

Regina Catholic Schools



Board Public Meeting

Tue Oct 3, 2023 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), Stacey Gherasim, Heidi Hildebrand, Dave Magnusson, Doug Sears, 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. Opening Prayer

D. Wilcox opened the meeting with a prayer.

3. 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. Board Update - October 2023

b. Student Enrolment (September 30, 2023))

c. Staffing Report - September 1 - 26, 2023

d. Downtown Express - September

e. Investments Update

f. 2022-2023 Governance Summary Report and Trustee Remuneration and Expense Allowances - September 1, 2022 - August 31, 2023

g. Letter to Minister Cockrill Requesting Meeting Regarding August 22, 2023 Policy - Use of Preferred First Name and Pronouns by Students
A meeting has been scheduled with Minister Cockrill on October 31, 2023.

h. Education Week "Bright Minds, Bright Futures" - October 15 -21, 2023

4. 13945. Adoption of Agenda

R.BRESCIANI: 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. 13946. Adoption of Minutes

V. BONNELL: That the minutes of the September 5, 2023 Public Board Meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

7. Presentation

a. Student Trustees (STRIVE)

S. Weninger introduced Archbishop M.C. O'Neill Catholic High School students Chevonne Lesiuk - Grade 11, Sydney Wszolek - Grade 12, Axel Castillo - Grade 10 and Mark Wernikowski, Principal of Archbishop M.C. O'Neill Catholic High School. The STRIVE presentation included: Treaty Four Acknowledgement and O'Neill's Truth and Reconciliation Journey, school year start-up including Orientation Day, Welcome Week and SRC hosted BBQ, Student Population Growth, Routines & Procedures, SRC School Spirit, Awards Night and Parent Teacher Conferences, Extra-Curricular Activities including sports, many clubs and this year's musical "Mean Girls", as well, the students shared the challenges students are facing due to capacity of the school. Trustees thanked C. Lesiuk, S. Wszolek and A. Castillo for their continued commitments to STRIVE and their leadership within the school.

M. Wernikowski, C. Lesiuk, S. Wszolek and A. Castillo left the meeting.

8. Decision Items

a. 13947. Child Care Centres in Schools

R. BAST: That the Board approve the request from the Ministry of Education to maintain existing arrangements and not initiate the increase of fees for child care facilities that were budgeted for 2023-24 school year

CARRIED

b. 13948. School Resource Officer (SRO) Review Final Report

Praxis Consulting was engaged by the Regina Public School Division (RPSD) and the Regina Catholic School Division (RCSD) to conduct a third-party, objective review of the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program for the respective Boards of Education. The program review was not commissioned by the Regina Police Services and RPS remained neutral throughout the review process. The purpose of the review was to evaluate the program's efficacy, its strengths and challenges, as well as explore how the program can evolve to meet the changing needs of the school community now and into the future. The review was conducted with a lens of equity, safety, and wellbeing. The program review engaged a variety of stakeholders and stakeholder groups in Regina including students, staff, administration, parents and caregivers, and community members from the RPSD and twelve community and board interviews; four current and retired Regina Police Service interviews; three

student focus groups with participation from 54 students in total; two staff and administration focus groups; Black in Saskatchewan focus group; six, three-hour public open houses; and, a public online survey that garnered 2,695 responses.

The Board acknowledges an extremely thorough research process undertaken by Praxis. The 2695 participants represent a significant and intentionally diverse demographic for data collection. The results strongly affirm and support the SRO program while identifying opportunities for improvement.

B. KOWALCHUK: The Board recommends RCSD will work with Regina Public Schools and Regina Police Services to examine the opportunities for improvement outlined in the report and that the Board accept the recommendation made by Praxis which affirms the effectiveness of the program. The Board fully endorses the SRO Program continuing within RCSD schools and will have regular follow-up reports/reviews from administration to ensure actions highlighted in the report recommendations are addressed.

CARRIED

9. Discussion

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

The Board Annual Work Plan was reviewed.

10. Governance

11. Governance - Executive Council Reporting

a. Policy 14 - School Reviews

Executive Council has reviewed the September enrolment data and report that for the 2023-24 School Year no schools or programs meet or are close to meeting the conditions as set out in Policy 14 - School Reviews.

12. Reports

a. Chair's Report

S. Weninger shared updates of the Board activities during the month of September which included deepening connections with clergy and Archdiocese representatives at the Board Archdiocesan Liaison Meeting and Clergy Luncheon; attending the Home-based Educators Meeting; and other highlights included the grand opening of the new Ecole St. Pius X and many division activities to celebrate National Truth and Reconciliation Day.

b. Trustee Reports / Committee Chair Reports

R. Bast shared his appreciation for the 7th Annual Men's Conference PD opportunity he participated in at Christ the King Parish with messaging on youth sharing testimonials with other youth.

i. Board/Archdiocesan Liaison Committee Meeting and Clergy Luncheon- September 22, 2023

B. Kowalchuk shared the importance of networking with the Archdiocese and clergy and the commitments from all involved to give our students, families and communities the best opportunities to grow their Faith.

c. Director's Report

S. Chase highlighted the following updates:

National Truth and Reconciliation Day activities throughout the week of September 25-29, 2023, RCSD's 2023-24 Level 2 Priority Detailed Implementation Plans, Education Research Development & Innovation Conference (ERDI) PD opportunity, possession of CEC 2.0 (2550 Sandra Schmirler Way), Minister's Policy - Use of Legal First Name and Pronouns by Students.

13. Community Linkage

a. Clergy Luncheon - September 22, 2023

A Clergy Luncheon was held following the Board/Archdiocesan Liaison Committee Meeting. The luncheon gives opportunity for Clergy, Executive Council and School Administrators to build relationships.

14. Correspondence

15. 13949. Move in to Closed Session

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

CARRIED

16. 13950. Move out of Closed Session

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

CARRIED

17. Items for Future Agenda

S. Chase to provide a list of available portables.

S. Chase to provide an update on the end of year transition of students from Holy Rosary Community School to Sacred Heart Community School.

18. 13951. Adjournment

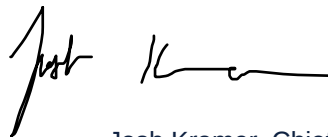
Recommendation: That the meeting be adjourned.

19. Closing Prayer

V. Bonnell closed the meeting with a prayer.



Shauna Weninger, Board Chair
Officer



Josh Kramer, Chief Financial