

Regina Catholic Schools



Public Board Meeting

Mon Mar 30, 2026 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM CST

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

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

STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT: Kendal Klinger, Tayva Lenic, Tristin Nameirakpam, Dona Vinu, Amy Sanville (Principal)

GUESTS PRESENT: Miranda Klinger, Brad Senft

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

V. Bonnell 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 may be 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 - April 2026

ii. Staffing Report - February 25 - March 24, 2026

iii. Downtown Express - March

iv. 2025-26 Governance Budget Summary and Trustee Remuneration and Expense Allowances December 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026

v. 2026-27 School Year Calendars

5. 14205: Adoption of Agenda

S. WENINGER: 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. 14206: Adoption of Minutes

V. BONNELL: That the minutes of the March 2, 2026 Public Board Meeting be adopted.

 CARRIED

8. Presentation

a. Student Trustees (STRIVE) - Michael A. Riffel Catholic High School

Michael A. Riffel Catholic High School students Dona Vinu, Tayva Lenic, Tristin Nameirakpam, & Kendal Klinger highlighted a successful winter extracurricular season, including multiple city and provincial achievements in curling, wrestling, basketball, and improv. Spring activities are underway with strong student interest, including a new e-sports club and ongoing wellness initiatives led by peer mentors.

Faith-based efforts remain strong, with over \$5,000 raised during Advent to support more than 30 families, and continued Lenten fundraising. School culture initiatives, led by the SRC, have provided a variety of events to build community, though student participation and school pride have declined in recent years and remain an area of focus.

Enrollment continues to grow, with over 1,200 students projected next year and additional portables being added. New graduation pathways and expanded elective offerings were noted, though some courses have waitlists due to space limitations. Student survey results indicate general support for the new pathways, while also identifying a desire for more diverse course options.

Student supports are valued but can be difficult to access during peak periods; additional staffing or dedicated support time was suggested to improve accessibility.

K. Klinger, T. Lenic, T. Nameirakpam, M. Klinger, A. Sanville, B. Senft, & Dona Vinu left the meeting.

B. Senft joined the meeting virtually.

9. Decision Items

a. 14207: 2026 Education Property Tax Mill Rates

B. KOWALCHUK: That the Board of Education for the Regina R.C.S.S.D. No. 81 exercise its constitutional right to levy education property tax and set its education property tax mill rates, and in so doing the Regina R.C.S.S.D. No. 81 hereby sets education property tax mill

rates as follows: By adopting the provincial education property tax mill rates as set by the Lieutenant Governor in Council for the 2026 taxation year.

 CARRIED

b. 14208: Auditor Contract Extension

G. FISCHER: That the Board approves a one-year extension with Dudley & Company LLP to complete the audit for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2026.

 CARRIED

10. Discussion

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

Trustees reviewed the 2025-26 Board Annual Workplan and Events Schedule.

11. Governance

Chelsie Engdohl joined the meeting.

12. Governance - Executive Council Reporting

a. Detailed Implementation Plan (DIP) - Indigenous Education

S. Gherasim & C. Engdohl outlined ongoing progress toward advancing Indigenous education through a focus on relationships, cultural understanding, and Truth and Reconciliation. Efforts are organized into three key areas: Indigenous Education for All, Supporting Indigenous Learners, and Truth and Reconciliation:

Key highlights include increased opportunities for students and staff to engage in Indigenous spirituality, ceremony, and land-based learning, as well as strengthened community partnerships through events, cultural groups, and the work of the Indigenous Community Liaison and Circle of Voices. Targeted supports for Indigenous learners include enhanced transition planning, language programming (Michif and Cree), cultural camps, and increased advisor support to improve attendance and graduation outcomes.

The division continues to prioritize staff recruitment and retention reflective of the student population, while also implementing frameworks to guide accountability and growth in Indigenous education. Ongoing work will focus on expanding partnerships, increasing student engagement, supporting language revitalization, and aligning school-based plans with the Indigenous Education Responsibility Framework.

Chelsie Engdohl left the meeting.

b. Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) Duty to Accommodate Students

The report outlined increasing complexity in student needs across the division, supported by data on adaptations, intervention plans, medical conditions, and safety supports within a student population of over 14,400. Key risks identified include pressures on specialized

programs, staffing capacity challenges, increased behavioural and safety concerns, rising parent advocacy, and potential legal ambiguities related to Duty To Accommodate. Mitigation strategies focus on shifting to a tiered, system-wide approach, expanding program capacity, enhancing staff training, and strengthening processes for accommodation and safety planning. The division is also prioritizing improved communication with families, increased oversight of complex cases, and greater interagency collaboration to support student success.

c. Transportation Report - December 1, 2025 - February 28, 2026

J. Kramer provided the transportation report for December 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026 which included performance indicator data and a breakdown of division transportation data. S. Weninger requested clarification on why the information presented was missing specialized transportation data. J. Kramer confirmed that the information is currently accessed through the Chipmunk App and cannot be directly pulled by the division at this time. Administration is working with Southland Transportation to explore options for accessing this information and will provide updates as they become available.

