

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

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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Good Spirit Board of Education  
Thursday, January 23, 2025  
Good Spirit Education Complex, Yorkton, Saskatchewan**

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**Board Members (P)Present (A)Absent**

P	Balyski, Chris
P	Johnson, Jaime – Chair
P	Makort, Cara
P	Palmer, Kelly
P	Jamie Smart-Sondergaard
P	Variyan, Steve

P	Brass, Jay-Cee
P	Leson, Shannon
P	Morrison, Jan
A	Pohl, Nicole – Vice Chair
P	Stav, Kendra

**Staff**

Quintin Robertson – Director of Education  
Keith Gervais – Chief Financial Officer  
Lauren Denysek – Communications Coordinator  
Lisa Wotherspoon – Superintendent of Learning

**25-001**

Johnson:

**Call to order**

That this meeting now come to order at 10:01 a.m.

**Carried.**

Board Member Smart-Sondergaard entered the meeting at 10:02 am

Board Member Makort entered the meeting at 10:03 am

**25-002**

Palmer:

**Adoption of agenda**

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

**Carried.**

**25-003**

Smart-Sondergaard:

**Approval of December 12, 2024, regular minutes**

That the minutes of the December 12, 2024, Regular meeting be adopted as presented.

**Carried.**

**Business arising from the minutes**

None

**Conflict of Interest**

None

**Delegation**

None

Michelle Morley, Digital Learning Consultant, Alana Patzwald, Teacher, and Students from Columbia School Grade 4P entered the meeting at 10:06 am to present Coding with Dash!

**Accountability Report**

1. Improving Student Outcomes: Assessment Data

**25-004**  
Balyski:

**Accountability Report – Improving Student Outcomes: Assessment Data**

That the Board approve the accountability report on Fall Early Literacy Data and acknowledge the report met the requirements of QIs 2.1, 8.2, 8.3 and 11.1, based on the evidence within the report.

**Carried.**

**Board Development**

1. Financial Oversight and Budgeting

Lisa Alspach, Superintendent of Human Resources, entered the meeting at 11:36 am

**Closed Session Items**

1. Human Resources Report
  - a. Review Years of Service and SEASTARS Award Winners
2. Student Discipline Report
  - a. Student Discipline Report – 3232108
  - b. Student Discipline Report - 2084262

**25-005**  
Brass:

**Enter closed session**

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

**Carried.**

**25-006**  
Leson:

**Exit closed session**

That the Board exit closed session.

**Carried.**

Board Member Variyan entered the meeting at 12:12 pm

Lunch

**25-007**  
Stav:

**Enter closed session**

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

**Carried.**

**25-008**  
Morrison:

**Exit closed session**

That the Board rise and report.

**Carried.**

**Action Items**

1. Items Arising from Closed Session
  - a. Student Discipline Report
    - i. Student Discipline Report – 3232108
    - ii. Student Discipline Report - 2084262

**25-009**  
Variyan:

**Student Discipline**

That the Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Student Discipline Report – 3232108.

**Carried.**

**25-010**  
Makort:

**Student Discipline**

That the Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Student Discipline Report – 2084262.

**Carried.**

**New Business**

1. Approve French Immersion Designation
2. Review MCS Governance Agreement

3. Policy Review
  - a. Policy 4 Appendix B – Code of Conduct Sanctions
  - b. Policy 5 – Role of the Board Chair
  - c. Policy 6 – Role of the Vice Chair
  - d. Policy 7 – Board Operations
  - e. Policy 2A – Annual Work Plan

**25-011**  
Palmer:

**French Immersion Designation**

That the Board approve the attached “Recommendation for Designation Form” for the French Immersion program at Melville Comprehensive School for the 2025-26 school year.

**Carried.**

**25-012**  
Smart-Sondergaard:

**Policy 4 Appendix B – Code of Conduct Sanctions**

That the Board approve the amended Board Policy 4 Appendix B – Code of Conduct Sanctions as presented.

**Carried.**

**25-013**  
Balycki:

**Policy 5 – Role of the Board Chair**

That the Board approve Board Policy 5 Role of the Board Chair as presented.

**Carried.**

**25-014**  
Brass:

**Policy 6 – Role of the Vice Chair**

That the Board approve Board Policy 6 Role of the Vice Chair as presented.

**Carried.**

**25-015**  
Leson:

**Policy 7 – Board Operations**

That the Board approve Board Policy 7 Board Operations as presented.

**Carried.**

**25-016**  
Stav:

**Policy 2A – Annual Work Plan**

That the Board approve Board Policy 2A Annual Work Plan as presented.

**Carried.**

**Discussion Items presented by the Director of Education**

1. Board Chair Council Update
2. Update on City of Yorkton’s Planning and Infrastructure Commission
3. Public Section Update
4. GSSD Foundation Discussion
5. One Smart World Survey for Board Members

Board Member Variyan exited the meeting at 3:45 pm

**Information Items presented by the Director of Education**

1. Thank you notes
2. Important Dates
3. Saskatchewan School Boards Association
4. GSSD Professional Development Opportunities
5. Student Incident Report
6. Review the Board Budget Development Framework for 2025-26
7. Financial Update
8. Cybersecurity information item
9. Facilities Update & School Tour
10. Review of the draft 2025-26 school year calendar
11. Administrative Procedures
  - a. AP 151 – Parent, Staff and Students Inquiries or Concerns
  - b. AP 261-3 – Sweat Lodge Consent Waiver

- c. AP 412 – Supervision and Evaluation of Professional Staff
12. Correspondence

**Committee / Conference Reports**

1. SCC Meetings & Celebrations

**Future Business**

- 1. Meeting dates
  - a. February 27, 2025
  - b. March 27, 2025
  - c. April 24, 2025
  - d. June 12, 2025
  - e. August 14, 2025
  - f. Other
    - i. May 22, 2025 – Special Board Meeting
    - ii. August 13, 2025 – Evaluation & Special Board Meeting
- 2. Notice of Motion
- 3. Topics for Future Agenda
  - a. Accountability
    - i. Report on high school credit attainment and the overall three-year and five-year graduation rates.
  - b. Board Development
    - i. Role of the Director of Education
  - c. Director's Report
    - i. Financial Update
    - ii. Transportation Update
  - d. Board Business
    - i. Approve of the Board Budget Development Framework for 2025-26
    - ii. Approve of technology integration plan
    - iii. Review Out-of-Scope Salary COLA recommendations
    - iv. Review Board Policy 8, Policy 8A, Policy 8B, Policy 8C, Policy 8D, Policy 8E, Policy 8F, and Policy 8G
  - e. Relationship Building
    - i. Advocacy with CUPE, GSTA, and DPEA Leadership

25-017  
Makort:

**Adjournment**

That we do adjourn at 4:39 pm.  
**Carried.**

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BOARD CHAIR – Johnson

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SECRETARY – Gervais