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The Regina Catholic School Division will provide a quality Catholic education that is faith-based, student-centered, and results-oriented.



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The Regina Catholic School Division will work with the community and local church to provide a quality Catholic education that fosters academic excellence and the development of informed, responsible citizens.

VALUES

ACCOUNTABILITY COLLABORATION HONESTY INTEGRITY RESPECT WELLNESS

Board/CSCC Special Meeting Minutes

Archbishop M.C. O'Neill High School

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

Donna Ziegler - Welcome

- Donna welcomed the attendees to the meeting and thanked everyone for their work supporting the schools.

Dominic Scuglia – Opening remarks

- Shared with the CSCC members to keep up the work they are doing
- We will support you in any way needed.

Discussion:

Tara Jijian

- We can't stop Bill 63
- Spoke to Bill 48
 - dedicated Education Funds are being moved to general revenue fund
 - 67 million dollars of funding budget reduction on top of the re-allocation
- Another Rally to be held on May 15, 2017 – Education needs to work for the kids

Carrie Nobert

- Reflected on her own education background
- Need to ensure that services are not removed from schools

Other Discussion:

Q: Other school divisions have shared information on the budget. What about our division?

- Parent shared a story of her son's education and their plan to support him
- The needs of kids is taking away from other students
- The Board met with Sask. Party and opposition to discuss funding concerns from both Trustees and parents perspective
- Parent group is going to organize "Drop Everything and Read" type protest rallies. Will target different MLA offices.
- Big Rally with all sectors & unions Monday, May 15th at 5:30 at the Legislative Building. This will not be a rally for children but it is parent choice if children are to come.
- Phone blasts being sent to the MLA's with a different message to a different MLA each day.
- Must keep the momentum going

Dom Scuglia

- Reinforced we are all feeling the same way.
- Agrees with phone calls, letter writing campaigns & rallies at Legislative Building.

Larry Kowalchuk - Some things to think about?

- Not everyone is angry about the cuts to education
- Voice is voice but they need to know you are not going to go away.
- The Sask Party is following the Mulroney Blue Book plan for government budgets
- Questions:
 - Do you think what you are describing “Reasonable Public Services?” Answer: “Yes”
 - Government is responsible for necessary reasonable public services as a promise?” Answer: “Yes”
- Section 36 of the Constitution – Reasonable quality for all citizens - Those losing services to file a lawsuit.
- Where is the Lawyer for this?
- Must talk to the structures available to see how to take the next steps. Groups, interested parties & individuals can all file.
- Parents need to say enough is enough, “You are not providing reasonable public services.”
- Crying mom strategy needs to end and needs to be used differently
- We have to be able to argue for essential services
- We need to reframe the issue
- We must join with other groups to file lawsuits and complaints
- The importance is the personal story that is used as part of the case – that is where the voices are important
- There is a presumption in law that you cannot discriminate against people with disabilities. Individuals can file a human rights complaint that they are being discriminated against.
- Is school a service? Answer: “Yes” – there can be no discrimination against abilities
- Services in schools being provided is very good, it is the money that is the issue.
- Is there a risk that the government will just turn its back to the board? Answer: “yes
- We need SSBA to join and agree
- We need to file a complaint with the Human Rights Commission – Must be provincial as there is jurisdiction.
 - Needs to be done by May 18.
 - Education Counts Group has already filed a complaint – the more done the more the commission
 - The Board can also file a complaint
 - Parent Board is there to protect the children
 - You don’t have to be a victim to file a complaint

Vicky Bonnell

- Spoke to Correct the Inequity plan with the Minister previously
- We have changed the funding model but we are still down in funding
- This needs to be an education issue for everyone
- Commission can legally file a complaint on their own
- Asked if there has been any success with reaching out to other groups
 - Rural message is more important to Sask. Party than the city voice
- Government made choices on how to deal with budget
- Message – money for corporate tax rate could go to support all programs
- Simon Enoch Report is important to review
- Groups need to come together on this message
- As for Timeline – the sooner the better
- It is always good to have an out –
 - Federal Transfer payments in lawsuit name
 - Trudeau for not fulfilling funding requirements
 - Need to file a statement of claim – Can a school board take an approach like this?
- Parents will continue to explore options, will also plan media access to help spread the message
- Board will follow up