited the meeting at 4:07 pm

23-212

Smandych:

Adjournment

That we do adjourn at 4:44 pm.

Carried.

BOARD CHAIR – Johnson

SECRETARY – Gervais