Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education for St. Paul's RCSSD #20 held in the Boardroom at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, June 22, 2026.

Board Present In-person: Board Chair, D. Boyko, Vice-Chair T. Jelinski, Trustees M. Christopher, K. Day, B. Elliott, O. Fortosky, F. Possberg, M. Raney, G. Yousif, S. Zakreski-Werbicki

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

Virtual Attendees: J. Walter, Auditor, MNP; Daniel Lai, Auditor, MNP; Rahat Tahir, Senior Manager, Office of the Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair D. Boyko at 1:32 p.m. welcoming all. The Chair noted this as the last meeting of the academic year, with acknowledgement and thanks for the work of the past year. The Chair 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 S. Zakreski-Werbicki

Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Moved by Trustees F. Possberg and B. Elliott that the agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Board on June 22, 2026, 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 conflict of interest based on the materials provided for this meeting. No conflicts of interest were noted.

Approval of Minutes

- Chair called for the motion to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2026, meeting.

Motion: Moved by Trustees S. Zakreski-Werbicki and M. Raney, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on June 8, 2026, be adopted as circulated.

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

Consent Items

- There were no consent agenda items brought forward at this meeting.

Discussion/Decision

6.0 Discussion/Decision

6.1 2026-2027 Budget Approval

- The Chair noted the first agenda item to review, being the 2026-2027 budget, as a decision item for the board.
- Deputy Director / Chief Financial Officer, J. Lloyd, provided a review of the materials, noting that he is pleased to bring forward a balanced budget with a clear focus on supporting students and class complexity.
- The overall review of the comprehensive budget report was completed by section through a group presentation led by executive council.
- The process includes that upon approval by the board, the budget report document is posted publicly on our website. The board confirmed agreement with this process.
- The principles and guidelines for developing budget estimates were reviewed, followed by the financial summary. The report included overviews on learning services areas of focus, religious education, transitions, supporting student learning and assessment, mental health and well-being, inspiring success (First Nations, Métis and Inuit education), English as an additional language (EAL) and student services, facility construction and renewal, information technology, transportation, and our future outlook.
- This budget is based on welcoming approximately 273 more students for the academic year 2026-2027 which corelates to an enrolment growth of approximately 1.1 to 1.2 %, noted as a positive given that many other school divisions do not anticipate any growth.
- Trustees asked questions regarding the administrative costs compared to other school divisions. Further explanations were provided, noting our costs are one of the lowest of all the urban school divisions in the province. Administration offered in the future to report back with a comparison to other school divisions, for board information.
- Trustees discussed the rising costs of governance and administration, as related to the agreements recently signed. The ongoing need for careful attention to these and other rising costs in the future was discussed. While there has been years when our costs did not increase in these areas, it is important to remain attuned to rising costs, such as membership fees paid to supporting organizations which have also increased, and require review and consideration moving forward.

- Confirmation was provided that once on the website, a link is sent to our partners and parents and staff ae made aware they can also access this report in our website.
- The Chair concluded the review giving recognition to the staff who work so hard to give us the capacity to do what we need to do to support students and families. God has given us many gifts and talents and we appreciate and give congratulations to all for the good work done.

Motion: Moved by Trustees T. Jelinski and F. Possberg, that the Board of Education approve the 2026-2027 Operating and Capital Budget including minor changes made after Ministry of Education's review and approval.

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

6.2 Local Implementation Negotiation Committee (LINC) Ratification

- The Chair called for the Deputy Director/Chief Financial Officer, J. Lloyd and
- Superintendent of Human Resources, K. Kowal to provide the Local Implementation Negotiation Committee (LINC) ratification agenda item, noting this as a decision item for the board.
- The current LINC Agreement expired August 31, 2025 and following several years of one-year extensions, negotiations began in the spring of 2025 and recently concluded with the achievement of a tentative agreement on June 17, 2026.
- The tentative agreement changes, all being effective Sept 1, 2026 unless otherwise noted, were reviewed as outlined in the materials provided. Reviewed in detail were planned for letters of understanding and resulting actions as collaboratively decided upon through negotiations.
- Hearing no questions or comments, the Chair thanks the trustees involved at the meetings and through the process, and the good work that has resulted in the pending vote.

Motion: Moved by Trustees M. Christopher and K. Day, pending the results of the vote by CUPE 2268 on June 11-13, 2026, that the Board of Education ratify the Memorandum of Agreement achieved between Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools and CUPE Local 2268.

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

6.3 St. Augustine School Gym Roof Replacement 2026

- The Chair called for the Superintendent of Facility Services, Ryan Martin, to review the materials provided for the decision item to award the tender for the St. Augustine school gym roof replacement.
- The review noted that the roof replacement for St. Augustine School, located in Saskatoon, is the last roof section to be replaced for this school. The request for tender process and details were explained.

- Trustees asked questions regarding the year the school was built and number of times this roof has been replaced. Being built in the mid-1970's, the roof has been replaced an estimated two to three times. Trustees noted appreciation for the efforts to maintain all of our facilities.

