Regina Catholic Schools



Board Public Meeting

Mon Oct 7, 2024 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM CST

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

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

S. Weninger called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

1. Land Acknowledgement

S. Weninger: I 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.

2. Opening Prayer

V. Bonnell opened the meeting with a prayer.

3. Consent Items

- S. Weninger: The following consent items have been provided as information. Do any of the trustees want to move a consent item to discussion? No trustees responded.
 - i. RCSD Board of Trustees Update October 2024
 - ii. Student Enrolment September 30, 2024
 - iii. Staffing Report August 27 October 1, 2024
 - iv. 2023-24 Governance Budget Summary Report & Trustee Remuneration and Expense Allowances – Quarter 4
 - v. Downtown Express October
 - vi. Autism Awareness Information Night October 30, 2024

4. 14045: Adoption of Agenda

B. KOWALCHUK: That the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

5. 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.

6. 14046: Adoption of Minutes

R.BAST: That the minutes of the September 3, 2024 Public Board Meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

7. Presentation

a. Student Trustees (STRIVE)

S. Weninger introduced Miller Comprehensive Catholic High School students John Paz - Grade 12 and Antonio Alapizco-Bonardel - Grade 12 and Wade Hackl, Principal of Miller Comprehensive Catholic High School.

A. Alapizco-Bonardel and J. Paz shared their presentation which included first day of school and welcome back week activities, student pep rally, Color Wars Day, The Terry Fox Walk, Hand it Over for Hambleton Fundraiser, Maurauder Athletics including: soccer, football, volleyball, cross country and the city finals football rematch at Mosaic Stadium between Miller and LeBoldus, the honoring of Orange Shirt Day, Academic Awards Evening and Miller's social media pages.

Trustees thanked A. Alapizco-Bonardel and J. Paz for their commitments to STRIVE and their leadership within the school.

A. Alapizco-Bonardel, J. Paz and W Hackl left the meeting.

8. Decision Items

a. 14047: 2023-2026 RCSD Strategic Plan

R. BAST: That the Board approve the amended 2023-26 RCSD Strategic Plan as presented.

CARRIED

 \odot J. Hrynkiw to post amended 2023-26 Strategic Plan to the website.

Assigned to: Jill Hrynkiw

b. 14048: Transportation Appeals Decision (September 16, 2024)

V. BONNELL: That the Board formally recognize the aforementioned transportation appeal decision.

CARRIED

c. 14049: Annual Declaration of Potentially Conflicting Interests

D. WILCOX: That the Policy 5 Trustee Code of Conduct Annual Declaration of Potentially Conflicting Interests be approved and filed.

CARRIED

d. 14050: Sale of Holy Rosary Park Land

B. KOWALCHUK: That the Board of the Regina Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 81 approve in principle the proposed disposal of the Holy Rosary Park Land to the City of Regina as per the land description: Surface Parcel #111369113, Reference Land Description: Lot 23, Blk/Par 398, Plan No 99RA02447, Ext 2

CARRIED

9. Discussion

a. 2024 Audit Engagement Letter

Trustees reviewed and signed the 2024 Audit Engagement Letter.

b. Review 2024-25 Board Annual Work Plan and Events Schedule Trustees reviewed the 2024-25 Board Annual Work Plan and Events Schedule.

10. Governance

None

- 11. Governance Executive Council Reporting
 - a. Policy 14 School Reviews

Executive Council has reviewed the September enrolment data and report that for the 2024-25 school year no schools or programs meet the conditions as set out in Policy 14 - School Reviews.

12. Reports

- a. Chair's Report
 - S. Weninger shared the month of September was a busy one for connecting with many of our school-based staff as well as stakeholders outside the division. The following events were attended by Trustees during the month of September:
 - School Board/City Liaison Meeting
 - Youth Safety Education Day at O'Neill
 - REALM Foundation Dinner
 - Board Public and Planning Meeting
 - New Teacher Mix and Mingle
 - Indigenous Council SSBA
 - Home Based Educators Meeting
 - Board Chairs Council SSBA

- Inclusion Saskatchewan Breakfast
- Truth & Reconciliation Day

For full transparency, S. Weninger acknowledged that the school board election period began on September 25, 2024, as part of the upcoming civic election on November 13, 2024. During this time, from September 25 to November 13, current Trustees will continue to fulfill their responsibilities regarding fiscal, academic, and stakeholder accountability. However, Trustees will not participate in any linkage opportunities initiated by the Board, to avoid any perception of campaigning.

b. Trustee Reports / Committee Chair Reports

R. Bast expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to attend the 8th Annual Men's "Made for Greatness" Conference from October 3-5, 2024, highlighting the value of strengthening faith and building community. He also shared his experience attending the Inclusion Breakfast in Saskatoon on October 4, 2024, where the achievements of Inclusion Saskatchewan were celebrated.

c. Director's Report

- S. Chase highlighted the following updates:
- Provincial Education Plan (PEP) Update: The PEPIT team has developed appendices for each of the four provincial priorities, detailing historical context and future plans. RCSD's student achievement continues to surpass provincial targets. RCSD will host the PEPIT provincial meetings at CEC 2.0 on November 25-26, 2024.
- St. Maria Faustina Sensory Room: A \$7,500 grant from Affinity Credit Union funded sensory room items, including a wheelchair swing, which is now installed at Gocki Park in collaboration with the City of Regina and Al Ritchie Community Association.
- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation: RCSD observed Truth and Reconciliation week with learning activities, liturgies, and division-wide observances on September 30 and October 1, 2024. The Survivor Flag was flown, and thanks were given to the organizing team.
- Catholic Education Centre 2.0: The new Catholic Education Centre at 2550 Sandra Schmirler Way opens in October, marking the culmination of over a decade of planning. The building houses the Early Years Family Resource Centre and the Saskatchewan Distance Learning Centre, with an official grand opening to be announced.

13. Community Linkage

No linkage to report.

14. Correspondence

Provided as information.

- a. Media Release Harbour Landing Joint-Use School
- b. Education Week November 24-30, 2024

- c. SSBA Advocacy Update and Action Education Funding
- 15. 14051: Move in to Closed Session
 - R. BRESCIANI: That the Board move in to Closed Session.

CARRIED

- i. Matters Related Directly or Indirectly to Collective Bargaining
- ii. Negotiations for Purchase, Lease or Other Acquisition or Sale of Property
- iii. Litigation Issues
- iv. Sensitive Matters
- 16. 14052: Move out of Closed Session
 - R. BAST: That the Board move out of Closed Session.

CARRIED

17. Items for Future Agenda

None

18. 14053: Adjournment

B. KOWALCHUK: That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

- 19. Closing Prayer
 - R. Bast closed the meeting with a prayer.
- 20. 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.

Shauna Weninger, Board Chair

Josh Kramer, Chief Financial Officer

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