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The Regina Catholic School Division will provide a quality Catholic education that is faith-based, student-centered, and results-oriented.



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The Regina Catholic School Division will work with the community and local church to provide a quality Catholic education that fosters academic excellence and the development of informed, responsible citizens.

VALUES

ACCOUNTABILITY COLLABORATION HONESTY INTEGRITY RESPECT WELLNESS

Board of Education / Catholic School Community Councils (CSCC)

Spring Linkage Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

6:30-8:00 PM

Miller Comprehensive Catholic High School Theatre

Board Trustees:	Vicky Bonnell (Chair), Shauna Weninger (Deputy Chair), Juliet Bushi, Darren Wilcox, Ryan Bast <i>Regrets: Rob Bresciani, Bob Kowalchuk</i>
Executive Council	Sean Chase (Director); Dave Magnusson (Superintendent of Education Services) <i>School-Based Administrators - Optional Attendance.</i>
Councils:	Catholic School Community Councils (CSCC) Chairs, and Catholic Parents Advisory Council (CPAC) Members

1.	Welcome and Prayer D. Magnusson, Superintendent of Education Services, opened the meeting with a land acknowledgement, a prayer, and welcomed meeting attendees.
2.	Board Chair and Deputy Chair Update V. Bonnell, Board Chair introduced S. Weninger, Deputy Chair. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• S. Weninger, Deputy Chair:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Expressed the Board's extreme appreciation for everything the CSCCs do for the RCSD communities on an ongoing basis.○ Acknowledged the creativity and persistence of the CSCCs in their approaches and efforts during the pandemic period and shared examples of the valued contributions they have made to school life, including support of the math and literacy programs within our schools.○ Requested feedback on the flexibility offered for the recent Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences, (choice of format - in-person, over the phone and virtual).○ Expressed sincere gratitude from the Board to the CSCCs for their gifts of time, resourcefulness, commitment, and dedication to doing whatever it takes to make a difference in the education and support of RCSD students and staff.• V. Bonnell, Board Chair:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Brought greetings and an update from the Board of Trustees including appreciation for the meeting organizers and attendees.○ Shared the educational items from the Government of Saskatchewan (GOS) 2022-23 Budget, which include:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 27 school divisions in the province to receive an increase of \$29.4 million which is an increase of approximately 1.5%. Within that \$29.4 million, GOS advised they are covering the 2% increases that was negotiated by teachers' contracts, which takes up approximately 82% of the budget. There will be \$6 million allotted for learning support that will be divided by the

	<p>29 school divisions. Also, GOS is going to set aside approximately \$7 million to fund the hiring of about 200 additional Instructional Assistants throughout the province. At this time, it has not been confirmed how many each school division will receive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Joint-Use School (JUS) Projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ École St. Pius X and Argyle Elementary School JUS construction is on track to open the Fall 2023. ▪ St. Peter, St. Michael, Imperial, and McDermid Schools' JUS is in the design consultation stage and RCSD is communicating with the communities and parent communities. Executive Council has also reached out to other JUSs that are currently open in the division, as well as the Regina Public Division to learn from the design of those schools and see what can be incorporated in this new school. ○ Confirmed that the plan going forward is to return to in-person graduations.
3.	<p>RCSD Update – Sean Chase, Director of Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Chase, Director, brought greetings and provided the following RCSD updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Thanked the CSCC members for participating in the recent ThoughtExchange. ○ Provided an overview of the renewal of Board of Education Strategic Plan for the 2022-23 school year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In 2021-22, the Government of Saskatchewan, in consultation with the Ministry of Education, made the decision rather than try to unveil a long term eight-to-10-year Provincial Education Plan during the pandemic to delay that process and establish a one-year plan. This plan has been extended by one-year for the 2022-23 school year. ▪ The factors of the extension were outlined and the 2022-23 Provincial Priorities (Level 1); Division Goals – Detailed Implementation Plans (Level 2); and the School Improvement Plans (Level 3) were shared with the group. ▪ Members of the Executive Council and expert advisors are assigned as owners of the Division Goals. ○ Recognized the patience, understanding, support and leadership from the CSCCs during a very challenging time. ○ Acknowledged that due to COVID-19, RCSD schools are seeing rate fluctuations in attendance from school-to-school, staff-to-staff, and that RCSD is still working our way through substitute shortages. As we are far from out of the pandemic, planning is challenging; however, RCSD is committed to a staged return to many pre-COVID norms. ○ Shared that people were excited to be in-person at RCSD schools for recent extra-curricular events such as basketball, curling, and wrestling championships; plays; and concerts. ○ Shared that for the Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences that were held virtually, in-person, over the phone, the percentage of attendance in each format varied greatly from school-to-school. Many CSCC members expressed that they appreciated having the option. ○ Shared RCSD data related to Curricular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Working on the Semester One adjustment in Course Finalization ▪ RCSD grade rates remain 10% higher than provincial average. ▪ High School Create Attainment remains 10% higher than provincial average. ▪ RCSD committed over 85% of provincial COVID rollover funding to classroom supports: Intervention teachers, instructional assistants (IA), counsellors, etc. ○ Presented the RCSD-branded game balls and drew names – John Stevenson, CSCC Chair of Michael A. Riffel Catholic High School, and Andrea Needer, CSCC Chair of St. Kateri Tekakwitha Elementary School, were the lucky winners of the game balls. • S. Chase's final remarks expressed deep gratitude to all school-based administrators, staff, and CSCC representatives for all of their hard work. <p>See PowerPoint for S. Chase's presentation.</p>
4.	<p>Education Services Update – Dave Magnusson, Superintendent of Education Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>CSCC Grant Changes for 2022-23</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ D. Magnusson provided updates on the changes to the way that CSCC Grants are distributed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For 2022-23, the amount of funding schools receive will be based on five super indicators identified by Baragar. ▪ The grant amounts each respective school will receive will be communicated in May.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The expenses that CSCC Grant monies are to be directed to are found the CSCC Guide for Members which is found on the CSCC webpage. <p>See PowerPoint for D. Magnusson’s presentation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>ThoughtExchange Results:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ D. Magnusson shared the feedback from the ThoughtExchange that ran from March 1 – 11, 2022. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ThoughtExchange asked the following question: <i>“Moving into the 2022-23 school year, what are some ideas you would like to share that may help all CSCCs reconnect with their schools and communities? How can RCSD support these needs in 2022-23? What is top of mind and heard as we head into the new school year?”</i> <p>See PowerPoint for the ThoughtExchange results.</p>
5.	<p>Closing Prayer and Adjournment</p> <p>D. Magnusson closed the meeting with a prayer</p>