Motion: Moved by Trustees B. Elliott and G. Yousif that the Board of Education award the tender for St. Augustine School Gym Roof Replacement to Flynn Roofing Ltd. for the tendered price of $223,313 plus GST and PST.

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

7.0 Correspondence

7.1 Expressions of Gratitude – none.

7.2 Reading File- none.

8.0 Reports and Good News

8.1 Report of the Director of Education

- The report provided and reviewed by the Director of Education, F. Rivard, included highlights from multiple events that have occurred since the previous board meeting report. During this busy month there have been many opportunities to celebrate our students, schools and community partners, as well as all the good work in the division.
- Highlighted was the GSCS Pow Wow, held for the first time at SaskTel Centre. A record number of buses were booked which brought an impressive number of students and staff to this event.
- Also of note were the Treaty education 150 celebrations; the awâsisak kâ-nîmîhtocik St. Francis School treaty medal installation, which was fitting as the last one in our school division to be installed.
- Comments from trustees noted as well the treaty fair; those who attended noted this as an excellent event with lots of learning which truly support the calls to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC).
- While it is not yet known if this event will continue next year, there is interest in coming together to discuss planning for an event which may expand to include more community groups.
- The Chair recognized the leadership capacity of our people with community, referencing the Pleasant Hill Pow Wow and GSCS staff involvement. These efforts are so important to our community partnerships.

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.

  - <u>Joint Operations</u> – Trustees F. Possberg and T. Jelinski:
    - Trustee T. Jelinski comments on the meeting held last week, noting that Humboldt Collegiate Institute (HCI) is very well resourced; projecting

enrollment growth of 20 more students; and that administration presented their 2026-2027 budget for review.

- Trustee F. Possberg noted the June 12, 2026, HCI awards banquet and graduation, where 52 scholarships and approximately $185,000 dollars were given out to the 83 HCI graduates and students.

- 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
  - Trustee B. Elliott comments on the meeting held June 16, 2026, whereat the grant requests received from the schools were reviewed and funds were allocated. Also discussed was the 'School Wins Twice' lottery and that as requested by school community councils; the raffle tickets will be going back to paper tickets. Also of note is that the 50/50 Draw will take place in the Fall.
  - Reminders were provided for the Foundation Golf tournament on Aug 17th; the new event 'BBQ Bash: sizzle, sauce and soul" on September 24th, which replaces the annual January fundraiser.
  - Trustee T. Jelinski also noted that he gave appreciation to the Foundation for the Eagle Creek facility that the Foundation holds in trust and that he shared with the Foundation board that the GSCS board toured this facility and found it remarkable as a facility and for the programming and opportunities offered to students.

- māmawohkamātowin Partnership (Saskatoon Tribal Council) – Chair D. Boyko and Trustees T. Jelinski and M. Raney
  - No report at this time.

- nākatēyimitowin Educational Partnership (CUMFI) – Chair D. Boyko and Trustees K. Day and S. Zakreski-Werbicki
  - Chair D. Boyko Diane reported on the meeting held June 16, 2026, noting that it is gratifying to know the amount of the staff at St. Michael School who are Métis. In particular, the support that is provided for the Michif language and the Michif Camp, as well as the overall support provided by the Central Urban Métis Federation Incorporation (CUMFI) is significant.
  - Trustee K. Day noted the improvements in the literacy rates is remarkable, with recognition of the extra supports and thanks to administration for the levels of staffing.

- Division Committee on Reconciliation and Healing – Chair D. Boyko and Trustee K. Day
  - No report at this time.

- Columbus Bosco Saskatoon – Trustee O. Fortosky
  - Trustee O. Fortosky provided a copy of the Columbus Bosco Saskatoon annual report at the meeting.

- The very first high school graduation held at the Farm School Program was held on June 11th; comments from those who attending was that this was a very wonderful experience; a grace filled moment with lots of beautiful words and appreciation given to all involved in supporting the students to find success. Other comments that having it at the school was positive as it allows the other students attending to witness the graduation and then can therefore see this as achievable for themselves.
- Corn Roast Fundraiser was confirmed for September; date confirmed post meeting as Thursday, September 17, 2026.
- The chair noted the Core Youth Neighbourhood Coop (CYNC) graduation attended, where two students graduation surrounded by family and friends.
- The importance of our partnerships in support of all student was noted as vital to the work we do.

Saskatchewan Catholic School Boards Association (SCSBA(

- No report at this time.

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- The director of education confirmed that the SSBA Position Statements have been submitted. Next steps will be to receive the feedback in early fall which will come to the board before early November, prior to the SSBA Fall General Assembly and Annual General Meeting scheduled for November 15-17, 2026.

9.0 Committee of the Whole

Motion: Moved by Trustee S. Zakreski-Werbicki that the Board move into committee at 2:48 p.m.

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

- Upon conclusion of the Committee of the Whole, the chair called for the meeting to move out of committee.

Motion: Moved by Trustee M. Chrisotpher that the Board move out of committee at 3:11 p.m.

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

10.0 Closing Prayer

- Closing prayer was provided by Trustee S. Zakreski-Werbicki.

11.0 Adjournment

Motion: Moved by Trustee F. Possberg that the meeting be adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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

Secretary **Chair**