



Board of Education
Regular Meeting of the Board
Monday, June 28, 2021 – 12:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1.0 Welcome

- 1.1 Call to Order – Chair D. Boyko
 - 1.2 Land Acknowledgement
 - 1.3 Opening Prayer – Trustee J. Carriere
 - 1.4 Adoption of the Agenda
 - 1.5 Declaration of Conflict of Interest
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2.0 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the June 14, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

3.0 Delegations and Special Presentations

4.0 Post Meeting Assignments

5.0 Consent Items

The Chair will ask for a motion to receive the items, which are starred, and to approve all recommendations contained therein. Prior to approving the motion, any trustee may request a star(s) be removed.

6.0 Discussion/Decision

- 6.1 2021-2022 Budget
 - 6.2 Pandemic Response Update
 - 6.3 St. Frances Cree Bilingual School Existing Building and Site Demolition
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7.0 Correspondence

7.1 Expressions of Gratitude – posted on Bulletin Board

7.2 Reading File – copies circulated at meeting

8.0 Reports and Good News

8.1 Report of the Director of Education

8.2 Board Activity

8.3 Board Linkage

8.4 Board Linkage – Catholic School Community Councils

8.5 Convention Reports

8.6 Committee/Partnership Reports

- Joint Operations – Trustees D. Berscheid and W. Stus
- Together in Faith and Action – Trustees T. Jelinski and H. Byblow
- Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation – Trustees S. Zakreski-Werbicki and B. Elliott
- māmawohkamātowin/Saskatoon Tribal Council – Chair D. Boyko, Trustees S. Zakreski-Werbicki and D. Case
- CUMFI and GSCS Educational Alliance – Chair D. Boyko, Trustees J. Carriere and W. Stus

8.7 Saskatchewan Catholic School Boards Association – Trustee T. Jelinski

8.8 Saskatchewan School Boards Association

9.0 Committee of the Whole

10.0 Closing Prayer – Trustee J. Carriere

11.0 Adjournment

12.0 Sign of Peace

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education for St. Paul's RCSSD #20 held in the Boardroom/Microsoft Teams at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, June 14, 2021.

Present: Chair Boyko, Vice-chair Boechler, Trustees Berscheid, Byblow, Carriere, Case, Elliott, Jelinski, Stus, Zakreski-Werbicki

Also: Director of Education Chatlain
Superintendent of Education Bazylak (Secretary to the Board)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Boyko at 1:10 p.m. and began by acknowledging that we are on Treaty 6 Territory—traditional territories of First Nations including Cree, Dene, Nakota, Lakota, Dakota and Saulteaux—and homeland of the Métis Nation. We pay our respect to the First Nation and Métis ancestors of this place, and we reaffirm our relationship with one another in the spirit of Reconciliation.

The opening prayer was led by Trustee H. Byblow.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Moved by Trustees W. Stus and H. Byblow that the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Moved by Trustees B. Elliott and R. Boechler that the minutes of the regular meeting of May 17, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Discussion/Decision

6.1 Pandemic Response Update

Motion: Moved by Trustees D. Berscheid and S. Zakreski-Werbicki that the Board of Education receive the information as presented in the Pandemic Response Update.

CARRIED

6.1.1 Donation: MLT Aikins Saskatoon

Motion: Moved by Trustees B. Elliott and H. Byblow that the Board of Education receive the information as presented in the Donation: MLT Aikins Saskatoon report.

CARRIED

6.2 New Website Implementation

Motion: Moved by Trustees J. Carriere and R. Boechler that the Board of Education receive the information as presented in the New Website Implementation report.

CARRIED

6.3 Graduation 2021 Planning

Motion: Moved by Trustees S. Zakreski-Werbicki and D. Berscheid that the Board of Education receive the information as presented and provide feedback on the Graduation 2021 Planning report.

CARRIED

[Motion: Moved by Trustee R. Boechler that the Board move into committee.]

CARRIED

[Motion: Moved by Trustee D. Berscheid that the Board move out of committee.]

CARRIED

Adjournment

Motion: Moved by Trustee D. Case that the meeting be adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

CARRIED

Secretary

Chair

6.1 2021-2022 Budget

Board Priority:

- Promoting Stewardship

Presented by: Executive Council

Background Information:

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools prepares for the challenge to administering another status-quo budget during a pandemic. Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools has been allocated an estimated provincial operating revenue of \$190,364,555 which represents a 1.34% increase over last year's allocation. While the additional funds are very much appreciated, increased costs associated with negotiated contractual increases along with inflationary costs, need to be addressed. Therefore, our relative ability year over year to provide educational services remains consistent with additional pressure to reduce as we seek ways to account for inflationary increases. For reference, this extends the reductions in services experienced in the 2017-18 budget year.

