

Regina Catholic Schools



Public Board Meeting

Mon May 4, 2026 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM CST

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

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

STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT: Grace Anosike, Life Habiyaremye, Trevor Troy (Vice-Principal)

GUESTS PRESENT: Samer Dargan

R. Bast called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

1. RCSD Vision Statement

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

2. Opening Prayer

B. Kowalchuk opened the meeting with a prayer.

3. Land Acknowledgement

R. Bast: 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.

R. Bast: This meeting is being recorded.

4. Consent Items

R. Bast: 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.

i. RCSD Board of Trustees Update - May 2026

ii. Student Enrolment - March 31, 2026

iii. Student Enrolment - April 30, 2026

iv. Staffing Report - March 25 - April 27, 2026

v. Downtown Express - April

vi. Asset Protection Hotline Report

vii. Spring Institute 2026 Program - May 8, 2026

viii. Student Services Newsletter

ix. RCSD Learning Centres

5. 14212: Adoption of Agenda

D. WILCOX: That the agenda be adopted.

 CARRIED

6. Conflict of Interest

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

7. 14213: Adoption of Minutes

B. KOWALCHUK: That the minutes of the March 30, 2026 Public Board Meeting be adopted.

 CARRIED

8. Presentation

a. Student Trustees (STRIVE) - Dr. Martin LeBoldus Catholic High School

Dr. Martin LeBoldus Catholic High School students Grace Anosike and Life Habiyaremye shared a snapshot of school life, highlighting a strong sense of community, faith, and engagement. They spoke about recent faith-based and school spirit events, including the school's 50th anniversary, pep rallies, and the Passion Mime, as well as upcoming initiatives such as the LeBoldus Wellness Fair and Red Dress Day.

The students emphasized a wide range of extracurricular opportunities, including fine arts, athletics, with successes at both city and provincial levels, SRC Activities and diverse clubs that support inclusion and student connection.

The S.T.R.I.V.E. students also shared results from a student survey on technology and learning, noting that most students use technology regularly and generally feel it supports their learning, though some responses indicate mixed perspectives in certain areas.

Trustees asked for feedback from students regarding the use of AI in schools, including its potential benefits and appropriate boundaries. Students expressed interest in using AI as a learning support not a replacement for learning, noting that there appear to be more standards and barriers from teachers when it comes to AI use.

G. Anosike, L. Habiyaremye and T. Troy left the meeting.

9. Decision Items

a. 14214: Annual 3-Year Preventative Maintenance and Renewal (PMR) Plan

V. BONNELL: That the Board approve and authorize Executive Council to proceed with processing and submitting the three (3) year plan as required to ensure inclusion in the program.

 CARRIED

b. 14215: Harbour Landing West School Name

The Regina Catholic School Division is preparing for the opening of the new Harbour Landing West Joint Use School in Fall 2027. As part of the planning process, the Board undertook a community engagement process to select a name for the new school, following Administrative Application 6400 – Naming of Facilities. Input was gathered with more than 500 submissions. After review by the Naming Committee and approval of the top seven names by Archbishop Don Bolen, the Board considered the final options at the April 20, 2026, Board Planning Meeting. The recommended name for approval is St. Carlo Acutis School.

S. WENINGER: That the Board approve the name of the new Harbour Landing West Joint Use School as presented.

 CARRIED

c. 14216: 2025-26 Board Self-Evaluation

G. FISCHER: That the 2025-26 Board Self-Evaluation be approved and filed.

 CARRIED

10. Discussion

a. Review 2025-26 Board Annual Work Plan and Events Schedule

Trustees reviewed upcoming May events from the 2026 Board Annual Work Plan and Events Schedule.

b. Capital Project Updates

R. Robinson shared status updates and pictures on current capital projects underway within the division including, Harbour Landing West Joint-Use Elementary, Michael A. Riffel Catholic High School, former St. Peter School and Archbishop M.C. O'Neill Catholic High School Project.

11. Governance

12. Governance - Executive Council Reporting

a. 2025-26 Quarter 2 - Forecast (Quarterly Financial Report) - September 1, 2025 - February 28, 2026

J. Kramer, CFO provided an overview of the 2025–26 Board Governance Quarter 2 financial forecast for September 1, 2025 - February 28, 2026.

Total revenues are forecast at \$196.5M, an increase of \$3.3M over budget, primarily due to additional capital funding (e.g., portables) and new grant funding (e.g., National School

Food Program and Teacher Innovation Fund).

