



Board of Education
Regular Meeting of the Board
Monday, May 13, 2024 - 1:30 p.m.
Boardroom (420 22nd Street East)

AGENDA

1.0 Welcome

- 1.1 Call to Order – Chair
 - 1.2 Land Acknowledgement
 - 1.3 Opening Prayer – Trustee B. Elliott
 - 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 April 15, 2024 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 Transportation Monitoring Report
 - 6.2 Local Implementation and Negotiations Committee Agreement
 - 6.3 Relocatable Classroom Tender Approval
 - 6.4 Cybersecurity Managed Detection and Response Service Contract Approval
 - 6.5 Juniper Vendor of Record Approval
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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 W. Stus
 - nākatēyimitowin Educational Partnership (CUMFI) – Chair D. Boyko and Trustees S. Zakreski-Werbicki and R. Boechler
 - Division Committee on Reconciliation and Healing – Chair D. Boyko and 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 B. Elliott

11.0 Adjournment

12.0 Sign of Peace

Present: Chair Boyko, Vice-chair Boechler, Trustees Byblow, Case (Teams), Elliott, Jelinski, Stus, Zakreski-Werbicki (Teams)

Also: Director of Education Rivard
Superintendent of Education Gay (Secretary to the Board)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Boyko at 1:47 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 R. Boechler and T. Jelinski that the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Moved by Trustees D. Case and W. Stus that the minutes of the regular meeting of March 4, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Discussion/Decision

6.1 Financial Statements

Motion: Moved by Trustees H. Byblow and S. Zakreski-Werbicki that the Board of Education approve the accounts paid for the period January 1, 2024 to January 31, 2024 and February 1, 2024 to February 29, 2024 and receive the financial statements for the period ended February 29, 2024.

CARRIED

6.2 2024-2025 Budget Overview

Motion: Moved by Trustees R. Boechler and B. Elliott that the Board of Education receive the information as presented in the 2024-2025 Budget Overview report.

CARRIED

6.3 2024 Education Property Tax Mill Rate

Motion: Moved by Trustees W. Stus and H. Byblow that the Board of Education for St Paul's R.C.S.S.D. No. 20 pass a resolution exercising its constitutional right to levy education property tax and set education property tax mill rates, and in doing so the aforementioned school division hereby sets education property tax mill rates as follows:

By adopting the potential provincial education property tax mill rates as set by the Lieutenant Governor in Council for the 2024 taxation year.

CARRIED

6.4 2024 Catholic Education Week

Motion: Moved by Trustees B. Elliott and D. Case that the Board of Education receive the information as presented in the 2024 Catholic Education Week report.

CARRIED

6.5 St. Frances Cree Bilingual School Construction Update

Motion: Moved by Trustees S. Zakreski-Werbicki and B. Elliott that the Board of Education receive the information as presented on the St. Frances Cree Bilingual Replacement School project.

CARRIED

6.6 Relocatable Classroom Approvals

Motion: Moved by Trustees R. Boechler and D. Case that the Board of Education receive the information as presented in the Relocatable Classroom Approvals report and award the tenders as follows:

Tender #1 and #3 to KIM Constructors Ltd. for the tendered prices of:

- Holy Cross High School - \$1,594,000 plus PST and GST
- Bethlehem Catholic High School - \$1,670,000 plus PST and GST

Tender #2 to D2 Construction Ltd. for the tendered price of:

- St. Joseph High School - \$1,582,500 plus PST and GST.

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

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CARRIED

[Motion: Moved by Trustee S. Zakreski-Werbicki that the Board move out of committee.]

CARRIED

Adjournment

Motion: Moved by Trustee W. Stus that the meeting be adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

CARRIED

Secretary

Chair

6.1 Transportation Monitoring Report



Board Priority:

- Building Relationships and Partnerships
- Promoting Stewardship

Presented by: CFO J. Lloyd

Background Information:

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools (GSCS) offers transportation services to 6,427 students daily. Rural students who attend a GSCS school in the town of Biggar, and the cities of Humboldt, Warman, and Martensville are jointly transported with the public school divisions in each of the respective areas.

