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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, May 3, 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, Tracy Fuchs, Eric Thellend, Carla Redler (Recorder)

STUDENT TRUSTEES: Keziah Root and Alex Jones

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.*

J. Bushi opened the meeting with a prayer.

1. 13691. Consent Items

D. WILCOX: That the Consent Items be adopted.

CARRIED

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: High Schools RCSD Charity Initiatives; Catholic Education Week – May 9-16, 2021; Moving in Faith (virtual event); Rebuild of École St. Pius X and Argyle Joint-Use School; Ministry of Education's approval for procurement of design services for the Harbour Landing West Joint Use Elementary School.

2. 13692. Adoption of Agenda

R. BAST: That the Agenda be adopted as amended.

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. 13693. Adoption of Minutes

S. WENINGER:

That the minutes of the April 12, 2021 Public Board Meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Presentations

4.1 Student Trustee (STRIVE)

Keziah Root and Alex Jones, Student Trustees from Archbishop M. C. O'Neill Catholic High School provided a verbal report that included: students' experiences with remote learning and returning to the classrooms; COVID-19 protocols in place; gratitude to the student support teams resources and availability; AP Exams; SRC activities at Archbishop M. C. O'Neill Catholic High School; and the 2021 Virtual Graduation Mass and Exercises. The Board thanked the Student Trustees for their presentation and all that they are doing at their school. Tracy Fuchs, Principal of Archbishop M. C. O'Neill Catholic High School also commended K. Root and A. Jones for their leadership in the school.

T. Fuchs, A. Jones, and K. Root left the meeting.

5. Decision Items

5.1 13694. Policy 4 - Role of the Trustee

B. KOWALCHUK: That the Board approve the amendment to the Board Policy 4 – Role of the Trustee.

CARRIED

5.2 13695. Recognition of Petition

S. WENINGER: That the Board acknowledges receipt of a Regina Catholic School "Return to School" petition initiated by Dawn M. Barker.

CARRIED

6. Discussion

6.1 Indigenous Ceremony Request

S. Gherasim, Superintendent of Education Services and J. Whitehouse, Indigenous Education Coordinator will require additional information to understand how best to meet the Board's request in a respectful authentic way. Trustees were asked to send feedback to C. Redler, Senior Executive Assistant by Friday, May 7, 2021.

6.2 Concentus – Citizenship Education Foundation

K. Ehman, Superintendent of Education Services provided an overview of how RCSD has targeted the Concentus Citizenship Tools. A two-year pilot project that led to teacher training around the discursive strategies and the development of integrated resources to teach the citizenship skills. These skills focus on the five essential skills of citizenship in grade two to grade eight in interdisciplinary units and the implementation of these resources in high school social studies and Catholic studies. There are also resources available for kindergarten and grade one.

7. Strategic Plan Update

7.1 Board Policy Review

There were no policies reviewed this month.

7.2 Senior Leadership Team Reporting

1. SMART Goal – Indigenous Education Outcomes and Initiatives

S. Gherasim, Superintendent of Education Services presented two PowerPoints that focused on the Indigenous Education Outcomes for 2019-2020 and previous years. The initiatives presented to the Board focus on the supports in RCSD used to support Indigenous Outcomes and our Journey of Truth and Reconciliation. S. Gherasim shared that the Inspiring Success – *First Nations and Métis PreK-12 Education Policy Framework* from the Saskatchewan Ministry of Education is the foundation for RCSD supports and initiatives. RCSD is committed to our journey of Truth and Reconciliation and supporting Indigenous students.

8. Reports

8.1 Chair's Report

V. Bonnell acknowledged the teachers, staff, and students and welcomed everyone back into the classrooms today. The Board has received many letters opposing the return to in-person learning and many others in favour of the Board's decision to have students and teachers return to in-person learning. All decisions regarding COVID-19 have been determined with the advice of the Local Medical Health Officers (LMHO) and the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA). In addition, V. Bonnell reported that the Board Trustees, Division Leadership Team and the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee have begun diversity training – *A Journey of Cultural Competence* (four virtual sessions) with Dr. Andrew B. Campbell. She thanked D. Scuglia for introducing Dr. Campbell to the school division.

8.2 Trustee Reports / Committee Chair Reports

R. Bast, Trustee provided an update from the Holy Rosary Community School Review – Board of Trustees (HRCR-BOT) Ad Hoc Committee and the Archives Committee.

8.3 Director's Report

D. Scuglia provided a report on the following: Provincial Education Plan (PEP) Implementation; 2021 Saskatchewan Prayer Breakfast; RCS Administration Alumni/Trustees Network Committee; CCSTA Justice Higgins Award; Asian History Month.

The Board asked to be invited to the pilgrimage on June 8, 2021 to the residential school cemetery with His Grace Archbishop Donald Bolen and some grade 8 students from St. Josaphat School. This event will be dependent on pandemic restrictions.

9. Community Linkage

9.1 None

10. Correspondence

10.1 External

The following external correspondence was received and filed: Hon. Dustin Duncan, MOE and Hon. Paul Merriman, MHE; Dr. Tania Diener, MHO and Dr. Maurice Hennink, DM-MHO; Ms. Kayla Edgerton Ministry of Education – Education Property Tax Mill Rates; Ms. Tanya Mills, City of Regina – Education Property Tax Mill Rates; Mayor Sandra Masters, City of Regina; City of Regina – Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment for 445 Broad Street; Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation.

10.2 Internal

The following internal correspondence was received and filed: RCSD Staff – Regina Catholic Schools to Return to Level 2 and 3; RCSD Families Regina Catholic Schools to Return to Level 2 and 3; RCSD Staff Return to In Person Learning; RCSD Families Return to In Person Learning.

11. **13696. Move in to Closed Session**

S. WENINGER: That the Board meet in Closed Session.

CARRIED

12. **13697. Move out of Closed Session**

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

CARRIED

13. **Review Board Annual Work Plan**

The Board reviewed the Board Annual Work Plan. The Board/Archdiocesan Liaison Committee Luncheon Meeting scheduled for May 17, 2021 will be rescheduled to August 31, 2021, pending COVID-19 restrictions being lifted.

14. **Items for Future Agenda**


14.1 None

15. **13698. Adjournment**

R. BAST: Moved adjournment.

CARRIED

R. Bast closed the meeting with a prayer.



Board Chair



Chief Financial Officer