

Regina Catholic Schools



Board Organizational and Board Public Meeting

Mon Nov 6, 2023 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM CST

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Ryan Bast, Vicky Bonnell, Rob Bresciani, Shauna Weninger, Darren Wilcox (MS Teams), Bob Kowalchuk (MS Teams)

STAFF PRESENT: Sean Chase (Director), Josh Kramer (CFO), Kelley Ehman, Stacey Gherasim, Heidi Hildebrand, Joanna Landry, Dave Magnusson, Twylla West, Doug Sears, Jill Hrynkiw (Recorder)

STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT: Samaria Franklin , Renee Dauphinais, Wade Hackl (Principal)

1. Call the meeting to order

S. Chase called the meeting to order.

2. Land Acknowledgement

S. Chase: I wish to acknowledge that we are on Treaty 4 territory, the traditional lands of the nêhiyawak (neh HEY o wuk), nahkawé (NUK ah way), Nakota, and homeland of the Metis, Lakota and Dakota. Tomorrow, we will come together to mark National Indigenous Veterans' Day, honouring the important contributions of Indigenous Peoples in service to Canada. As we continue to take steps on this shared journey of reconciliation, we remember all the Indigenous Peoples who have served and protected Canada—across generations.

3. Opening Prayer

J. Kramer opened the meeting with a prayer.

4. 13952: Adoption of Organizational Meeting Agenda

S. CHASE: That the Organizational Meeting agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

5. Conflict of Interest

S. Chase: Do any of the trustees have a conflict of interest based on the agenda they need to declare? No Trustees responded.

6. 13951: Election of Chair

S. Chase called for nominations for Chair.

V. Bonnell nominated S. Weninger.

Second Call and Third (Final Call) for nominations.

R. BRESCIANI: That nominations for Board Chair cease.

There being no further nominations. S. Weninger was elected as Board Chair by acclamation.

CARRIED

7. 13952: Election of Deputy Chair

S. Weninger called for nominations for Deputy Chair.

R. Bresciani nominated R. Bast.

Second Call and Third (Final Call) for nominations.

R. BRESCIANI: That nominations for Board Deputy Chair cease.

There being no further nominations. R. Bast was elected as Board Chair by acclamation.

CARRIED

8. 13953: Signature Plate

R. BAST: That the Chair and Chief Financial Officer be the signing officers for the Division and that in the absence of the Chair, the Deputy Chair be designated as signing officer and that in the absence of the Chief Financial Officer, the Director of Education or the Comptroller be designated as signing officers.

CARRIED

9. 13954: Signing Authorities for Bank Accounts

B. KOWALCHUK: That the signatories for the Operating Account, Payroll Account, Capital Reserve Account, US Dollar, School Based Funds Account, and Trust Accounts will be any two of the Board Chair, Deputy Chair, Chief Financial Officer, Director of Education or Comptroller.

CARRIED

10. 13955: Operating Line of Credit Requirements

B. KOWALCHUK: That we authorize the borrowing of \$10,000,000 at any time to meet current operating expenses and that the authorizing resolution be forwarded to TD Canada Trust.

CARRIED

11. Board Meeting Date and Time

a. 13956: Public Board Meetings

V. BONNELL: That the Board hold Public Board Meetings on the first Monday of the month commencing at 5:00 pm unless it is a statutory holiday. In that case the meeting will be held at the same time on the first Tuesday of the month.

CARRIED

b. 13957: Board Planning Meetings

R. BRESCIANI: That the Board hold Planning Meetings on the third Monday of the month commencing at 4:30 pm.

CARRIED

12. 13958: Board Committees and Board Representatives

In 2022-23 RCSD contracted an external lead to review the Circle of Voices Committee. From the review, it was recommended that to create a balanced membership, only one Trustee be represented on that Committee.

R. Bast shared that the Board Committees and Board Representatives were discussed in advance of the November 20, 2023 Planning meeting and the Board has reached a consensus.

R. BAST: That the Board approve the 2023-24 Board Committees and Board Representatives as follows:

- Board/Archdiocesan Liaison Committee: B. Kowalchuk (Committee Chair)
- Board Policy Committee: R. Bast (Committee Chair), V. Bonnell, B. Kowalchuk
- Circle of Voices: Trustee on Rotation

CARRIED

13. Appoint an Auditor (Review the Term of Current Auditor)

The Board appointed Dudley & Company LLP as external auditor for a five year term commencing the 2020-21 fiscal year end. 2023-24 is the fourth year of this five year term.