On April 6, as part of the 2021-22 provincial budget, the government announced an increase in operating funding for Pre-K to Grade 12 education of \$19.2 million or 0.98% additional funding compared to the 2020-21 school year. The additional \$19.2 million will only cover the 2% teacher agreement cost increase.

The detailed 2021-2022 Budget will be presented at the meeting and released following board approval.

Recommendation:

That the Board of Education approve the 2021-2022 Operating and Capital Budget for submission to the Ministry of Education.

6.2 Pandemic Response Update

Board Priority:

- Promoting Stewardship

Presented by: Director G. Chatlain and Executive Council

Background Information:

This is the final pandemic response board update in this academic year. Pandemics don't fit nicely into any existing timelines or boxes, so we assume that there will be a need for some degree of updates as we resume operations in late August.

As of this report, operations of the school division for this academic year have drawn to a close, so there are no updates to report. We will use this opportunity to provide a few summary points on this year.

First, a sincere thank you to our entire community: families, students, staff, and community partners for their amazing work this year. A special thanks also to our trustees who provided solid leadership and guidance in the midst of the turmoil this year! The only constant was change and uncertainty. Despite that, everyone pulled together and responded to the new demands with grace and determination. Thanks to this concerted and united effort, we were able to continuously offer educational services with interruptions only in specific local circumstances. This was an amazing feat. In a general sense, everyone is very tired, but proud of their work this year and so they should be.

Second, we learned a great deal and grew in many ways despite the challenges. Sometimes growth is spurred by challenge: and we certainly had lots of those. As a result, we have grown in many ways not the least of which is our abilities to augment the educational experience using technology.

Third, a sincere thanks to our working partners in our local medical health office and emergency measures teams. These groups in our communities worked very well together, respecting each member's roles and expertise while supporting each other in making the best decisions possible for our communities – difficult and complex though most of the decisions were.

Fourth, a special thanks to our executive council and communications consultant who all took on new roles and expanded responsibilities as we navigated this year. Many evenings and weekends were spent working through situations, determining the pathway forward, and then communicating, communicating, communicating, and supporting. They provided exemplary service to our school communities.

And the list could go on, and on.

As we look forward to the fall, many operational questions remain. It is too far in the future to say with any certainty what operational protocols we will need to implement, so we remain engaged in the provincial and local dialogue. The timeline indicates that we should have more clarity on this in early August such that we can prepare in mid-August for September opening.

Everyone is very hopeful for a return with limited restrictions. However, we do need to be prepared with escalating responses should that be required. We have learned a great deal about these responses this year so we are in a good position moving forward.

In conclusion, life's experiences are many and varied and they help reveal our character. The extreme of this challenge has helped reveal the depth of resilience and determination in our character.

We are #GSCSstrong.

Recommendation:

That the Board of Education receive the information as presented in the Pandemic Response Update.

6.3 St. Frances Cree Bilingual School Existing Building and Site Demolition



Board Priority:

- Building Relationships and Partnerships
- Promoting Stewardship

Presented by: CFO J. Lloyd

Background Information:

On June 3, 2021, Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, in partnership with Kindrachuk Agrey Architecture, issued a Request for Tender (RFT) for the existing building and site demolition for the new St. Frances Cree Bilingual School.

These RFT was posted on SaskTenders to satisfy the requirements of the New West Trade Partnership Agreement. The RFT close date was June 22, 2021 at which time Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools received four tender responses for the project.

The tender responses ranged from \$279,100 to \$354,780 plus PST and GST.

Silverado Demolition Inc. was the lowest tender price.

Recommendation:

That the Board of Education award the tender for existing building and site demolition to Silverado Demolition Inc. for the tendered price of \$279,100 plus applicable taxes.

Director's Report

June 28, 2021

CUMFI and GSCS Educational Alliance Governance Meeting: The final meeting of this academic year took place on June 23. Despite the many challenges of this year, strong progress was made moving forward many of the goals of the alliance. Special thanks to the dedication of the working group in finding ways to provide many educational opportunities despite the challenges as a result of the pandemic. The governance committee looks forward to resuming this work next year.

National Indigenous People's Day: June 21 was the annual celebration of National Indigenous People's Day. This celebration also includes the "Rock Your Roots" Walk for Reconciliation. Again this year, thanks to the pandemic restrictions, the walk could not be held en masse. As a result, classrooms and other groups chose a time in the day to get out and walk on their own. We look forward to resuming this walk next year.

Retirements and Superannuation Celebrations: Usually at this time of year, we are celebrating and honouring the careers of our staff who are retiring. Sadly, once again, we are unable to gather. We look forward to the opportunity to gather perhaps in the fall to celebrate and honour our retirees. In the meantime, along with their small gift, virtual greeting books and video greetings (found at this link: <https://youtu.be/tLIIQv9X5Bo>) were provided. Our heartfelt and deep thanks goes out to each and every staff member upon their retirement. You will be very much missed and we ask God to continue to bless you as your journey continues.