



Public Board Meeting

Mon Jun 2, 2025 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM CST

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Ryan Bast (Board Chair), Vicky Bonnell (Co-Deputy Chair), Bob Kowalchuk (Co-Deputy Chair), Rob Bresciani, Greg Fischer, Shauna Weninger, Darren Wilcox

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

STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT: Brooklyn Czinka, Chevonne Lesiuk, Mo Sanusi

R. Bast called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

1. RCSD Vision Statement

R. Bast: To provide a quality Catholic education that is faith-based, student-centered, and results-oriented.

2. Opening Prayer

G. Fischer opened the meeting with a prayer.

3. Land Acknowledgement

R. Bast: We are blessed to serve, live and learn on Treaty 4 territory, traditional lands of the nêhiyawak (neh HEY o wuk), nahkawé (NUK ah way), Nakota, and homeland of the Métis, Lakota, and Dakota. Collectively, we are committed to seeking the Truth and taking intentional steps toward Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples in our communities.

R. Bast shared the meeting may be recorded.

4. Consent Items

R. Bast: 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.

V. Bonnell requested that congratulatory letters be sent to all scholarship recipients on behalf of the Board.

☑ J. Hrynkiw to write and send congratulatory letters be sent to all scholarship recipients on behalf of the board.

Assigned to: Jill Hrynkiw

i. RCSD Board of Trustees Update - June 2025

ii. Student Enrolment - May 1 - 31, 2025

iii. Staffing Report - April 29 - May 26, 2025

iv. Downtown Express - May

v. 2025-26 Before and After School, Childcare and Preschool Programs

vi. Foundations Learning - Spark Literacy Award Recipient

vii. Division-Wide DEIA Liturgy - June 6, 2025

viii. Student Services Summer Newsletter

ix. Duchess of Cornwall Scholarship Recipient

x. Queen's Diamond Jubilee Scholarship Recipient

5. 14125: Adoption of Agenda

B. KOWALCHUK: That the agenda be adopted.

 CARRIED

6. Conflict of Interest

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

7. 14126: Adoption of Minutes

D. WILCOX: That the minutes of the May 5, 2025 Public Board Meeting be adopted.

 CARRIED

8. Presentation

a. Student Trustees (STRIVE)

i. Presentation to 2025 STRIVE Graduates

R. Bast acknowledged the 2025 STRIVE graduates for their commitment to leadership and valuable contributions to the Regina Catholic School Division. This year's STRIVE graduates include: Mo Sanusi - LeBoldus, John Paz - Miller, Antonio Alapizca-Bonardel - Miller, Brooklyn Czinka - Riffel, Megyn Verbeek - Riffel, Chevonne Lesiuk - O'Neill and Joe Derjes - LeBoldus. R. Bast, V. Bonnell and B. Kowalchuk presented the STRIVE students with a plaque and certificate of recognition.

9. Decision Items

a. 14126: 2025-26 Board Annual Workplan and Events Schedule

V. BONNELL: That the 2025-26 Board Annual Workplan and Events Schedule be approved.

 CARRIED

b. 14127: St. Raphael School Plaque

B. KOWALCHUK: That the Board approves the St. Raphael plaque as attached.

 CARRIED

c. 14128: Noon Supervision Fees – 2025-26 Fee Rate

R. BRESCIANI: That the Board approve the 2025–26 Noon Supervision Fees as follows: \$40 for Kindergarten students, \$80 for students in Grades 1 to 8, a maximum family rate of \$160 for elementary students, and \$25 for high school students. Exemptions will continue for elementary schools with an adjusted school day and for students enrolled in Elementary Intensive Support Classrooms (EISC).

 CARRIED

d. 14129: Auditor Appointment and Approval

S. WENINGER: That the Board appoint Dudley & Company LLP by approving an extension of a one-year term to conduct the 2024-25 audit year ending August 31, 2025.

 CARRIED

10. Discussion

a. Review 2024-25 Board Annual Work Plan and Events Schedule

Trustees reviewed the Board Annual Work Plan and Events Schedule.