The following summary is the transportation services provided to students who attend a school located in Saskatoon and one immersion bus to École Holy Mary School:

1. First Canada ULC Transportation Statistics as of April 30, 2024

- ❖ Total Students Transported (registered) – 3,653
- ❖ In-Town Students Transported – 3,366
- ❖ Transportation Routes – 97
- ❖ Average Age of Bus Fleet – 6 Years
- ❖ Capacity Utilized On Bus (Average) – 84%
- ❖ Average One-Way Ride Time By Route – 25 minutes
- ❖ Longest One-Way Ride Time By Route – 75 minutes (École française de Saskatoon [Saskatoon French School])

2. Hertz Northern Bus Transportation Statistics as of April 30, 2024

- ❖ Total Students Transported (registered) – 2,774
- ❖ In-Town Students Transported – 2,746
- ❖ Transportation Routes – 49
- ❖ Average Age of Bus Fleet – 8 Years
- ❖ Capacity Utilized On Bus (Average) – 100%
- ❖ Average One-Way Ride Time By Route – 20 minutes
- ❖ Longest One-Way Ride Time By Route – 60 minutes

Recommendation:

That the Board of Education receive the information as presented and approve the Transportation Monitoring Report.

6.2 Local Implementation and Negotiations Committee Agreement



Board Priority:

- Building Relationships and Partnerships
- Promoting Stewardship

Presented by: Superintendent K. Kowal

Background Information:

The current Local Implementation and Negotiations Committee (LINC) Agreement is scheduled to expire August 31, 2024 after 'rolling over' the last two years.

The Saskatoon Teachers' Association (STA) and LINC executive have once again brought forward the idea of 'rolling over' the agreement for another year. This comes primarily from the LINC executive's acknowledgement of the uncertainty and challenge created by the provincial collective bargaining process and associated job action.

The roll-over would, once again, secure the terms and conditions for teachers for another year. The one-year roll-over to the LINC Agreement would see no change to language. However, should something pressing arise, amendments can always be achieved by mutual consent of the parties through letters of understanding.

Recommendation:

That the Board of Education approve the roll-over to the current LINC Agreement (set to expire August 31, 2024) for the 2024-2025 school year (expiring August 31, 2025).

6.3 Relocatable Classroom Tender Approval



Board Priority:

- Building Relationships and Partnerships
- Promoting Stewardship

Presented by: Assistant Superintendent R. Martin and CFO J. Lloyd

Background Information:

In March 2024, Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, in partnership with Edwards Edwards McEwen Architects, issued four Requests for Tender (RFT) for the construction of (1) relocatable classroom as part of the 2023-2024 Relocatable Classroom Program. The RFT was posted on SaskTenders to satisfy the requirements of the New West Trade Partnership Agreement and the Canadian Free Trade Agreement.

Father Vachon School - One classroom:

- Tender Close Date – April 16, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.
- Three bids, tender responses ranged as follows:
 - \$457,000 to \$630,000 plus PST and GST
 - Schedules ranged from 14 to 30 weeks.

Based on tender pricing, the funding allocation from the ministry aligns with our project budget. This includes the relocatable classroom construction as well as furniture and consulting fees. A Letter of Intent subject to Board of Education approval was issued to Westridge Construction Ltd. The start-up meeting was held on April 25, 2024.

Provincial Relocatable Data

This year, funding was approved for 70 new relocatables and two relocatable moves for schools with 2024-2025 projected utilization rates of at least 111%.

