

Regina Catholic Schools



Board Public Meeting

Mon Nov 4, 2024 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM CST

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Shauna Weninger (Board Chair), Ryan Bast (Deputy Chair), Vicky Bonnell, Bob Kowalchuk, Darren Wilcox

STAFF PRESENT: Sean Chase (Director), Josh Kramer (CFO), Kelley Ehman, Stacey Gherasim, Heidi Hildebrand, Joanna Landry, Dave Magnusson, Ryan Robinson, Twylla West, Jill Hrynkiw (Recorder)

S. Weninger called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. Land Acknowledgement

S. Weninger: 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.

2. Opening Prayer

R. Bast opened the meeting with a prayer.

S. Weninger: This meeting will be recorded.

3. Consent Items

S. Weninger: 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 - November 2024

ii. Student Enrolment - October 31, 2024

iii. Staffing Report - October 2 - November 4, 2024

iv. Asset Protection Hotline Report

v. Student Services Fall Resources

4. 14054: Adoption of Agenda

D. WILCOX: That the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

5. Conflict of Interest

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

6. 14055: Adoption of Minutes

B. KOWALCHUK: That the minutes of the October 7, 2024 Public Board Meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

7. Presentation

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

S. Weninger introduced LeBoldus students C. Greene, L. Habiyaremye, M. Sanusi and principal L. Biegler. STRIVE students shared highlights from school year start-up which included Celebrations such as Model UN, TRC, AP and Debate Club, Extracurricular Fair, Food Drive, the Memorial garden Apple Tree, Lunch and Learn, SRC Events such as Welcome Week, Junior and Senior Volleyball Tournaments and a Halloween Haunted House, Assemblies including PEP Rally, Fall Assembly and Academic Awards and The mental health capacity building Well Den project.

B. Kowalchuk shared the Trustees' appreciation for STRIVE students and their commitment to leadership truly makes an impact within the schools, and it's great that Trustees benefit from the learning that comes from observing these young leaders in action.

C. Greene, L. Habiyaremye, M. Sanusi and L. Biegler left the meeting.

8. Decision Items

a. 14056: Preventative Maintenance Renewal Program (2023-24 Reconciliation Report)

i. R. BRESCIANI: That the Board approve the 2023-24 Preventative Maintenance Renewal (PMR) Reconciliation Report as presented.

CARRIED

b. 14057: Board Special Planning Transportation Appeal - November 4, 2024

R. BAST: That the Board formally recognizes the aforementioned transportation appeal decision.

CARRIED

9. Discussion

a. Review 2024-25 Board Annual Workplan and Events Schedule

Trustees reviewed the 2024-25 Board Annual Workplan and Events Schedule

10. Governance

11. Governance - Executive Council Reporting

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

S. Chase and J. Kramer 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, 2023 - October 31, 2024 indicated that Executive Council acknowledged both sections are in compliance and provided evidence to support its statement.

b. Policy 12 – Role of the Director – Administrative Application Review

Executive Council conducted a complete review of the school divisions administrative application in accordance with the following:

- Board Policy 12 – Role of the Board, Item 7.2 Develop and keeps current an Administrative Applications Manual that is consistent with Board policy and provincial/federal legislation and policies.
- Administrative Application 3200 – Review and Development of Administrative Applications, Item #1 The Director shall develop procedures whereby a broad review of administrative applications be conducted every two years or as required. Current versions of the administrative applications are posted on the division website under the Division tab.

12. Reports

a. Chair's Report

S. Weninger extends gratitude to families, staff, and students for their active engagement in school events this past month. Highlights include the completion of fall sports seasons, the start of volleyball, choral and band activities, meaningful school liturgies for Remembrance Day, and impressive high school drama and musical productions, including The Little Mermaid and Trap. Trustees appreciated the talent and dedication showcased by students and staff in these performances. Trustees also attended the Archbishop MC O'Neill Academic Awards Night, which celebrated students' academic achievements and teachers' dedication to innovative instruction.

As the Board concludes its four-year term, Trustees express sincere thanks to stakeholders, school and faith communities, and government partners for their collaboration and support. Throughout this term, the Board has advocated for funding to meet the increased needs of schools and the growing student enrollment, consistently making decisions with students' safety and success as priorities.

b. Trustee Reports / Committee Chair Reports

R. Bast highlighted the October 24, 2024 University of Regina Crowning Achievement Awards which acknowledged one of RCSD's own Christian Mbanza for his devoted leadership in raising awareness to the black community.

c. Director's Report

S. Chase provided the following updates in his Director's Report:

1. High School Visioning - On October 30, 50 division leaders, including high school principals, education leaders, and Executive Council members, engaged in visioning for the new southeast high school. Initial feedback on enrolment patterns and future goals will guide further planning.
2. Catholic Education Centre Transition - The division office team has completed its move to the new CEC. Thanks were extended for staff's patience during delays, and to the Board of Trustees for their vision and support in securing this modern workspace.
3. Director Retirement Announcement - S. Chase submitted his resignation for the purpose of retirement marking 32 years in education, including 29 with Regina Catholic Schools. Appreciation was expressed for the opportunity to serve and complete the school year with the division. The Board accepted S. Chase's resignation for retirement, effective July 2025.

i. 14058: Retirement of Director of Education

S. WENINGER: That the Board accept the resignation of Sean Chase as Director of Education effective July 31. 2025.

CARRIED

13. Community Linkage

None.

14. Correspondence

a. Holy Rosary Park Sale Agreement

The decision to sell the Holy Rosary Greenspace was a deeply emotional one for Regina Catholic Schools (RCSD) and the Cathedral Area Community Association. This space has long been a central gathering area, cherished by the community for its role in bringing people together. Although the sale was necessary, the community's desire to preserve the greenspace was clearly voiced and taken to heart by the RCSD Board. In finalizing the sale to the City of Regina, the Board is pleased to announce that the city has agreed to maintain the area as a park, allowing it to continue serving the community in the near term. This outcome reflects the Board's commitment to honoring community wishes and keeping this valued space accessible for gathering and recreation.

15. 14059: Move in to Closed Session

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

CARRIED

i. Litigation Issues

ii. Sensitive Matters

16. 14060: Move out of Closed Session

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

CARRIED

17. Items for Future Agenda

None

18. 14061: Adjournment

B. KOWALCHUK: That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

19. Closing Prayer

R. Bresciani closed the meeting with a prayer.

20. 2024-2025 Board of Trustees Goals

- 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.



Shauna Weninger, Board Chair
Officer



Josh Kramer, Chief Financial