

Regina Catholic Schools



Public Board Meeting Minutes

Jan 10th, 2022 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

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

STAFF PRESENT: Sean Chase (Director), Josh Kramer (CFO), Twylla West, Caroline Sackville (Recorder)

Heidi Hildebrand, Kelley Ehman, Dave Magnusson, Stacey Gherasim (MS Teams)

1. Land Acknowledgement

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.

2. Opening Prayer

B. Kowalchuk opened the meeting with a prayer.

3. Consent Items

The following consent items have been received as information.

V. Bonnell: Do any of the trustees want to move a consent item to discussion? The Transportation Report - September 1 to November 30, 2021 was moved to discussion.

- i. Student Enrolment- December 31, 2021**
- ii. Staffing Report - January 3, 2022**
- iii. RCSD Board of Trustees Update - January 2022**
- iv. 2021-22 Governance Budget Summary Report - Quarter 1**
- v. Transportation Report - September 1 to November 30, 2021**
- vi. SSBA Trustee Academy**
- vii. 2021-22 Board Activity Schedule**

viii. **Downtown Express January 2022 Newsletter**

ix. **Student Services Quarterly Newsletter - January 2022**

4. 13770. Adoption of Agenda.

J. BUSHI: That the agenda be adopted as amended.

Decision | CARRIED

5. Conflict of Interest

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

6. 13771. Adoption of Minutes

R. BAST: That the minutes of the December 6, 2021 Public Board Meeting be adopted.

Decision | CARRIED

7. Presentation

a. Student Trustees (STRIVE)

There was no STRIVE presentation. Dr. Martin LeBoldus Catholic High School will present at the February 7, 2022 Public Meeting.

8. Decision Items

a. 13772. 2022-2023 Draft Elementary & High School Calendars

S. WENINGER: The the Board approve submission of the Draft 2022-23 Regina Catholic School Division Elementary and High School Calendars to the Ministry of Education.

Decision | CARRIED

b. 13773. Annual Meeting of Electors - Tuesday, February 1, 2022

R. BRESCIANI: That the Board approve the agenda for the 2022 Annual Meeting of Electors on Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

Decision | CARRIED

c. 13774. Transportation Appeals - December 13, 2021

At the December 13, 2021 Special Planning Meeting the Board of Trustees heard evidence pertaining to two transportation appeals. The Board based its decision on information provided by the individuals, RCSD administration and the RCSD Transportation Department. The decisions by the Board were as follows: 1. Ecole St. Mary - D. Fell Group - APPROVED (Move Stop Location) 2. St. Kateri Tekakwitha School - O. Sanusi - DENIED D. WILCOX: That the Board formally recognizes the aforementioned transportation appeal decisions.

Decision | CARRIED

9. Discussion

a. Transportation Report - September 1 to November 30 2021

A report was provided by Executive Council for the period of September 1 to November 30, 2021.

The report also acknowledged a Good News Story where our Transportation provider First Student delivered Christmas Hampers for seven schools at no charge, and the introduction of the new Transportation Mobile App called FirstView. Information on FirstView will be communicated to staff and parents by January 11, 2022 and fully implemented January 17, 2022.

10. Governance

a. Policy 12 - Role of the Director - Planning for Evaluation Process

The Board will begin the Director Evaluation Process at the January 24, 2022 Planning meeting and has engaged the services of Ted Amendt and Darren McKee from the SSBA to guide the Board and Director through the process.

11. Governance - Executive Council Reporting

a. Policy 11 - Board Delegation of Authority Report

S. Chase provided a report to the Board acknowledging compliance in all areas.

b. Detailed Implementation Plan (DIP) - Faith Permeation

S. Chase presented the Faith Permeation (DIP) Report on behalf of Deacon Joe Lang, Coordinator of Catholic Education Services who was unable to attend the meeting.

