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MINUTES OF THE REGINA ROMAN CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 81
Public Board Meeting held at the Catholic Education Centre – MS Teams, April 12, 2021.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Vicky Bonnell (Chair), Rob Bresciani, Ryan Bast, Juliet Bushi, Bob Kowalchuk, Shauna Weninger, Darren Wilcox

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Dom Scuglia, Ray Arscott, Kelley Ehman, Stacey Gherasim, Heidi Hildebrand, Joanna Landry, Dave Magnusson, Doug Sears, Twylla West, Lawrence Biegler, Eric Thellend, Carla Redler (Recorder)

STUDENT TRUSTEES: Ian Farrell and Sarah Sweet

V. Bonnell: *I wish to acknowledge that we are 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.*

Trustees opened the meeting with a prayer.

1. Consent Items

V. Bonnell: *Do any of the trustees want to move a consent item to discussion?* No Trustees responded.

V. Bonnell highlighted the following consent items: Early Learning and Intensive Support Program Update; Lenten and Easter Liturgies for our Virtual Classrooms; Catholic Education Week and Moving in Faith 2021; Pink Day Activities; Refresh and Process Changes for EAL Program Multilingual & Multicultural Department 2021-2022 and Métis Nations – Saskatchewan Gift of Devices.

2. 13680. Adoption of Agenda

R. BRESCIANI: That the Agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

V. Bonnell: *“Do any of the trustees have a conflict of interest based on the agenda they need to declare?”* No Trustees responded.

3. 13681. Adoption of Minutes

D. WILCOX: That the minutes of the March 1, 2021 Public Board Meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

4. **Presentations**

4.1 **Ukrainian Program Presentation**

Susan Kohuch and Oksanna Zwarych, Ukrainian Program teachers provided an annual update for the Regina Catholic Schools Ukrainian Program. The presentation included Goals; Byzantine Ukrainian Catholic Rite and Traditions; Language Acquisition-Bilingual Approach; Ukrainian Culture, Community; Benefits of Learning a Second Language; Student Eligibility; What the Ukrainian Program Offers and its Importance. The Board acknowledged S. Kohuch and O. Zwarych for their commitment to the program. Trustees plan to visit the Ukrainian Program classrooms and/or attend events in the future when the pandemic is over.

S. Kohuch and O. Zwarych left the meeting.

4.2 **Student Trustee (STRIVE)**

Lawrence Biegler, Principal of Dr. Martin LeBoldus Catholic High School introduced Ian Farrell and Sarah Sweet, Student Trustees. I. Farrell spoke about SRC activities that have occurred at the school during the pandemic. S. Sweet provided an update on Lenten Activities organized for the students. Both Student Trustees shared that Online/Remote Learning was working better than last year with everyone using MS Teams. The Board thanked the Student Trustees for their presentation and all that they are doing at their school.

5. **Decision Items**

5.1 **13682. Preventative Maintenance and Renewal (PMR)**

S. WENINGER: That the Board approve and authorize the Senior Leadership Team to proceed with processing and submitting the three (3) year plan as required to ensure inclusion in the program.

CARRIED

5.2 **13683. School Playground Structures with Special Needs Accessibility**

D. WILCOX: That the Board direct the Senior Leadership Team to create an Administrative Application that addresses school playground structure for students with accessibility needs.

CARRIED

5.3 **13684. Full Day Kindergarten**

Senior Leadership will provide a report of how many students have been registered for Kindergarten in the fall at the April 19, 2021 Board Planning Meeting.

J. BUSHI: The Board approve that effective the 2021-2022 school year, Kindergarten programming be offered full days on alternate school days, based on the 5-Day Calendar.

CARRIED

5.4 **13685. 2021 Education Property Tax Mill Rate**

R. BRESCIANI: That the Board of Education for the Regina R.C.S.S.D. No. 81 exercise its constitutional right to levy education property tax and set its education property tax mill rates, and in so doing the Regina R.C.S.S.D. No. 81 hereby sets education property tax mill rates as follows:

By adopting the provincial education property tax mill rates as set by the Lieutenant Governor in Council for the 2021 taxation year.

CARRIED

5.5 **13686. COVID-19 RCSD Staff Vaccinations**

The Board will also lobby the Government and Official Opposition Regina MLAs.

B. KOWALCHUK: Given that Regina is considered to be the hotspot of increasing cases of Variants of Concern, which continue to pose a threat to the operations of schools for students and staff, it is recommended that a formal letter is sent to the Saskatchewan Health Authorities (both Local and Provincial) requesting that all Regina Catholic School Division staff are vaccinated at the earliest possible time. If necessary, the Regina Catholic School Board will provide the necessary logistical support to the Health Region to facilitate staff vaccinations.

