

Regina Catholic Schools



Board Public Meeting

Mon Mar 4, 2024 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM CST

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

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

1. Land Acknowledgement

S. Weninger: 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. S. Weninger: This meeting will be recorded.

3. Opening Prayer

V. Bonnell opened this meeting with a prayer.

4. 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.

i. RCSD Board of Trustees Update - March 2024

ii. Student Enrolment - February 29, 2024

iii. Staffing Report - January 30- February 27, 2024

iv. Graduation Requirements

v. St. Peter School Adjusted School Day - Year One Review

vi. Admin. Application - 8750 - Student Study Travel International Study Travel and Non-Board Sanctioned Third Party Travel

5. 13998: Adoption of Agenda

R. BAST: That the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

6. Conflict of Interest

S. Weninger: Do any of the trustees want to move a consent item to discussion? No Trustees responded.

7. 13999: Adoption of Minutes

D. WILCOX: That the minutes of the February 5, 2024 Public Board Meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

8. Presentation

a. Student Trustees (STRIVE)

i. Miller Comprehensive Catholic High School

Due to STF job action, STRIVE students from Miller Comprehensive Catholic High School were unable to attend the meeting. The Miller students will be asked to attend and present at a future meeting.

9. Decision Items

a. 14000: DRAFT 2024-2025 School Year Calendars

Approved in principle at the January Planning Meeting.

B. KOWALCHUK: That the Board approve submission of the Draft 2024-2025 Regina Catholic School Division Elementary and High School calendars to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

b. 14001: Board Policy Amendments

R. Bast shared the Board Policy Review Committee met on January 22, 2024 to complete their annual review of Board policies. Amendments were made to Policies 2, 4, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16 and 17. Policies 5 and 10 were reviewed and amended at a later meeting held on February 26, 2024. Policy 5 requires further review by all Trustees as a group and will be brought to the March 18, 2024 Planning Meeting for further review. Final approval for Policy 5 will take place at the April 8, 2024 Board Public meeting.

V. BONNELL: That the Board approve the amendments to the following policies as presented.

- Policy 2 – Role of the Board
- Policy 4 – Role of the Trustee
- Policy 8 – Board Operations
- Policy 9 – Board Committees
- Policy 10 – Board Representatives

- Policy 12 – Role of the Director
- Policy 13 – Appeals and Hearings of Student Matters
- Policy 16 – Transportation
- Policy 17 – Catholic School Community Councils

CARRIED

10. Discussion

a. Review 2023-24 Board Annual Work Plan and Events Schedule

Trustees reviewed the Board Annual Workplan and Events Schedule.

11. Governance

a. Urban Boards/Directors Meeting with Minister Cockrill - February 8, 2024

S. Weninger shared that the Boards from the four urban school divisions including Regina Catholic, Regina Pubic, Saskatoon Public and Greater Saskatoon Catholic, met with Minister Cockrill and his Chief of Staff Mitch Graw on February 8, 2024. This meeting was an opportunity for the four divisions to collaborate and prioritize budget pressures and priorities and share with the Minister. Trustees advocate at every opportunity throughout the year, however, this meeting allowed Boards to come together to have an open dialogue with Minister Cockrill regarding the pressures and need for funding. RCSD supplied Minister Cockrill with a budget pressures infographic.

b. Budget Concerns

S. Weninger acknowledged the budget pressures letter sent to the RCSD community to clarify the role of the Trustee. School Boards are represented at the bargaining table through the Saskatchewan School Board Association (SSBA). During the bargaining process, Boards maintain neutral in the negotiation while representatives who are at the bargaining table speak on behalf of all Boards.

12. Governance - Executive Council Reporting

a. Detailed Implementation Plan (DIP) - Graduation Rates

K. Ehman shared a presentation on the Graduation Rates Detailed Implementation Plan. The presentation highlighted a record achievement for RCSD graduation rates of 95% of grade 12 eligible students in September 2022 graduated in June of 2023. Other details included in the DIP presentation were Effective Practices, Portrait of a Graduate, Essential Skills, Graduation Rate Support Actions and Deliverables, Analysis and Next Steps.

13. Reports

a. Chair's Report

S. Weninger shared the many events attended in February by Trustees. Highlights included the opportunity to connect with the Consecrated Life Group, STF Provincial

Bargaining and Urban Boards/Directors Meeting with Minister Cockrill.

b. Trustee Reports / Committee Chair Reports

i. Board Policy Committee

R. Bast shared the Board Policy Review Committee Meeting has added Policy 5 - Code of Conduct to the March 18, 2024 Board Planning Meeting for all Trustees to review its amendments.

ii. Circle of Voices (COV)

V. Bonnell shared the newly reconstructed Circle of Voices committee met for the first time. The committee is in the beginning stages of restructuring and will have a focus to advancing inclusion and prioritizing strong relationships with Indigenous students. The COV committee has requested one consistent trustee be present at the meetings rather than trustee on rotation in order to bring consistency to the newly formed committee. Trustees agreed Vicky would be the "consistent trustee" to attend COV committee meetings for 2023-24.

c. Director's Report

S. Chase shared his Director's Report which highlighted the letter sent to RCSD staff announcing the Holy Rosary/Catholic Education Centre land parcels sale to the Archdiocese of Regina. The letter also announced plans for a cafe on the 2nd floor of CEC 2.0 (2550 Sandra Schmirler Way), which will provide career workplace experience for students in our intensive supports programs. The report also highlighted RCSD Division Institute on March 1st and the LEADS Annual Spring Conference (Accreditation Modules) and Annual General Meeting being held in Saskatoon on March 11-13, 2024.

14. Community Linkage

a. Catholic Connections

R. Bast shared the Board's opportunity to meet with Regina Catholic Connections group which brings together and strengthens relationships with Catholic groups within Regina.

15. Correspondence

a. In-Year Enrolment Growth Funding

S. Weninger shared that in-year enrolment growth funding is an area of strong advocacy for RCSD. Receiving in-year enrolment funding shows that this advocacy was successful.

b. SSBA Media Release

S. Weninger shared that Board Chairs were not aware that the SSBA would be releasing this media release even after Board Chairs Council met the day prior to the release. Board Chairs felt this statement did not take the stance of "no position" and put Boards in an unfair position as it was sent out with the vision that it was a partner release. There was no consultation with Board Chairs or senior administration in

preparing the release. Boards don't disagree with most points, however, Boards and divisions should have been consulted prior to the release.

c. Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application

At this time it doesn't pose a concern however, RCSD will continue to monitor and defer to the City of Regina environmental specialists who oversee this process.

d. Sale of CEC/Holy Rosary Land Parcel

Letter received from the Ministry of Education stating RCSD followed all protocols for the disposal of the Holy Rosary/CEC land parcel as per Ministry directives.

16. 14002: Move in to Closed Session

V. BONNELL: 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. 14003: Move out of Closed Session

V. BONNELL: That the Board move out of Closed Session.

CARRIED

18. Items for Future Agenda

None

19. 14004: Adjournment

R. BAST: That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

20. Closing Prayer

D. Wilcox closed the meeting with a prayer.

Shauna Weninger, Board Chair

Josh Kramer, Chief Financial Officer

Approval

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