B. Senft left the meeting.

d. 2026-27 Provincial Budget Review

On March 19, 2026 the Government of Saskatchewan released the 2026-27 Provincial Budget Estimates. J. Kramer, CFO provided a summary of the budget and a breakdown of the school division's funding and corresponding appendices that were reviewed by the Board.

Regina Catholic Schools will receive \$156.9 million in operational funding for 2026-27, an increase of \$3.6 million (2.4%) over the previous year. The division will also receive three additional Specialized Support Classrooms, bringing the total to eight.

Capital updates include continued funding for the Harbour Landing West joint-use elementary schools, a delay in the Southeast joint-use elementary school project to spring 2027, and the addition of Archbishop M.C. O'Neill Catholic High School to the Top 10 Major Capital Priorities List.

Administration will continue to develop the division's budget for Board consideration, with final submission to the Ministry of Education following Board approval.

13. Reports

a. Chair's Report

Board Chair, R. Bast highlighted the many Board and division activities for March 2026. It was noted that the April Public Board Meeting was moved to March 30, 2026, as Easter Monday falls during the first week of April. The report highlighted participation in the SSBA Board Chairs Council, where RCSD received positive feedback for its school review process as exercised in the Holy Rosary School Review, as well as attendance at a variety of division and community events including the RCSD Annual Jazz Café, the Miller Vocal Jazz performance, and the State of the City Address. Trustees participated in school tours at St. Gabriel Elementary School, St. Raphael Elementary School, and Dr. Martin, and recognized student and community engagement through events such as the Rock, Paper,

Scissors tournament at St. Josaphat School, the École St. Mary Science Fair, and the St. Catherine Community School Heritage Fair. The Chair also reported on attendance at the 2026–27 Provincial Budget address and an embargoed pre-meeting with the Minister of Education, noting that the Board will review the funding information to assess its impact on the upcoming school year, and acknowledged participation in the MyGen Youth Rally held at O'Neill High School. The report was received for information.

b. Committee Chair Reports

c. Trustee Reports

i. Circle of Voices

Trustee G. Fischer shared that Circle of Voices met on March 17, 2026.

ii. YWCA Women of Distinction Awards

V. Bonnell expressed their deep appreciation for the nomination of two individuals affiliated with the division and offered congratulations to DEIA Lead Tara Molson on being selected as the recipient of the Igniting Equity Award. Trustees acknowledged that the nominations reflect the significant contributions made by both employees in advancing equity, inclusion, and meaningful change within the school division and the broader community. Recognition was given to the courage, leadership, and commitment demonstrated through their work to remove barriers and foster environments of belonging and opportunity for all.

d. Director's Report

The Director of Education presented an informational report outlining system activities and updates for March 2026. The report included an overview of the 2026–27 Provincial Budget announcement, noting that RCSD Executive Council is reviewing the details and implications for the division. The Director reported on attendance at the LEADS Annual Policy Conference and AGM held in Regina, along with members of Executive Council, and acknowledged leadership contributions within LEADS. School visits continued throughout the month, including visits to École St. Elizabeth, St. Gregory, St. Luke, and participation in trustee tours and school community events. The Director highlighted the conclusion of winter athletics and recognized student achievement across elementary and high school athletics, fine arts, and extracurricular programs, including strong performances in basketball, curling, wrestling, band, choral music, and drama. The report also acknowledged RCSD's partnership with the Archdiocese of Regina in hosting the MyGen Youth Rally, attendance at the State of the City Address, participation in the Circle of Voices engagement session related to equitable employment opportunities, and preparations for Holy Week, including Lenten initiatives, fundraising campaigns, and faith-formation activities across schools.

14. Community Linkage

15. Correspondence

a. MLA Request for Feedback Letter on Bill 38

Provided as information.

16. 14209: Move in to Closed Session

B. KOWALCHUK: That the Board move in to Closed Session.

 CARRIED

- i. Litigation Issues
- ii. Sensitive Matters

17. 14210: Move out of Closed Session

D. WILCOX: That the Board move out of Closed Session.

 CARRIED

18. Items for Future Agenda

High School Course Selection Presentation

☑ High School Course Selection Presentation for Trustees.

Assigned to: Kelley Ehman, Mark Wernikowski

19. 14211: Adjournment

R. BRESCIANI: That the meeting be adjourned.

 CARRIED

20. Closing Prayer

R. Bresciani 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, Board Chair
Officer



Josh Kramer, Chief Financial