



Board Meeting Digest

Monday, June 1, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Board

DELEGATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Room for Improvement Youth Development Inc. (RFIYD)

Representatives Emily Alston-O'Connor and Roanne Kosokowsky made a short presentation to the board about RFIYD, which is a youth for youth, not-for-profit Saskatoon-based organization. One of RFIYD's main projects is raising money for a Rwandan orphanage.

A 10-person delegation from RFIYD will travel to Rwanda and other African countries this winter to produce a video documentary. The group would like information about how it can get in touch with principals, in order to arrange visits with schools to share the results of its work in Africa.

- ☆ **Accounts Paid March 1 – March 31, 2009 and Financial Statements for Period ended March 31, 2009**
- ☆ **Learning Activities Outside the Province: December 1, 2008 – May 31, 2009**

Consent Items: The first two items on the agenda, marked with stars, were received by the Board of Education through a single motion that indicated trustees approved of all recommendations contained in the above-noted items.

DISCUSSION/DECISION

Proposed Land Exchange – St. Mary Elementary School

Trustees moved to authorize administration to enter into an agreement with the City of Saskatoon for the sale of land to accommodate the new St. Mary Community School. The agreement is in accordance with the approved concept plan and site plan for the new school.

Supt. Don Lloyd indicated to trustees that under the concept plan, which sees the removal of the existing St. Mary School, there is 5.66 acres of green space. This

is still a slight deficiency under current regulations but will be allowed by the Ministry of Education given the age of the neighbourhood.

St. Mary School – Potential Legacy Items and Strategies

Supt. Gordon Martell explained to board members that he and St. Mary principal Darryl Bazylak have created the St. Mary Legacy Committee and are ready to invite members to the committee, which will work to preserve the legacy of the existing St. Mary Community School.

In preparation for this work, Edwards, Edwards and McEwen architects are:

- documenting the existing school with photographs and measured drawings,
- surveying items for potential incorporation in the new school, and
- suggesting potential strategies for incorporating the items in the new school.

School Division 2009 Mill Rate – Bylaw 2009

The Board of Education passed a bylaw officially advising the Ministry of Education that it is continuing to exercise its constitutional right to set its property tax mill rate but in so doing will adopt the provincial mill rate set by the province.

Humboldt Collegiate Institute Design Plan

Trustees approved the Humboldt Collegiate Institute design plan and preliminary budget estimate as presented in the meeting agenda.

The new Humboldt Collegiate Institute, which will be linked to the Uniplex in that city, is scheduled to be completed by January 2011. The estimated cost of the project is \$20.1 million, which will be shared between the Ministry of Education and the Horizon and Greater Saskatoon Catholic school divisions, which jointly manage the school.

The school will include a full-size gymnasium; classroom wing; science wing; visual, graphic and applied arts area; performing arts instruction area; resource centre; and servery.

Schedule of Board Meetings

Trustees approved their schedule of board meetings for fall 2009 up to and including the Organizational Meeting of the Board on Monday, November 2, 2009.

Because municipal elections are scheduled for October 26, a Saskatoon election forum has been set for Oct. 21. If needed, election forums will also be held in Biggar and Humboldt.

Saskatoon Secondary Schools Athletic Directorate (SSSAD) Trustee Representative

Chair Diane Boyko agreed to have her name stand as the trustee representative for 2009-2010.