



Organizational & Public Board Meeting

Mon Nov 3, 2025 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM CST

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

STAFF PRESENT: Kelley Ehman (Director), Josh Kramer (CFO), Wade Hackl, Heidi Hildebrand, Dave Magnusson, Ryan Robinson, Amy Sanville, Mark Wernikowski, Twylla West, Jill Hrynkiw (Recorder)

PRESENTERS/GUESTS PRESENT: Sean Chase, Tayva Lenic, Madison Pattullo, Emma Rath, Dona Vinu

K. Ehman called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

1. Opening Prayer

J. Kramer opened the meeting with a prayer.

2. Land Acknowledgement

K. Ehman: 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.

K. Ehman: This meeting may be recorded.

3. 14153: Adoption of Organizational Meeting Agenda

D. WILCOX: That the Organizational Meeting agenda be adopted.

 CARRIED

4. Conflict of Interest

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

5. 14154: Election of Chair

K. Ehman called for nominations for Chair.

V. Bonnell nominated R. Bast.

Second Call and Third (Final Call) for nominations

B. KOWALCHUK: That nominations for Board Chair cease. There being no further nominations, R. Bast was elected as Board Chair by acclamation.

 CARRIED

6. 14155: Election of Deputy Chair

R. Bast called for nominations for Deputy Chair.

S. Weninger nominated G. Fischer as Deputy Chair.

Second Call and Third (Final Call) for nominations.

V. BONNELL: That nominations for Board Deputy Chair cease.

There being no further nominations, G. Fischer was elected as Board Deputy Chair by acclamation.

 CARRIED

7. 14156: Signature Plate

B. KOWALCHUK: That the Chair and Chief Financial Officer be the signing officers for the Division and that in the absence of the Chair, the Deputy Chair be designated as signing officer and that in the absence of the Chief Financial Officer, the Director of Education or the Comptroller be designated as signing officers.

 CARRIED

8. 14157: Signing Authorities for Bank Accounts

D. WILCOX: That the signatories for the Operating Account, Payroll Account, Capital Reserve Account, US Dollar, School Based Funds Account, and Trust Accounts will be any two of the Board Chair, Deputy Chair, Chief Financial Officer, Director of Education or Comptroller.

 CARRIED

9. 14158: Operating Line of Credit Requirements

R. BRESCIANI: That we authorize the borrowing of \$10,000,000 at any time to meet current operating expenses and that the authorizing resolution be forwarded to TD Canada Trust.

 CARRIED

10. Board Meeting Date and Time

a. 14159: Public Board Meetings

G. FISCHER: That the Board hold Public Board Meetings on the first Monday of the month commencing at 5:00 pm unless it is a statutory holiday. In that case the meeting will be held at the same time on the first Tuesday of the month.

 CARRIED

b. 14160: Board Planning Meetings

S. WENINGER: That the Board hold Planning Meetings on the third Monday of the month commencing at 4:30 pm.

 CARRIED

11. Board Committees and Board Representatives

R. Bast provided an overview of the Board Committees and Board Representatives. The Board committees and linkage meeting representatives will be as follows:

a. Archdiocese Liaison Committee

Shauna Weninger

b. Circle of Voices Representative

Greg Fischer

c. Board Policy Chair

Greg Fischer - Chair, Vicky Bonnell, Bob Kowalchuk

12. 14161: Adjournment of Organizational Meeting

V. BONNELL: That the Organizational Meeting be adjourned.

 CARRIED

13. Official Opening of Public Meeting - November 3, 2025

14. RCSD Vision Statement

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

15. Consent Items

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. Asset Protection Hotline Report

b. RCSD Board of Trustees Update - November 2025

c. Student Enrolment - October 31, 2025

d. Staffing Update – September 27, 2025 to October 27, 2025

e. RCSD Inclusion Fair

f. Canadian Association of Communicators in Education (CACE) BRAVO! Award for Emergency Response Guide

g. Student Services Fall Newsletter

16. 14162: Adoption of Public Meeting Agenda

D. WILCOX: That the Public Meeting agenda be adopted.

 CARRIED

17. Conflict of Interest

Do any of the trustees have a conflict of interest based on the agenda they need to declare?

No Trustees responded.

18. 14163: Adoption of Minutes

S. WENINGER: That the minutes of the October 6, 2025 Public Board Meeting be adopted.

 CARRIED

19. Presentation

a. Student Trustee (STRIVE) Report

Student Trustees (STRIVE) - Michael A. Riffel Catholic High School STRIVE student representatives, T. Lenic, M. Pattullo, E. Ruth & D. Vinu highlighted the school's 40th anniversary and shared updates on academics, Catholic faith initiatives, extracurricular programs, and facilities. The school community celebrated the reopening of Holy Family Parish and continues faith-based activities such as liturgies, charitable projects, and "Mindful Mondays."