- The detailed report provides progress and actions in the areas of Faith Formation, Faith Permeation, and Faith Community Partnerships.
- A highlight shared was the plan for professional development for new teachers in the area of Faith Formation.
- Progressive work continues with Archbishop Don Bolen and the LGBTQ2Si+ community and the school division is curating age appropriate resources for our schools while keeping the Archbishop informed of these resources. The school division will also be reviewing a response to PRIDE week in the near future.
- Executive Council will review and measure progress of actions and deliverables throughout the school year.

c. 2021-22 Quarter 1 - Forecast

J. Kramer, CFO provide the Quarter 1 Forecast for 2021-22.

- The Ministry of Education (ED) will require three additional forecasts throughout the year.
- The forecast will also include a recent funding grant from the Ministry of Education for an additional \$867,000 which is in response to an enrolment increase and will help alleviate financial pressures in the areas of COVID tracing, cleaning products, personal protective equipment (PPE), potential CUPE agreement, and advertising campaign for kindergarten registration, as well as the student support review with the Saskatchewan Educational Leadership Unit (SELU).
- It is still early in the fiscal year and the school division will remain prudent in the management of the additional funding.

12. Reports

a. Chair's Report

V. Bonnell reported that the CCSTA Directors meeting planned for February 7, 2022 will be pivoting from in-person to virtual and the CCSTA Conference that was to be held in Blue Mountain ON in June 2022 will also be held virtually due to the ongoing pandemic.

b. Trustee Reports / Committee Chair Reports

There were no Trustee or Committee Chair reports.

c. Director's Report

S. Chase provided information on the following:

- Advent 2021 with COVID-19 safety protocols in place; traditional Christmas concerts were paused again this year, but replaced with creative ways of sharing the spirit of Christmas with an array of Christian service projects focusing on outreach.
- Schools of the Week Tours at Deshaye Catholic, St. Nicholas, and Ecole St. Mary highlighting the Thinking Classroom philosophy of our unlearn initiative, spreading the true meaning of Christmas and sharing Christmas hampers to the less fortunate.
- First division-wide Thoughtexchange exceeded expectations and appreciative of feedback by stakeholders.
- CEC Staff gathered for their annual Faith Retreat facilitated by Miles Meyers integrating the Strengthfinders approach within Catholicism. S. Chase also acknowledged appreciation of having a retreat day for staff as it is not a regular practice in all Catholic school divisions.

i. Administrative COVID Contingency Planning

S. Chase relayed the continued challenge of filling staffing needs as COVID-19 cases continue to be on the rise. The school division is waiting on direction from Public Health as it considers student and staff safety and the possibility of pivoting to remote learning in specific classrooms if an outbreak is determined by Public Health. The latest communication is that this would be an operational decision made by the school division in consultation with Public Health. K. Ehman, Superintendent of Education Services will be meeting with high school administration to formulate a plan around writing Semester 1 finals.

The Board expressed its appreciation for all the work that is being done behind the scenes.

13. Community Linkage

V. Bonnell shared that the Board met with the Minister and Deputy Minister of Education on December 14, 2021 and is scheduled to meet with the Regina Government MLAs on January 11, 2022 and the Regina Opposition MLAs on January 13, 2022 to discuss and share information.

14. Correspondence

a. Ministry of Education - Habour Landing Potential School Site

b. Minister of Education - Catholic Education Week Proclamation

Twylla West, Coordinator of Communications and Media received a letter from the Minister of Education which included the proclamation that Catholic Education Week will be observed during the week of May 22-29, 2022.

15. 13775. Move in to Closed Session

J. BUSHI: That the Board move in to Closed Session

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- i. Human Resources**
- ii. Negotiation for Properties**
- iii. Contractual Negotiations**

16. 13776. Move out of Closed Session

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

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17. Review Board Annual Work Plan

The Board reviewed the Board Annual Work Plan and will discuss scheduling a meeting between the RCSD / RPSD Boards at the Planning meeting on January 24, 2022.

18. Items for Future Agenda

1. Pandemic Planning
2. Appeal - Pine Lodge

19. 13777. Adjournment

J. BUSHI: That the meeting be adjourned.

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20. Closing Prayer

S. Weninger closed the meeting with a prayer.



Vicky Bonnell, Board Chair



Josh Kramer, CFO