14. 13959: Adjournment of Organizational Meeting

R. BAST: That the Organizational Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

15. Official Opening of Public Meeting - November 6, 2023

16. Consent Items

S. Weninger: The following consent items have been received as information. Do any of the Trustees want to move a consent item to discussion? No Trustees Responded.

a. Student Enrolment - October 31, 2023

V. Bonnell pointed out that column 2 should read October 31, 2023 rather than September 30, 2023.

b. Staffing Update - September 27 - October 30, 2023

c. RCSD Board of Trustees Update - November 2023

- d.** Downtown Express
- e.** Asset Protection Hotline
- f.** Foundations Spark Reading Program
- g.** CEC 2.0 Announcement & Video Tour
- h.** Holy Rosary to Sacred Heart Student Transition Plan
- i.** Builder's Lien Discharge – École St. Pius / Argyle School
- j.** Saskatchewan Distance Learning Centre Students

17. 13960: Adoption of Public Meeting Agenda

R. BRESCIANI: That the Public Meeting agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

18. Conflict of Interest

S. Weninger: Do any of the trustees have a conflict of interest based on the agenda they need to declare? No Trustees responded.

19. 13961: Adoption of Minutes

R. BAST: That the minutes of the October 3, 2023 Public Board Meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

20. Presentation

a. Student Trustee (STRIVE)

S. Weninger introduced Miller Catholic Comprehensive High School students Samaria Franklin - Grade 12 and Renee Dauphinais - Grade 12 and Wade Hackl Principal of Miller Comprehensive Catholic High School. The STRIVE presentation included: The First Day of School and Welcome Week Activities, Opening Mass, Academic Awards Night, Sports in School Week, Halloween Week, The PEP Rally, Students Against Drinking and Driving (SADD), Fall Sports including Miller's 6A Football City Champions, Social Media Outlets, and The United Way Youth Summit.

W. Hackl, R. Dauphinais and S. Franklin left the meeting.

21. Decision Items

a. 13962: Naming of North Regina Joint Use School (Former St. Peter School and St. Michael Community School)

R. BAST: That the Board directs Senior Administration to develop and implement a strategy to solicit, review name considerations, and bring new school name recommendations back to the Board for approval by June 1, 2024.

CARRIED

b. 13963: Preventative Maintenance Renewal Program (2022-23 Reconciliation Report)

V. BONNELL: That the Board approve the 2022-23 Preventative Maintenance Renewal (PMR) Reconciliation Report as presented.

CARRIED

c. 13964: Policy 8 - Board Operations

R. BRESCIANI: That the Board approve the amendment to Board Policy 8 – Board Operations after all Boards received recommendations from SSBA to clarify and strengthen guidelines for delegations and members of the public attending Public Board Meetings.

CARRIED

22. Discussion

a. Review 2023-24 Board Annual Workplan and Events Schedule

The Board reviewed the Board Annual Work Plan and Events Schedule.

23. Governance

24. Governance - Executive Council Reporting

a. Policy 2 - Role of the Board - Director Report: Section 7 - Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) and Section 10 - Fiscal Accountability

S. Chase and J. Kramer presented a report for Policy 2 - Role of the Board: Section 7 - Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) and Section 10 - Fiscal Accountability. The report covering the period of November 8, 2022 - October 31, 2023 indicated that Executive Council acknowledged both sections are in compliance and provided evidence to support its statement.

25. Reports

a. Chair's Report

S. Weninger acknowledged R. Bast's Certified Association Executive (CAE) designation accomplishment.

S. Weninger reported that she and other Trustees were busy during the month of October with the following meetings and events: "Mean Girls" Musical at Archbishop M. C. O'Neill Catholic High School; Academic Awards at both Archbishop M. C. O'Neill Catholic High School and Miller Catholic Comprehensive High School, Archbishop M. C. O'Neill Catholic High School PEP Rally honoring teacher Dean Vendramin for receiving the Prime Minister's Award of Excellence, Circle of Voices where the results of the recent review were shared, Board Chair Council and SSBA Visioning, St. Peter, St. Kateri and St. Theresa School Tours, CSCC Linkage Meeting. The Board also met with Minister Jeremy Cockrill and the Sask Party MLA's as well as the Opposition MLA's, and S. Weninger, R. Bast, and V. Bonnell travelled to Lloydminster, Alberta to attend the SCSBA AGM and Conference.

b. Trustee Reports / Committee Chair Reports

B. Kowalchuk shared his attendance at the SSBA Operational Grant Advisory Committee (OGAC) Meeting which is reviewing the funding formula which distributes funding to school divisions. The importance was stressed to follow SSBA's guiding principles of creating stability, security and predictability.

i. Board Policy Review Committee Meeting - October 26, 2023

The Board policy Review Committee met on October 26, 2023 to review Policy 8 Section 11 - Delegations to Board Meetings. Amendments were made to clarify and strengthen guidelines for delegations and members of the public attending Public Board Meetings after receiving recommendations from SSBA.
Next meeting date is January 22, 2024.

c. Director's Report

S. Chase provided the following updates in his Director's Report:

- S. Chase shared his sincere thanks to KPMG who sponsored his successful application to attend the November 11-17, 2023 CommunityShift Professional Development at Ivey Academy (Ivey Business School) and for the Trustees' support.
- Circle of Voices Terms of Reference which administration is currently developing will re-establish committee membership and operating principles. Several key themes emerged in the recent review, with a general commitment to better reflect Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action, and to ensure that community Indigenous voice is "heard and served".
- Extra-Curricular Activities including musicals, dramas, cross-country running, tackle football, aerial football, volleyball, SRC, student and family dances, soccer, and a wide variety of clubs.

