



**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education for St. Paul’s RCSSD
#20 held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, 420 – 22nd Street East, Boardroom A, at
1:30 p.m. on Monday, February 9, 2026.**

Board Present In-person: Board Chair, D. Boyko; K. Day, B. Elliott, F. Possberg, M. Raney

Board Present Virtually: Trustee S. Zakreski-Werbicki, O. Fortosky

Board Regrets: Trustee M. Christopher; Vice-Chair, T. Jelinski

Executive In-person: Director of Education F. Rivard; Chief Financial Officer/Deputy Director J. Lloyd; Superintendents K. Cardinal, T. Fradette, T. Hickey, S. Gessler, T. Shircliff, J. Vangool and R. Martin.

Executive Regrets: Superintendent of Learning Services L. Giocoli Clark, and Superintendent of Human Resources K. Kowal,

Resources: Communications Consultant, D. Kunz; Board Secretary, Executive Assistant to the Director of Education and Corporate Governance Advisor, B. Cutts.

Invited Guests: Cornelia Laliberte, Shanna LaMontagne, TJ Warren, Vanessa Gardiner, Falynn Baptiste, Terese Roberts, Danielle Hoffart, Samantha Olenick, Elizabeth Ahenakew, Elder; Current and former student representatives: Ryan Iron, Kaylea McKay,

Attendance Notes: One trustee seat is vacant at the time of this meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the Board Chair, D. Boyko, at 1:30 p.m. and began with the acknowledgment 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 K. Day. All invited guests were present at the call to order.

Adoption of Agenda

- The Chair called for the adoption of the agenda, calling for any comments or revisions. Hearing none, by vote on the motion, the agenda was approved as circulated.

Motion: Moved by Trustees B. Elliott and K. Day that the agenda be approved as circulated.

All in favour/none opposed/no abstention

CARRIED

UNANIMOUS

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

- The Chair called for any declaration of any conflict of interest based on the materials provided for this meeting. Hearing none the meeting proceeded.

Approval of Minutes

- Chair called for the motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2026, meeting. The motion was moved and seconded and opened for discussion. Hearing none, the minutes of the January 19, 2026 regular meeting were approved as circulated.

Motion: Moved by Trustees K. Day and B. Elliott that the minutes of the regular meeting of January 19, 2026 be adopted as circulated.

All in favour/none opposed/no abstention

CARRIED

UNANIMOUS

Consent Items

- There are no consent items for approval at this meeting, as confirmed by the Chair.
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6.0 Discussion/Decision

6.1 Area of Focus: Inspiring Success

- The Chair welcomed First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education (FNMIE) Superintendent K. Cardinal, and members of the learning community who were invited to inform on the Area of Focus: Inspiring Success monitoring report.
- Recognition and thanks were given to the board for the land acknowledgment with appreciation that this ongoing board practice which is a visible and meaningful action creating a good foundation for the work of the board.
- Coordinator TJ Warren provided a prayer song, acknowledging the composer Kelly Daniels.
- Introductions were completed, between the board, invited guests and division staff.
- The report and presentation provided an overview of the 2024-2025 Inspiring Success Area of Focus Plan and highlighted progress toward current-year goals, which are embedded in our core priorities and align with our body, mind and spirit.
- The report provided details in the areas of: policy, governance and strategic alignment; collaboration and relational approach, as relationships are fundamentals to learning; First Nations, Métis and Inuit Student Supports and Transitions; school collaboration; integration of Indigenous epistemologies; Indigenous language programming; and Capacity, Leadership, and Stewardship.
- Highlights of the presentation were the personal reflections given by former and current GSCS students, who each shared their stories of connecting with culture, spirit and identity, as well as embracing their responsibilities and future plans. Through prayer and connecting with the staff, supportive relationships were fostered. Of note was the Indigenous Student Leadership Cohort (ISLC).
- Kokum Elizabeth Ahenakew, noted as one leader of this cohort, provided a personal reflection on her life, experiences and knowledge, and how she shares this with the ISLC.

- GSCS has the largest FNMIE team in the province and the team noted appreciation to the board for their commitment to this important area.
- Partnerships were highlighted, with details on how the programs are layered and connected.
- System impact, stewardship and next steps for the program were noted.
- Trustee questions included discussions on the partnerships that support this area of focus. Particular note was made of the diocesan collaborations and how this may be highlighted in future reporting. GSCS is recognized provincially for the good work we do with partnerships and collaboration.
- Hearing no further questions or discussions, the Chair gave thanks for the presentation by staff and invited guests, in particular to students Ryan, Kaylea, as well as Kokum Elizabeth.

Motion: Moved by Trustees K. Day and B. Elliott, that the Board of Education receive the information as presented in the Area of Focus Inspiring Success First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Monitoring Report.