Total expenses are forecast at \$173.0M, \$1.6M over budget, driven mainly by pressures in administration, instruction, and transportation, including program-related costs and salary pressures.

The Division is projecting a \$23.6M operating surplus, an increase of \$1.6M over budget. After accounting for capital investments (e.g., relocatables, furniture, equipment) and amortization, the adjusted deficit is \$5.2M.

Reserves: Planned use of external reserves results in a balanced position, with a final adjusted surplus of approximately \$.08M.

b. Detailed Implementation Plan (DIP) - Mental Health and Well-Being

D. Magnusson and W. Hackl shared the Mental Health and Well-Being Division Implementation Plan (DIP) aligned with Saskatchewan's Provincial Education Plan. The plan focuses on enhancing student wellbeing, sense of belonging, and safety through common language, shared practices, and access to supports. Key priorities include strengthening school culture through safe and inclusive environments, embedding evidence-based wellbeing practices such as mindfulness and resilience programming, and supporting student transitions through targeted initiatives and mentorship. The plan also outlines staff-focused actions, including division-wide professional learning, mental health training, and workplace wellness supports, alongside the integration of Indigenous ways of knowing and culturally responsive practices. Implementation is guided by a division-wide SMART goal to support all schools through coordinated division and community resources.

13. Reports

a. Chair's Report

Board Chair, Ryan Bast outlined recent trustee activities, including school visits, community and parish events, and participation in the SSBA Spring Assembly. A special highlight was the trustees' Learning Online School Tour which included learning about the history behind its conception and the evolving role it plays in supporting diverse student needs.

The report also highlighted the Board's annual self-evaluation and Director performance appraisal, student-focused events celebrating literacy and the arts, and engagement with faith-based initiatives. Trustees acknowledged the upcoming Catholic Education Week (May 10–17, 2026).

b. Committee Chair Reports

c. Trustee Reports

G. Fischer shared that Circle of Voices participated in the First Nations University Pow-wow, hosting two Specials including Tiny Tots and Teen Jingle Dress. The event was outstanding and it was shared that having RCSD take part was very well received.

d. Director's Report

Director, K. Ehman outlined recent division updates, including faith-based celebrations, provincial engagement, and school visits. Updates highlighted the completion of the

Director performance evaluation, ongoing budget planning, and participation in student-focused initiatives such as Battle of the Books and fine arts programming. The report also noted progress on the provincial student assessment pilot and the completion of the Strategic Plan ThoughtExchange engagement process.

Participation in the Saskatchewan School Boards Association (SSBA) Spring Assembly was also noted, where budget pressures emerged as a key topic of discussion across the province. Within the division, faith formation for all teachers continues to be a priority. The Executive Council is actively working through challenging budget implications and planning to support division priorities moving forward.

14. Community Linkage

15. Correspondence

a. RCSD Scholarship Recipients

Provided as information.

b. Opposition Communications Letter of Concern

Provided as information.

c. RCSD/RPS Coordinated Response on Bill 38 - Minister's Response LTR

Provided as information.

d. City of Regina Technical Circulation - PL202600154 - 500 N Courtney Street

No concerns were shared.

e. Catholic Education Week Proclamation

Provided as information. V. Bonnell shared that the Saskatchewan Catholic School Boards Association (SCSBA) has created an Indigenous film, On Air and Wind, featuring Indigenous Calls to Action voiced by students. The film will be available during Catholic Education Week on the SCSBA website.

S. Dargan left the meeting.

16. 14217: Move in to Closed Session

G. FISCHER: That the Board move in to Closed Session.

 CARRIED

i. Individual Employees

ii. Litigation Issues

iii. Sensitive Matters

17. 14218: Move out of Closed Session

B. KOWALCHUK: That the Board move out of Closed Session.

 CARRIED

18. Items for Future Agenda

19. 14219: Adjournment

R. BRESCIANI: That the meeting be adjourned.

 CARRIED

20. Closing Prayer

V. Bonnell closed the meeting with a prayer.

21. 2025-2026 Board of Trustees Priorities

- a. Continue to prepare for the future of the school division through succession planning.
- b. Continue to support and advocate for Catholic Education and liaise with our Church.
- c. Create a long-range plan, five to ten years that is sustainable.
- d. Establish the role of the board as it relates to the division.
- e. Ensure Board/Division culture is maintained.

Ryan Bast

Ryan Bast, Board Chair



Josh Kramer, Chief Financial Officer