

VISION

The Regina Catholic School Division will provide a quality Catholic education that is faith-based, student-centered, and results-oriented.



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MISSION

The Regina Catholic School Division will work with the community and local church to provide a quality Catholic education that fosters academic excellence and the development of informed, responsible citizens.

VALUES

ACCOUNTABILITY COLLABORATION HONESTY INTEGRITY RESPECT WELLNESS

Regina Catholic School Division Board of Trustees Catholic School Community Council Linkage Meeting November 7, 2018

Discussion Notes Summary

Moving in Faith	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Is an annual event held at the Canada Games Athletic Complex· Family friendly – emphasize/advertise as a family day· Primary objective is to have an event to promote “faith, fitness, family and fun”· 2km and 5 km walk/jog/wheelchair/run event· Still an interest with the younger families· Family day model works well· Concern with the canteen not breaking even· Sponsorship helped a lot so that no monies were lost· Schools need to advertise more in their school communities· Find ways to appeal to older kids – can it be turned into a pledge challenge? ... Can we link to high school curriculum opportunities? Can we bring high school mascots? Use as a transitional activity?· St. Nicholas School will run the canteen again and proceeds will support Catholic Education Matters fundraising campaign· Consider having the event during football season
Alumni Gala	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· We have been around for over 100 years· We are looking to celebrate our graduates of Catholic education· Alumni Gala/dinner event to be hosted during Catholic education week· Who can be nominated? Do they have to be living? Can it be someone who has passed away?· Should be on a cost recovery basis only because of budgets· No one plans to attend
Attendance Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· What are the barriers?· Sports can be a concern - parent pickups to get kids to school when the buses don't run· Community school council webpage (these webpages are good for community chats)· How do we recognize attendance and how do we celebrate it? Range of attendance· Over 90% for example... concern over taking away goals· How do we as a community come together to support our families who are not attending... celebrate a buddy system in the classroom to support attendance· Look for solutions to get our students to school· Liked what Sacred Heart School was doing – posting weekly attendance for the school· Incentives – draws for bikes

<p>Attendance Matters (continued)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · All administrators track attendance · Needs to be in partnership with parents · Mental health contributes to it · Transportation challenges for some families · Work with Social Services to arrange visits outside school hours · We need to make the attendance information at the students' level - If we can't engage the parents we need to engage the students · Breakfast programs · Letters related to attendance, then meet with families to get to the root of the cause · Phone and highlight the pattern · Create a norm · Are incentives sustainable? · Attendance may be related to work schedules - EAL families · Family dynamics can affect attendance – separated families single parent families
<p>Student Safety</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Traffic violations - parking within the cones, or in the school lot · We need more police presence and resource officer to ticket parents · Can we engage SROs early in the morning at lunch and after school? · There are no safe places to drop off students · Not stopping for the safety patrol · Engage the City of Regina - city transportation is not effective · Each school have the safety study done like one at St. Francis School · A parent who is also a police officer offered a good suggestion - CSCC need to get the message out at their meetings or newsletter. It would also be beneficial for parents to know consequences if safety measures aren't followed (fine costs) · Regina does not ticket for Jaywalking, Saskatoon does. Why the difference? · We need to find someone willing to come in and do bike safety presentations · Create a partnership with a company willing to supply bike helmets to schools · CAA safety audits. Are schools providing presentations around the safety aspects? · Concerns over water hazards around schools, especially with seasonal changes · Locking doors and restricting access to the school
<p>Community Linkage Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Great idea to have a Division wide CSCC for greater networking, shared parent nights - very valuable · Great idea and a few from the table will put their names forward · Expectations around emails · Highlighted the points listed as targets · Some of the schools have undertaken some activity · Rolling out the division wide leadership team appealed to the table group
<p>CSCC funds being supported by Business and Finance Department</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Not sure how they feel, see some benefits in terms of service charges · Need more details as to how it would roll out · Many questions arose that I couldn't answer (needed B&F people there!!!!) · Suggestion to have a meeting with B&F superintendent with each CSCC chair, treasurer, Director of Education, administrators from each school present. · Accountability piece · Mirror our School Based funds

<p>CSCC funds being supported by Business and Finance Department <i>(continued)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Timing for reimbursement after spending money · Online transfers is a good thing · Parents require fast reimbursement · Need more information about making this move · Fundraising for larger projects · How would deposits be done? · How would reports be printed? · Who would be able to view the amounts? · Community schools give back to their communities · How do they get a float? · Where does the interest go? · It's immaterial – Miller CSCC president audit schools for 25 years · Schools could partner to see how other school is accounting and spending · If RCSD controls the money, do we decide how it is spent? · Submission of financial pieces at the same time as CSCCs do LIP <p><u>ACTION:</u> It was suggested that a meeting be scheduled with the B&F superintendent, each CSCC chair, treasurer, Director of Education and administrators from each school to discuss the CSCC funds.</p>
<p>Catholic Education Matters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Get families more involved and multiculturalism - community and parishes · Suggestion was made to make Elementary Schools aware of videos done by STRIVE students created as this could possibly be a project that the Elementary Schools might like to do as well and share with the division and the general public · Post stories related to our faith on the website · Faith walls in the schools – adding pieces i.e. Thank you notes and other success · Keep doing what we are doing · Invite parents · Address parent topics · CSCC serve as a bridge to the community · Build relationships – trust · Go to the clientele · Use social media - some schools have their own Facebook · Establish CSCC Facebook page, share with others CSCC's, monitor other CSCC Facebook pages for new ideas · Parents administer their Facebook page to increase their level of engagement · Sharing school calendars – learn from each other · Bring a parent, bring a friend, use personal invitation
<p>Possible Parent Night Ideas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Outcome Based Reporting - a follow up to the initial one from last year (this was of a high priority at my table: they had LOTS of questions, especially about transition from Elementary to High School to Post Secondary) · Social Media (like the one last year as many parents were not able to attend on that night) Educating parents on how to have their children use electronic devices properly, ex. How much time to allow, etc. Not all parents are knowledgeable about these things · Anti-bullying: especially Social Media · **Mental Health (ex. Dr. Gordon from Child and Youth services presents on Anxiety) Public Schools hosted one last year.

<p>Possible Parent Night Ideas <i>(continued)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Parents asked if these presentations could be held on more than one night, as many can't make it on one day but could possibly on the next. Possibly a few CSCC groups could pool their money so that speakers could be on more than 1 night. Parents really were interested in being at presentations but holding them on just one evening made it very difficult. · Begin with the basic premise that building relationships is the key to engagement. · Focus on identifying which parents have leadership and specific skills needed to build the CSCC · Provide encouragement, support and opportunity for parents to address topics · Ask the parents and students "what" they want to address, it would be presumptuous to tell them what they need. Survey the parents and kids. One option is to develop an inventory of topics for parents and kids to choose · Parent topics might include: social media safety, drugs/addiction/vaping, EAL parent support group sessions, literacy nights, "how to help your child acquire literacy", Mental health support for children, mental health support groups for parents [at least provide a location for them to meet], Offer babysitting courses for teens · Student topics might include mental health supports / discussion groups, social media safety, leadership development programs.
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