All in favour/none opposed/no abstention **CARRIED** **UNANIMOUS**

Invited guests departed from the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

6.2 Financial Statements

- The Chair called for Deputy Director / Chief Financial Officer J. Lloyd to present the financial statements for the period ended December 31, 2025.
- Highlights of the reporting included details on the variance analysis, which reflected that we are tracking to be within budget; we are tracking costs and overall are in a good position.
- Appreciation was provided for the report and presentation. No further comments on the materials and presentation were noted.

Motion: Moved by Trustees F. Possberg and M. Raney, that the Board of Education approves the accounts paid for the periods November 1, 2025 to November 30, 2025 and December 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025, and receive the financial statements for the period ended December 31, 2025.

All in favour/none opposed/no abstention **CARRIED** **UNANIMOUS**

6.3 Transportation Monitoring Report

- The Chair called for Deputy Director / Chief Financial Officer, J. Lloyd, to present the Transportation Monitoring Report, which highlighted transportation statistics and services as of January 31, 2026.
- Further details were provided on the transportation services contract that has been tendered out; the proposals received; and that GSCS added an age clause in the contract which will support less breakdowns, reliability, etc. for the fleet.

- Appreciation was provided for the report and presentation. No further comments on the materials and presentation were noted.

Motion: Moved by Trustees K. Day and F. Possberg, that the Board of Education approves the Transportation Monitoring Report as presented.

All in favour/none opposed/no abstention **CARRIED** **UNANIMOUS**

6.4 2026-2027 Academic School Year Calendars

- The Chair called for Superintendent of Learning Services, S. Gessler, to present the 2026-2027 academic school year calendars.
- Confirmation was provided that the calendars are developed in collaboration with and consideration of the calendars of Saskatoon Public Schools and our surrounding school divisions of Prairie Spirit and Horizon.
- A committee also provides inputs to the calendars; committee representative include: principal and vice principal representatives from elementary and high school, teacher representatives, a CUPE representative, a representative from Human Resources, and a learning services superintendent.
- The proposed calendar dates were reviewed in detail, with rationale included were pertinent, such as with the opening day celebration date.
- The Chair commented with appreciation for the flexibility around the long weekend in September 2026.
- Appreciation was provided for the report and presentation. No further comments on the materials and presentation were noted.

Motion: Moved by Trustees M. Raney and K. Day, that the Board of Education receives the information presented and approves the 2026-2027 Academic High School and Elementary School Year Calendars.

All in favour/none opposed/no abstention **CARRIED** **UNANIMOUS**

6.5 Brighton and Aspen Ridge Joint Use Schools (BARS) Constructability Review Consultant

- The Chair called for Superintendent of Facility Services, R. Martin, to present the Brighton and Aspen Ridge Joint Use Schools (BARS) Constructability Review Consultant award, noting this as a decision item to award the contract.
- This is a new requirement from the Ministry of Sask Builds and is based on feedback from previous processes with builds where efficiencies with time management were lost. This consultant role is required to conduct in depth reviews at three specific milestones with required deliverables. Additionally, this role will incorporate the value engineering process with the design process concurrently. The details scope of work was included for the board reference. Noted was that this is not a requirement for the high school build process; a smaller scope will be applicable for constructability and will be brought forward at a future meeting once confirmed.
- Trustee questions focussed on the terms of the timelines for the milestone reports and design work. Explanations were provided on the typical process, with confirmation on the work of the consultant and project manager, the timelines that are happening in tandem, and projected timeline dates.

- The Chair provided final comments of appreciation for the feedback provided to the Ministry of SaskBuilds.

Motion: Moved by Trustees B. Elliott and M. Raney that the Board of Education awards the contract for the Brighton and Aspen Ridge Joint Use Schools (BARS) Constructability Review Consultant to JPH Consulting Ltd. for \$99,000.00, plus applicable taxes.

All in favour/none opposed/no abstention **CARRIED** **UNANIMOUS**

6.6 Provision and Installation of St. Anne School Accessible Playground

- The Chair called for Deputy Director / Chief Financial Officer, J. Lloyd, to present on the provision and installation of the St. Anne School accessible playground.
- Details provided on the Request for Quotation (RFQ) noted there was lots on interest received; confirmed the evaluation process and criteria; and the rationale for the recommendation put forward by administration for the contract award.
- Appreciation was noted to the St. Anne School playground committee for their tremendous fundraising efforts and commitment, which have made this project a reality.
- Trustee questions focussed on the aspects of the playground that enable accessibility and garnered questions on how many accessible playgrounds there are in the school division. Administration referenced the GSCS Accessibility Plan, confirming GSCS currently has 11 outdoor play structures that are fully or partially accessible.

