



MINUTES OF THE REGINA ROMAN CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 81  
Public Board Meeting held at the Catholic Education Centre – Gratton Room, June 7, 2021.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Vicky Bonnell (Chair), Rob Bresciani, Ryan Bast, Juliet Bushi, Bob Kowalchuk, Shauna Weninger, Darren Wilcox (*called in*)

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Dom Scuglia, Ray Arscott (*called in*), Kelley Ehman, Stacey Gherasim, Heidi Hildebrand, Joanna Landry, Dave Magnusson, Doug Sears, Twylla West, Deacon Joe Lang, Carla Redler (Recorder)

STUDENT TRUSTEES: Nifemi Oyetuga (*called in*), Ray Heerspink (*called in*), Miller Comprehensive Catholic High School

GUEST PRESENT: Sean Chase, Incoming Director

V. Bonnell: *I wish to acknowledge that we are 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.*

R. Bresciani opened the meeting with a prayer.

**1. Consent Items**

V. Bonnell: *Do any of the trustees want to move a consent item to discussion?* No Trustees responded

V. Bonnell highlighted information from the consent items: Archbishop Don Bolen is presiding over the RCSD Graduation Mass for all High Schools on June 25, 2021, and the Division Opening Mass on August 31, 2021; 2021 Moving in Faith (virtual) was a huge success; RCSD Graduation Plans are underway; the great work being done in Practical and Applied Arts (PAA); Student Services; Multilingual and Multicultural Programs; and the RCSD Achievement Team. V. Bonnell also acknowledged all RCSD staff for their work and commitment in supporting students and families during a very difficult year dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.

**2. 13699. Adoption of Agenda**

B. KOWALCHUK: That the Agenda be adopted.

**CARRIED**

V. Bonnell: *“Do any of the trustees have a conflict of interest based on the agenda they need to declare?”* No Trustees responded.

**3. 13700. Adoption of Minutes**

S. WENINGER:

That the minutes of the May 3, 2021 Public Board Meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED****4. Presentations****4.1 Student Trustee (STRIVE)**

Nifemi Oyetuga and Ray Heerspink, Student Trustees from Miller Comprehensive Catholic High School shared their remote/hybrid learning experiences and acknowledged teachers and staff for the extra time and effort they put in to prepare students for their final exams. The Student Trustees provided an overview of the graduation plans underway at Miller Comprehensive Catholic High School and expressed appreciation for all the work involved to make their graduation special, despite the pandemic. N. Oyetuga and R. Heerspink also highlighted activities happening in the school.

N. Oyetuga and R. Heerspink left the meeting.

**5. Decision Items****5.1 13701. 2020-21 Board Self-Evaluation**

R. BAST:

That the 2020-21 Board Self-Evaluation be approved and filed.

**CARRIED****5.2 13702: Transportation Service Provider Contract**

B. KOWALCHUK:

That the Board approve the awarding of the transportation service provider contract to First Canada, Inc. commencing with the 2021-22 school year for an initial seven-year term and three optional one-year term extensions.

**CARRIED****5.3 13703: Transportation / Walking Boundary**

Trustees shared comments regarding the recommendation presented for approval.

R. BRESCIANI:

That the Board approve the inclusive walking boundary around all elementary schools to be 1.2 km, driving distance, effective with the start of the 2021-22 school year and:

- The maximum walking distance to a bus stop is 450 metres, driving distance.
- Historic special exemptions for school bus transportation are discontinued. The elementary school walking boundaries are consistent for all schools.

Recorded 4 in favour.

Recorded 2 opposed.

**CARRIED****6. Discussion****6.1 Michif Early Learning Pilot Project 2020-21**

S. Gherasim, Superintendent of Education Services provided an overview of the many successes with the Michif Early Learning Pilot Project at Sacred Heart Community School in

2020-21. V. Bonnell acknowledged Métis Nation Saskatchewan for their commitment to fund the Michif Early Learning pilot project and the continuation of funding for the Kindergarten Michif Language Classroom in 2021-22.

## 6.2 School Playground Accessibility Structures Follow-up

D. Sears, Controller of Plant and Accommodation Services reported that all new playground structure installations will have the protective surfacing that conforms to Canadian Standards Association (CSA) Z614:20 *Children's Playground Equipment and Surfacing* requirements. Grants or funding ideas can be found on the *Rick Hanson Foundation: A Guide to Creating Accessible Play Spaces*. The Board will continue to discuss school playground accessibility structures, including the pursuit of funding and grants opportunities for new and current play structures.

## 7. Strategic Plan Update

### 7.1 Board Policy Review

There were no policies reviewed this month.

### 7.2 Senior Leadership Team Reporting

#### 1. SMART Goal – Faith Goals

Deacon J. Lang, Catholic Education Services Coordinator presented the Faith SMART Goals data for 2020-21. Reports submitted from the schools indicated that three of the four SMART Goals were met. Feedback from all the schools provided evidence of outreach and engagement with parents, parishes, and the community. V. Bonnell shared that the Board is open to further discussion about the Faith SMART Goals as the Division moves forward measuring and celebrating our faith.

Deacon J. Lang left the meeting.

## 8. Reports

### 8.1 Chair's Report

V. Bonnell provided an overview of the CCSTA Conference and Annual General Meeting that was held on June 3 and 4, 2021. As Board Chair, V. Bonnell continues to attend the virtual SSBA Board Chairs' Council meetings and shares the information with the Trustees in the Board Weekly Update.

### 8.2 Trustee Reports / Committee Chair Reports

R. Bast, Trustee provided an update from Archives and Museum Committee and the Holy Rosary Community School Review – Board of Trustees (HRCSR-BOT) Ad Hoc Committee

### 8.3 Director's Report

D. Scuglia provided a report on the following: Rapid Testing in Schools, Student Vaccination in Schools, Catholic Education Week, Truth and Reconciliation and Indigenous History Month, Final Report for the Board.

## 9. Community Linkage

### 9.1 None

## 10. Correspondence

### 10.1 External

The following external correspondence was received and filed: Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan – Planned Involvement in Annual Audit of RCSD for 2020-21; The Concerned Parents of Saskatchewan Email; Mr. Alex Banga – May 22, 2021; Response to The Concerned

Parents of Saskatchewan; Response to Mr. Alex Banga; Mrs. Elaine Green – May 31, 2021;  
Response to Mrs. Elaine Green.

10.2 Internal

The following internal correspondence was received and filed: RCSD Staff Recognition Letter June 4, 2021

11. **13704. Move in to Closed Session**

R. BAST: That the Board meet in Closed Session.

**CARRIED**

12. **13705: Move out of Closed Session**

J. BUSHI: That the Board move out of Closed Session.

**CARRIED**

13. **Review Board Annual Work Plan**

The Board Reviewed the Board Annual Work Plan.

14. **Items for Future Agenda**


14.1 None

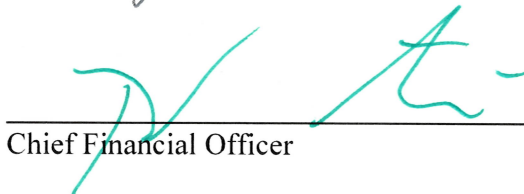
15. **13706. Adjournment**

R. BRESCIANI: Moved adjournment.

**CARRIED**

B. Kowalchuk closed the meeting with a prayer.

  
Board Chair

  
Chief Financial Officer