26. Community Linkage

R. Bresciani attended the Towns, Greens on Gardiner Community Meeting where it was shared that the school communities are showing great success in welcoming and being inclusive in supporting the community.

a. SCSBA AGM and Conference - October 20-22, 2023

V. Bonnell (SCSBA Vice-President) shared the following updates:

The SCSBA AGM & Conference 2023 was hosted by Lloydminster Catholic School Division (LCSD) during the weekend of October 20-22, 2023. The theme "Engaging Together in Hope" resonated with all our Catholic Schools, as we journey together in Truth and Reconciliation. Shared experiences and teachings about Indigenous culture were presented by Okimaw Chief Henry Lewis, Bishop Mark Hagemoen, Chief Wilton Littlechild, Archbishop Richard Smith, and Knowledge-Keeper, Lyndon Linklater. Each presentation was not only informational, but inspiring and engaging. Catholic Trustees, Directors, and guests experienced opportunities to deepen their knowledge and understandings of Indigenous culture, history, knowledge, and perspective.

The Flag Dance and the Kakismakamik Culture Centre (which houses the Eagle Staff when not in use, photo) at Holy Rosary High School instilled humility, pride,

respect, and awareness of embracing Indigenous culture, knowledge and spirituality. On Sunday, everyone gathered outside to pray the Living Rosary. Cultural Indigenous teaching sessions followed: Ribbon Skirt Teachings by Cynthia Young; Strawberry Teachings by Tinisha Young; Pipe Ceremony Teaching by Mike Young; and Sweat Teachings by Kieran Young. The morning ended with a panel which included Lyndon Linklater, Cynthia Young and Stephanie Brown Munro. Each day began with smudging and was truly a wonderful weekend to journey and engage in hope together.

At the Annual General Meeting on October 22, nominations for President and Vice-President were received. With no other nominations, both Bruno Turcher and Vicky Bonnell were acclaimed as President and Vice-President for another year. Much appreciation was extended to Lloydminster Catholic; Tom Fortosky, SCSBA Executive Director; the Executive Committee; the SCSBA Board of Directors; all Catholic School Board Trustees; honoured guests; and presenters for a wonderful weekend of learning together.

The SCSBA Banquet and Awards was held later that evening. The following awards and recipients were as follows:

Appreciation Awards Recipients were: Jodie Bzdel (nominated by Holy Trinity Catholic School Board), Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools CCSTA Planning Committee (nominated by Greater Saskatoon Catholic School Division Board & Administration).

Julian Paslawski Meritorious Service Awards were: Debora Bersheid (posthumously) - nominated by Greater Saskatoon Catholic School Division, Maurice Chalifour – nominated by Prince Albert Catholic School Division.

Lyndon Linklater finished the Banquet and Awards evening by sharing some inspiring and humble remarks/experiences; acknowledging our journey together in Truth and Reconciliation.

b. SSBA Board Chair Council - October 23, 2023

S. Weninger attended the Board Chair Council Meeting.

c. CCCC/Board Linkage Meeting - October 26, 2023

S. Weninger, R. Bast, V. Bonnell, R. Bresciani, and D. Wilcox attended the CCCC/Board Linkage Meeting held at École St. Pius X.

d. RCSD Board Linkage Meeting with Government MLAs (Regina) and Official Opposition MLAs (Regina) - October 31, 2023

S. Chase shared

27. Correspondence

S. Weninger shared her invitation to attend the Cornwall Alternative School 50th Anniversary Celebration where she was able to tour the school and see support for students rights to education throughout the community.

28. 13965: Move in to Closed Session

B. KOWALCHUK: That the Board move in to Closed Session.

CARRIED

D. Wilcox left the meeting.

B. Kowalchuk left the meeting.

29. 13966: Move out of Closed Session

R. BRESCIANI: That the Board move out of Closed Session.

CARRIED

30. Items for Future Agenda

31. 13967: Adjournment

R. BAST: That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

32. Closing Prayer

R. Bresciani closed the meeting with Glory Be prayer.



Shauna Weninger, Board Chair
Officer



Josh Kramer, Chief Financial