The presentation emphasized strong school spirit fostered by SRC-led events, including themed spirit days, assemblies, Welcome Week, and the upcoming Winter Formal. Athletics remain vibrant, with recent City Finals appearances in football and girls' soccer.

Facility needs were noted, including updated bleachers, expanded washrooms, and improved commons acoustics. The school expressed appreciation for added VP and guidance support, ongoing portable construction, and safety improvements to the pyramid stairs.

T. Lenic, M. Pattullo, E. Ruth, D. Vinu & A. Sanville left the meeting.

S. Chase joined the meeting.

b. SCSBA Julian Paslawski Awards Presentation to Sean Chase

R. Bast presented S. Chase with his SCSBA Julian Paslawski Meritorious Service Award, which was originally presented at the SCSBA AGM in Moose Jaw on October 17–18, 2025. As Mr. Chase was unable to attend the event, Trustees presented Mr. Chase with his award at this meeting. R. Bast expressed appreciation for Mr. Chase's significant contributions to Catholic education.

S. Chase left the meeting.

20. Discussion

a. Review 2025-26 Board Annual Workplan and Events Schedule

The Board reviewed the 2025-26 Board Annual Work Plan.

21. Governance

22. Governance - Executive Council Reporting

a. Policy 2 - Role of the Board - Director Report: Section 7 - Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) and Section 10 - Fiscal Accountability

K. Ehman presented a report for Policy 2 - Role of the Board: Section 7 - Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) and Section 10 - Fiscal Accountability. The report covering the period of November 1, 2024 - October 31, 2025 indicated that Executive Council acknowledged both sections are in compliance and provided evidence to support its statement.

23. Reports

a. Chair's Report

R. Bast shared highlights from October, including school visits and community engagement. Trustees toured St. Kateri and St. Josaphat Schools, participated in St. Dominic's Walk-a-Thon, and read to students at St. Nicholas School. The Chair attended the provincial throne speech, which emphasized K–3 reading, specialized classrooms, and land procurement for new schools. He also attended the SCSBA Convention and Awards Banquet, the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan Conference, and the North Central Community Association town hall. R. Bast reflected on a faith-filled and productive month centered on gratitude and collaboration in Catholic education.

b. Committee Chair Reports

c. Trustee Reports

d. Director's Report

K. Ehman provided updates on division and provincial initiatives. The Provincial Education Plan Implementation Team met to outline goals under the four provincial priorities: Indigenous Education, Mental Health and Well-Being, Student Transitions, and Learning and Assessment. A field test for ELA and Math will occur in May and June. School tours and staff meetings are ongoing, and 23 staff members are participating in the Leadership Discernment Series. Congratulations were extended to Trustee R. Bresciani on his induction into the Regina Sports Hall of Fame and to division staff who received a national BRAVO! Award. Updates were shared on the SCSBA Convention and the launch of the "Faith in Action" video series. Fall sports highlights and progress on the Division Accessibility Plan were also noted.

24. Community Linkage

25. Correspondence

a. CCSTA Recommendations 429 and 430 of the Standing Committee on Finance's Budget Letter

V. Bonnell shared correspondence from the Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association (CCSTA) dated October 20, 2025, regarding Recommendations 429 and 430 of the Standing Committee on Finance's budget, which propose removing charitable status from certain organizations and eliminating "advancement of religion" as a charitable purpose. Boards are being asked to support the CCSTA letter by writing individual letters to federal leaders expressing similar concerns. SCSBA is reviewing this matter provincially.

b. Development Application Circulation Letter (PL202500358)

Provided as information.

c. Subdivision Technical Circulation - PL202500357 - 2220 Sask Drive

Provided as information.

d. Subdivision Technical Circulation - PL202500359 - 4025 Parliament Ave

Provided as information.

26. 14164: Move in to Closed Session

V. BONNELL: That the Board move in to Closed Session.

 CARRIED

i. Matters Related Directly or Indirectly to Collective Bargaining

ii. Sensitive Matters

iii. Litigation Issues

27. 14165: Move out of Closed Session

D. WILCOX: That the Board move out of Closed Session.

 CARRIED

28. Items for Future Agenda

29. 14166: Adjournment

R. BRESCIANI: That the meeting be adjourned.

 CARRIED

30. Closing Prayer

V. Bonnell closed the meeting with a prayer.



Ryan Bast, Board Chair



Josh Kramer, Chief Financial Officer