



Board of Education
Regular Meeting of the Board
Monday, September 11, 2023 - 1:30 p.m.
Boardroom (420 22nd Street East)

AGENDA

1.0 Welcome

- 1.1 Call to Order – Chair D. Boyko
- 1.2 Land Acknowledgement
- 1.3 Opening Prayer – Trustee W. Stus
- 1.4 Adoption of the Agenda
- 1.5 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

2.0 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the June 26, 2023 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 Catholic School Community Councils 2023-2024 Engagement Plan
 - 6.2 2023-2024 Trustee School Liaison Program
 - 6.3 Trustee Vacancy
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7.0 Correspondence

- 7.1 Expressions of Gratitude – posted on Bulletin Board
 - 7.2 Reading File – copies circulated at meeting
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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 W. Stus and S. Zakreski-Werbicki
 - Together in Faith and Action – Trustees S. Zakreski-Werbicki and T. Jelinski
 - Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation – Trustees H. Byblow and B. Elliott
 - māmawohkamātowin Partnership (Saskatoon Tribal Council) – Chair D. Boyko and Trustees D. Case and S. Zakreski-Werbicki
 - nākatēyimitowin Educational Partnership (CUMFI) – Chair D. Boyko and Trustee W. Stus
 - Division Committee on Reconciliation and Healing – Trustee T. Jelinski
 - 8.7 Saskatchewan Catholic School Boards Association – Trustee B. Elliott
 - 8.8 Saskatchewan School Boards Association
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9.0 Committee of the Whole

10.0 Closing Prayer – Trustee W. Stus

11.0 Adjournment

12.0 Sign of Peace

- Present:** Chair Boyko, Vice-chair Boechler (Teams), Trustees Byblow, Case, Elliott, Jelinski, Stus, Zakreski-Werbicki
- Absent:** Trustee Berscheid and Superintendent of Education Gay (Secretary to the Board)
- Also:** Director of Education Rivard
Superintendent of Education Vangool (Acting Secretary to the Board)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Boyko at 1:44 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 B. Elliott.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Moved by Trustees D. Case and S. Zakreski-Werbicki that the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Discussion/Decision

6.1 Pastoral Care

Motion: Moved by Trustees T. Jelinski and W. Stus that the Board of Education receive the information as presented and approve the Pastoral Care Plan as shared within this report.

CARRIED

6.2 St. Frances Cree Bilingual School: Construction Contract Tender Award

Motion: Moved by Trustees D. Case and W. Stus that the Board of Education receive the information as presented for the St. Frances Cree Bilingual Replacement School and approve the award of the construction contract to Graham Construction for the value of \$39,348,900 plus GST and PST.

CARRIED

6.3 2023-2024 Budget Approval

Motion: Moved by Trustees D. Case and B. Elliott that the Board of Education approve the 2023-2024 Operating and Capital Budget including minor changes made after Ministry of Education's review and approval. The motion passed with seven (7) votes in favor and one (1) vote against.

D. Berscheid – absent
R. Boechler – No
D. Boyko – Aye
H. Byblow – Aye

D. Case – Aye
B. Elliott – Aye
T. Jelinski – Aye
W. Stus – Aye
S. Zakreski-Werbicki – Aye

CARRIED

6.4 CUPE Locals 2268 and 3730 Ratification Vote

6.4.1 CUPE Local 2268

Motion: Moved by Trustees D. Case and B. Elliott that the Board of Education ratify the Memorandum of Agreement achieved between Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools and CUPE Local 2268.

CARRIED

6.4.2 CUPE Local 3730

Motion: Moved by Trustees D. Case and W. Stus that the Board of Education ratify the Memorandum of Agreement achieved between Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools and CUPE Local 3730.

CARRIED

[Motion: Moved by Trustee T. Jelinski that the Board move into committee.]

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

Adjournment

Motion: Moved by Trustee D. Case that the meeting be adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

CARRIED

Acting Secretary (J. Vangool)

Chair

6.1 Catholic School Community Councils 2023-2024 Engagement Plan



Board Priority:

- Celebrating and Promoting Catholic Identity
- Building Relationships and Partnerships

Presented by: Superintendent J. Vangool

Background Information:

Each year, we plan two events to facilitate engagement between our Board of Education and our Catholic School Community Councils (CSCC). As you know, the Provincial government has also identified family engagement as a priority within the new Provincial Education Plan. This aligns with the board's renewed commitment to building relationships and partnerships.

For the 2023-2024 school year, the following Catholic School Community Council Plan is proposed:

1. Two Catholic School Community Council/Trustee Meetings
 - Time: 7:00-8:30 p.m.
 - November 15, 2023 at École St. Luke Catholic School
 - May 22, 2024 – Location to be determined.
2. CSCC Workshops
 - We will provide one or two additional evening workshops to facilitate orientation, training and a networking opportunity for CSCC members.
 - CSCC members will be given an opportunity to continue their learning and commitment to Truth and Reconciliation by participating in the online program Four Seasons of Reconciliation. Those who complete the course will be honoured with a certificate of completion.
 - CSCC members will be invited to attend a tour and engage in sessions offered by the Saskatoon Family Resource Centre: <https://www.saskatoonfamilycentre.ca/>.
 - CSCC members will have the opportunity to engage in a 6-week faith filled and empowering course *Inner Lead - Cultivating Awe, Wonder and Joy ...while raising school aged children within a Catholic context*.
3. Trustee School Liaison Program
 - The appointment of trustees to the Trustee School Liaison Program will be approved at the September board meeting for the 2023-2024 school year.

At Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, we strive towards CSCCs that are reflective of the families we serve. This includes continued collaboration with First Nations and Métis families, as well as the more than 600 families who are new to Canada and have recently enrolled in our schools. The insights, experiences, and ideas of all families who choose Catholic Education are invaluable to our CSCCs and we extend a warm welcome for all to participate. Together, we continue the path of reconciliation, remain rooted in faith, grow in knowledge, and reach out to transform the world.

Recommendation:

That the Board of Education receive the information as presented and approve the Catholic School Community Councils 2023-2024 Engagement Plan.

6.2 2023-2024 Trustee School Liaison Program



Board Priority:

- Celebrating and Promoting Catholic Identity
- Building Relationships and Partnerships

Presented by: Chair D. Boyko

Background Information:

In order to help build relationships and understanding for our trustees, we use a rotational program called the Trustee School Liaison Program. Over the course of a trustee's 4-year term, they will have the opportunity to learn about all schools in our division. The program allows them to focus on a smaller group of schools each year. During that year, they get to know more about the school's context, programs, attend school celebrations, etc.

As we do not operate on a Ward System, this program helps to provide trustees with understanding of the system-wide activities and needs. In addition, trustees use this program to attend Catholic School Community Council meetings at the schools in their group of schools.

The schedule for the Trustee School Liaison Program is approved in September of each school year. The recommended schedule for 2023-2024 will be presented at the meeting.

Recommendation:

That the Board of Education receive the information as presented and approve the recommended 2023-2024 schedule for the Trustee School Liaison Program, pending any revisions.

Board Priority:

- Celebrating and Promoting Catholic Identity
- Promoting Stewardship

Presented by: Chair D. Boyko

Background Information:

While we continue to mourn the passing of Trustee D. Berscheid, there are some legislated implications that the board needs to attend to.

Trustee Berscheid's passing has created a vacancy for the Humboldt subdivision. According to *The Local Governments Elections Act*, the board must determine how to address the vacancy.

The board has three options: proceed to fill the vacancy through a by-election, permanently collapse the seat, or seek a Minister's Order to operate with the seat vacant until the next general election.

The board has been exploring all of the options available. Should the board determine to collapse the seat, a motion to that effect would need to be approved at this meeting. Should the board determine to move to a by-election, a motion setting the election date would need to be made at this meeting. However, the third option, given the current fiscal context, seems to perhaps have some appeal. This option would keep the seat available for the next election without incurring the costs of a by-election. Should the circumstances of the board change prior to the next election, this decision can be revisited. The board could designate a trustee from another subdivision to be the lead contact for the Humboldt subdivision until the next general election.

Recommendation:

That the Board of Education request a Minister's Order to maintain the Humboldt subdivision seat, but leave the position vacant until the next school board election at the latest, provided no other changes occur.

Saskatoon Industry Education Council (SIEC) – Summer Youth Internship Program: The wrap-up celebration for this year's Summer Youth Internship Program took place on August 16. Students apply to jobs in the trades with construction, manufacturing and culinary companies. There is an opportunity for high school credits to be earned over the 6-week period. This year SIEC had 60 students in this year's program with 37 companies involved. A sincere thanks to these businesses for opening their doors to students as they learn many important skills for their future. This program is a partnership funded by the government of Saskatchewan along with support from WorkSafe Saskatchewan, Saskatoon Construction Association, Saskatoon Construction Safety Association, and the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trades Certification Commission.

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation – *Annual Share the Spirit Golf Tournament:* August 15 was the annual Foundation Golf Tournament. It was a sold-out tournament again this year! Golfers enjoyed the round and the opportunity to get together to show their support for Catholic education in our community. We thank the Foundation and all their sponsors for their generosity in supporting the many activities happening at our schools thanks to their involvement. We look forward to new and exciting ventures with the Foundation this year.

New Teacher Welcome: Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools' annual gathering for our new teaching staff took place on August 25. The day brought our new teachers together to review the many supports that are available to help our new teachers through any challenges they may encounter. As well, foundational documents and perspectives to navigate through our online resources were reviewed. Thanks to all who were able to join the group for lunch. We look forward to getting to know our new teachers in the coming year.

Métis Cultural Days: On September 7-10 Central Urban Métis Federation Inc. hosted the 6th annual Métis Cultural Days. This year, a wide variety of cultural workshops were available to students including braided rug-making, cultural games, beading, and paddle-making for example. As well, a dinner and art auction was held on September 9 as part of the festivities.

Michif Culture and Language Camp: From July 31-August 4, Batoche Festival Grounds was home to CUMFI's Michif language camp. With the goals of promoting and revitalizing the Michif language, participants chose to learn either Heritage or Northern Michif through song, music, dance and lessons by language instructors. Additionally, participants were afforded an opportunity to experience some land-based education as they hunted a buffalo!

Summer Success Program: This summer, in partnership with Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, United Way of Saskatoon and Area delivered six Summer Success Programs in July 2023. Up to 100 children participated in a 2-week summer program to ensure that their reading levels maintained or improved over the summer months.