11. Governance

12. Governance - Executive Council Reporting

a. Detailed Implementation Plan (DIP) - Faith Permeation

J. Lang, Coordinator of Catholic Education, shared the actions and deliverables of the Faith Permeation DIP. Highlights included professional development for Kindergarten- Growing in Faith & Growing in Christ, new teacher faith formation, faith retreats for both CEC and school-based staff, school faith calendars, a liturgical resource library, student retreats, and support for diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility through a Catholic lens. The Division-wide faith theme, All Belong: Embrace, will be celebrated through a division-wide Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and accessibility Celebration Liturgy. The division continues to promote a safe, inclusive, and caring culture through activities such as retreats, shared meals, and the integration of Indigenous ways of knowing. A recent highlight was RCSD's DEIA Day, where 67 high school students gathered at the Catholic Education Centre for a day of fun and celebration under the theme All Belong. All of the faith actions ultimately connect back to the central theme of building relationships, which serves as the foundation for meaningful progress and success.

b. Detailed Implementation Plan (DIP) - Mental Health and Well-Being

Superintendent D. Magnusson and Coordinator of Student Services, M. Reavie shared the Mental Health and Well-Being DIP which has a SMART goal aiming for all schools to utilize

internal and community-based resources to enhance mental health and well-being by June 2025. Key areas with Actions and Deliverables for the DIP include:

Data:

- OurSCHOOL Survey - grades 4-12
- School-based data meetings for reflection on barriers to learning.

Professional Development:

- Professional development to support mental health and well-being of staff and students. Topics include VTRA/ARTO, Suicide Intervention (ASIST), Mental Health First Aid, social, emotional & physical wellness and Character Strong Resources.

Division & School Culture - Staff & Students:

- Create a safe, inclusive, caring, and positive culture and climate for students and staff division-wide.
- Share community and division resources to support staff and student mental health and well-being.

Social & Emotional Learning:

- Implement social and emotional instruction into the classroom and school-wide practices (PreK to12).
- Implement mindfulness practices into daily instruction in Grade 9 transition.
- Identify students who require Tier 3 & 4 support (Pre-K to 12).
- LeBoldus High School Mental Health Capacity Building Coordinator to collaborate with School Support Specialists in 4 high schools to share MHCB resources.
- Wellness Camps for associate schools.

c. SCSBA Catholic Education Video

[Catholic Education Video](#)

Each year, the Catholic School Divisions in Saskatchewan engage in a week-long celebration of the unique identity and distinctive contributions of Catholic education during Catholic Education Week. This year's celebration is entitled, "Pilgrims of Hope". The Saskatchewan Catholic School Boards Association, in partnership with the Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus Charitable Foundation, created the above video to celebrate World Catholic Education Week. It is rooted in the theme Pilgrims of Hope and reflects on their shared journey of Faith, Truth, and Reconciliation.

13. Reports

a. Chair's Report

R. Bast shared highlights from recent celebrations of student talent, staff milestones, and community engagement events. RCSD students showcased their creativity through multiple school musical and drama productions, including performances at École St. Angela, St. Gabriel, École St. Mary, Deshaye Catholic, Dr. Martin LeBoldus, and Archbishop M.C. O'Neill. The Board also celebrated a farewell to St. Michael Community School which will close this coming winter. Trustees participated in several relationship-building gatherings, such as the Catholic Partners Luncheon, Board/Clergy Touchbase, and School Board/City Liaison Committee Meeting, along with the SCSBA Convention in Yorkton and Catholic

Education Week activities. Other activities included school tours and professional learning events, including the Division Institute keynote on Supporting Neurodiversity. Looking ahead, trustees will continue attending graduations, farewells, and conferences. The report concluded with a heartfelt farewell to Director Sean Chase, commending his leadership, legacy, and lasting impact on the Division through initiatives like StrengthsFinder and his dedication to team-building, collaboration, and faith.

b. Committee Chair Reports

i. Catholic Partners Meeting & Luncheon - May 14, 2025

S. Weninger shared that the newly formed Catholic Partners Group was well received and considered a success. This group represents the amalgamation of the Clergy Luncheon, Consecrated Life, Board/Archdiocese Liaison Committee, and Catholic Connections into one unified body. The new structure fostered stronger connections and created opportunities for various organizations to share updates and initiatives within a broader community network. It was noted, however, that representation from the Consecrated Life group was noticeably absent. Moving forward, efforts will be made to ensure that communication reaches all intended groups and that all voices are included.