CARRIED

6. Discussion

6.1 **2021-22 Government of Saskatchewan (GOS) Estimates**

R. Arscott, CFO provided an overview of the 2021-22 Government of Saskatchewan (GOS) estimates. The \$19.2 million increase did not address inflationary pressures or other salary increases for non-teacher employees, including Education Support Professionals and CUPE staff. The report for RCSD indicates an increase of almost \$1.4 million in operating funding (this was announced budget in March 2020 that was not adjusted for actual enrolment for 2020-21). Overall, this represents a 1.3% increase in operating funding. The largest increase is for salary increase resulting from the new collective bargaining agreement (CBA) and the largest decrease was \$67 thousand for transportation. Other 2021-22 Estimates highlighted previously announced capital projects. Senior Leadership will continue to update the Board on the budget process that meets the Board's fiduciary and governance requirements.

The Board will monitor transportation and student ridership in the fall and will lobby the GOS for additional funding, if required.

7. Strategic Plan Update

7.1 **Policy 16 - Transportation**

The Board reviewed Policy 16 Transportation. No changes are required.

7.2 **Senior Leadership Team Reporting**

1. **SMART Goal – Educational Technology Data**

D. Magnusson, Superintendent of Education Services presented the Education Technology Data that included the School Admin Survey Results; Major Rollouts; Major Project Updates; and Educational Technology Looking Forward.

2. **Trustee Remuneration and Expense Allowances Report – Quarter 2 – December 1, 2020 to February 28, 2021**

R. Arscott, CFO provided a report according to Board Policy 8 – Board Operations – Appendix B – Schedule of Remuneration and Expense Allowances item #15 *Quarterly monitoring reports shall be provided by administration for items (4) Deputy Chair Per Diem; (5) Out of Province Board Business; (6) Linkage and Committee Meetings; (7) Cell Phone Allowance; (10) Travel and Conference/Professional Development.*

Moved to Closed.

3. 2020-21 Quarter 2 Budget Forecast and Actuals

R. Arscott, CFO provided an overview of the 2020-21 Second Quarter Forecast requested by the Ministry. The Report included the original 2020-21 budget submitted on June 26, 2020, February 28, 2021 year-to-date actual revenue and expenses, and an updated 2020-21 forecast. The information provided to the Board is a requirement under Board Policy 2 – Role of the Board: *9.16. Review Fiscal Accountability Reports quarterly.*

4. Board Policy 16 - Transportation

R. Arscott, CFO provided a report that acknowledges compliance with Board Policy 16 – Transportation for the period September 1, 2020 to February 28, 2021.

8. **Reports**

8.1 Chair's Report

V. Bonnell reported that she attends the virtual SSBA Board Chairs Council (BCC) held on Thursday mornings and provides a report to the Trustees in the Board Weekly Update.

8.2 Trustee Reports / Committee Chair Reports

R. Bast, Holy Rosary Community School Review – Board of Trustees (HRCSR-BOT) Ad Hoc Committee Chair provided an update that included the HRCSR-BOT Ad Hoc Committee formation, Terms of Reference, Partnership Application, and meetings with Ralph Goodale and Government Regina – MLAs. A meeting is scheduled later this month with City of Regina Officials.

8.3 Director's Report

D. Scuglia provided a report on the following: Kevin Cameron, Violence Threat and Risk Assessment (VTRA) Leader; Calendar Committee; LEADS Annual General Meeting (AGM); CEC Staff Retreat; Regina Catholic Connections Forum; Dr. Albert B. Campbell; Discernment Series; Catholic Parents Advisory Council (CPAC); University of Regina President's Breakfast for Athletics 2021.

D. Wilcox suggested that RCSD consider using a local organization for VTRA training and for assessments and workshops in the schools.

9. **Community Linkage**

9.1 Regina Catholic Connections Committee Meeting Minutes – March 15, 2021

Provided as information.

10. **Correspondence**

10.1 External

The following external correspondence was received and filed: Office of the Archbishop; LP3 Transportation Solutions – Contract Termination.

10.2 Internal

The following internal correspondence was received and filed: Easter Letter to RCSD Staff; Easter Letter to RCSD Families.

11. 13687. Move in to Closed Session

R. BRESCIANI: That the Board meet in Closed Session.

CARRIED

12. 13688. Move out of Closed Session

S. WENINGER: That the Board move out of Closed Session.

CARRIED

13. 13689. New Catholic Education Centre

R. BAST: Based on current market pricing and availability, the Board supports the April 2019 motion to purchase a new Catholic Education Centre, subject to approval of the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

14. Review Board Annual Work Plan

The Board reviewed the Board Annual Work Plan. Trustees were asked to inform C. Redler, Senior Executive Assistant of their availability in August to assist with scheduling the Board Strategic Planning Meetings.

15. Items for Future Agenda

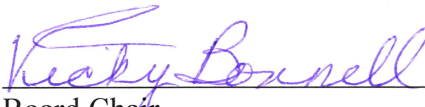
15.1 Transportation Update and Funding – September 2021

16. 13690. Adjournment

B. KOWALCHUK: Moved adjournment.

CARRIED

V. Bonnell closed the meeting with a prayer.


Board Chair


Chief Financial Officer