Motion: Moved by Trustees M. Raney and K. Day, that the Board of Education awards the Contract for the Provision and Installation of the St. Anne Accessible Playground to Blue IMP Recreational Products.

All in favour/none opposed/no abstention **CARRIED** **UNANIMOUS**

6.7 Responding to Changing Enrolment Trends and Reconsidering Attendance Boundaries

- The Chair called for Deputy Director / Chief Financial Officer, J. Lloyd, and Superintendent of Facility Services, R. Martin, to present on the Responding to Changing Enrolment Trends and Reconsidering Attendance Boundaries matter.
- Given that since the attendance boundary was implemented, enrolment conditions have evolved and projections for the school indicate that student numbers have stabilized, and that immigration rates and community growth within the Stonebridge area has slowed compared to previous years, administration recommends that the Board reassess the current enrolment management strategy.
- Trustees discussed the boundary restrictions, including a review of the current transportation details for this school community.

Motion: Moved by Trustees S. Zakreski-Werbicki and O. Fortosky, that the Board of Education receive the information as presented and agrees to the removal of the boundary restrictions that limit attendance at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic School for families living within the Stonebridge transportation area.

All in favour/none opposed/no abstention **CARRIED** **UNANIMOUS**

7.0 Correspondence

7.1 Expressions of Gratitude – none.

7.2 Reading File

- The Chair noted the two letters received, as provided through the reading file agenda item. The two letters were noted as 1) January 19, 2026 Letter City of Saskatoon Re: McOrmond Drive Access Roads Planning; and 2) January 26, 2026 Letter City of Saskatoon Re: East Side Leisure Centre Council Decision.
- Deputy Director / Chief Financial Officer, J. Lloyd, and Superintendent of Facility Services, R. Martin provided a brief context to the letters and answered questions from trustees.

8.0 Reports and Good News

8.1 Report of the Director of Education

- Highlights of the report provided and presented by the director of education, F. Rivard, included appreciation for the Saskatoon Police Service staff presentation on Guns and Gangs; appreciation and thanks to the staff leaders who coordinated Day Two of the Student Leadership Conference and an overview of the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Leadership Summit that GSCS hosted January 27–28, 2026. This well attended summit created a provincial starting point for establishing a common understanding and shared language around the future of Generative AI in education. It was appreciated that this included a session on Catholicism and AI, which grounded implementation in faith-based ethics and human dignity; appreciation was noted for the attendance by Father Matthew at the summit.
- The tour of awâsisak kâ-nîmîhtocik St. Francis School on February 2, 2026, by the Saskatchewan School Boards Association (SSBA) board and members from the Catholic School Boards Association (CSBA) board was noted with appreciation to Superintendents K. Cardinal and R. Martin for leading tours when requested.
- Feedback from trustees on the director's report noted appreciation for the trustees invitation to the student leadership conference; a good event where light and hope were witnessed.

8.6 Committee/Partnership Reports

- The Chair called for the reports from our committees and partnerships, for those committees who have met since the previous reporting period.
 - Joint Operations – Trustees F. Possberg and T. Jelinski:
 - No report at this time.
 - Together in Faith and Action – Trustees S. Zakreski-Werbicki and M. Christopher
 - No report at this time.
 - Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation – Trustees B. Elliott and T. Jelinski
 - Liaison meeting held February 9, 2026, in connection with this board meeting.
 - māmawohkamātowin Partnership (Saskatoon Tribal Council) – Chair D. Boyko and Trustees T. Jelinski and M. Raney
 - Trustees noted looking forward to the upcoming signing event.

- nākatēyimitowin Educational Partnership (CUMFI) – Chair D. Boyko and Trustees K. Day and S. Zakreski-Werbicki
 - Next meeting is March 3, 2026.
- Division Committee on Reconciliation and Healing – Chair D. Boyko and Trustee K. Day
 - No report at this time.
- Columbus Bosco Homes – Trustee O. Fortosky
 - Trustees were reminded of the Annual Joe Kammermayer fundraiser dinner on April 23, 2026, with encouragement to bring family and community members.

9.0 Committee of the Whole

Motion: Moved by Trustee F. Possberg that the Board move into committee at 3:05 p.m.

All in favour/none opposed/no abstention **CARRIED** **UNANIMOUS**

Motion: Moved by Trustee K. Day that the Board move out of committee: 4:15 p.m.

All in favour/none opposed/no abstention **CARRIED** **UNANIMOUS**

10.0 Closing Prayer

- Closing prayer was provided by Trustee K. Day.

11.0 Adjournment

Motion: Moved by Trustee Bonita Elliott that the meeting be adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

All in favour/none opposed/no abstention **CARRIED** **UNANIMOUS**



Secretary



Chair