c. Trustee Reports

i. Circle of Voices

G. Fischer shared that from November to June, the Circle of Voices group met three times to advance its work in supporting First Nations, Métis, and Inuit (FNMI) students within Regina Catholic Schools. Indigenous Advisors from high schools shared the importance of their roles in building meaningful relationships that contribute to students' academic, emotional, and spiritual success. The group discussed the impact of the Following Their Voices program at Archbishop M.C. O'Neill High School and explored strategies to increase the number of FNMI teachers, including early identification and long-term support of students from grades 10 and 11 through their university journey. The need to expand the Division's Elder support—currently limited to two—was highlighted, especially in comparison to Regina Public's complement of Elders. An action plan rooted in the four seasons is being developed, designed for implementation over four years, with a focus on specific communities to track and measure growth. The group also proposed holding traditional celebrations for FNMI students at the start and end of each school year. The final meeting marked a leadership transition, with Stacey Gherasim thanked for her contributions and Tara Molson (DEIA Lead) and community member Jessica Gordon stepping in as co-leads.

ii. Inspiring Success - PEPIT

V. Bonnell shared her attendance at the May 21, 2025 PEPIT session called Inspiring Success held in Saskatoon. The session included a Knowledge Carriers discussion facilitated by Dr. Merelda Fiddler-Potter, featuring Alma Poitras, Harry Lafond, Vince Ahenakew, and Nancy Netmaker, who shared stories highlighting the importance of land, language, and learning. Presentations emphasized land-based learning through traditional practices and personal experiences. The Greater Saskatoon Catholic School Division presented on the community-led design of a new Cree School, focusing on

Indigenous involvement and cultural integration. The “Voices of Grandparents” segment underscored the value of intergenerational learning and walking together in reconciliation.

d. Director's Report

S. Chase highlighted several important year-end events and celebrations across the Division. The Elementary Track & Field Championship will take place June 10–11 at Canada Games Athletic Park, involving approximately 1,000 students and supported by hundreds of dedicated staff and parent volunteers. Grade 8 Farewells and Grade 12 Graduations are being held throughout June to celebrate key student milestones, with gratitude extended to staff, parent volunteers, and clergy for their roles in organizing and leading these meaningful events. On June 6, the Division will gather for the RCSD All Belong Liturgy, a faith-filled celebration grounded in the values of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility, emphasizing respect and love for all in the spirit of Catholic teaching. Many employee group as well as individual retirement celebrations have been planned along with the Board's annual Superannuate & Retiree Dinner on June 12. Director Sean Chase, also retiring this year, expressed appreciation to all those who have helped plan these important events.

14. Community Linkage

None

15. Correspondence

None

16. 14130: Move in to Closed Session

D. WILCOX: That the Board move in to Closed Session.

 CARRIED

i. Litigation Issues

ii. Negotiations for Purchase, Lease or Other Acquisition or Sale of Property

iii. Sensitive Matters

17. 14131: Move out of Closed Session

S. WENINGER: That the Board move out of Closed Session.

 CARRIED

18. Items for Future Agenda

Byzantine Rite School - June Planning Meeting

☒ J. Hrynkiw to add Byzantine Rite School to June Planning Meeting

Assigned to: Jill Hrynkiw

19. 14132: Adjournment

R. BRESCIANI: That the meeting be adjourned.

 CARRIED

20. Closing Prayer

B. Kowalchuk closed the meeting with a prayer.

21. 2024-2025 Board of Trustees Goals

- a. Continue to prepare for the future of the school division through succession planning.
- b. Continue to support and advocate for Catholic Education and liaise with our Church.
- c. Create a long-range plan, five to ten years that is sustainable.
- d. Establish the role of the board as it relates to the division.
- e. Ensure Board/Division culture is maintained.



Ryan Bast, Board Chair



Josh Kramer, Chief Financial Officer