2023-24 Relocatable Classroom Program: Number of Approved Relocatables		
School Division	New	Moves
Conseil des écoles francsaskoises 310	2	
Horizon SD 205	2	
Lloydminster RCSSD 89	1	
Lloydminster SD 99	2	
Prairie Valley SD 208	2	
Regina RCSSD 81	6	2
Regina SD 4	4	
Saskatoon SD 13	22	
South East Cornerstone SD 209	1	
St. Paul's RCSSD 20	28	
Total:	70	2

2023-2024 Relocatable Classroom Program: Funding Rates

Relocatable Type	Funding Rate
New (Regina / Saskatoon)	Up to \$600,000
New (Outside Regina / Saskatoon)	Up to \$650,000
Move (Urban)	Up to \$250,000
Move (Rural)	Up to \$400,000
UFE (Joint-Use Schools Projects)	Up to \$30,000 per classroom
New (Joint-Use Schools Projects)	Determined by Contract

Recommendation:

That the Board of Education receive the information presented in the report and award the tender as follows:

To Westridge Construction Ltd. for the tendered price of:

- Father Vachon - \$457,000 plus PST and GST***

6.4 Cybersecurity Managed Detection and Response Service Contract



Board Priority:

- Building Relationships and Partnerships
- Promoting Stewardship

Presented by: CFO J. Lloyd

Background Information:

The need for a solution like Arctic Wolf arises from the increasing cyber threats faced by organizations, including malware, phishing attacks, and other forms of cyber-attacks. These threats necessitate proactive managed monitoring and detection to protect sensitive data and ensure the security of key stakeholders, including users and students. Arctic Wolf, founded in April 2012, has been providing Managed Detection and Response (MDR) and Security Operations Center as a Service (SOCaaS) for over a decade, with a focus on optimizing existing technology infrastructure and implementing comprehensive security operations frameworks. SaskTel has partnered with Arctic Wolf as a premier partner to deliver this service in Saskatchewan.

Why Arctic Wolf + SaskTel?

Arctic Wolf offers a tailored security solution that includes Managed Detection and Response (MDR), Managed Risk (MR), and Managed Security Awareness (MSA) services. These services are designed to assist organizations in promptly identifying and mitigating threats without the need for additional staffing. The solution is deployable within 14 business days and integrates seamlessly with existing infrastructure. Arctic Wolf's approach emphasizes operational effectiveness, with human expertise integrated into the cybersecurity process, recognizing the need for adaptability in defending against evolving threats.

Breakdown of Costs

The contract with Arctic Wolf is a 3-year term with a total contract value of \$946,414.59 + tax.

These costs include subscription fees and one-time fees for services such as onboarding and shipping of necessary hardware. The pricing summary also details the costs associated with user licenses, server licenses, log retention, and other services provided by Arctic Wolf.

In addition to the contracted services, Arctic Wolf offers a Security Operations Warranty, which provides up to \$1,000,000 USD in financial assistance for cybersecurity incidents, subject to the customer meeting certain subscription criteria.

Justifications

Cybersecurity professionals are indeed in high demand, leading to higher costs for organizations to maintain in-house cybersecurity teams. Outsourcing cybersecurity to a Canadian company like Arctic Wolf can be a cost-effective solution. Arctic Wolf has positioned itself to meet the comprehensive cybersecurity needs with a solution package.

This comprehensive approach by Arctic Wolf demonstrates their capability to provide a robust cybersecurity solution that aligns with the needs and requirements of organizations looking to monitor and respond, manage and identify cyber risk, and provide user training made them an ideal partner.

Provincial Procurement

As part of this procurement, Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools listed all other Saskatchewan school divisions as potential additions to our contract award. As of May 9, 2024, 17 school divisions requested pricing from Arctic Wolf based on this procurement. The Cyber Risk WAG with the Saskatchewan School Boards Association (SSBA) has also decided to use this procurement to support their work.

Recommendation:

That the Board of Education receive the information as presented and award the contract for the Cybersecurity Managed Detection and Response Service to SaskTel-Arctic Wolf Solution for the quotation price of \$946,414.59 plus applicable taxes.

6.5 Juniper Vendor of Record



Board Priority:

- Building Relationships and Partnerships
- Promoting Stewardship

Presented by: CFO J. Lloyd

Background Information:

On March 21, 2024, Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, issued a Request for Quotation (RFQ) for a Vendor of Record for the provision of Juniper hardware (access points, switches and firewalls) and software (licenses, subscriptions and feature sets).

This RFQ was posted on SaskTenders to satisfy the requirements of the New West Trade Partnership Agreement and the Canadian Free Trade Agreement. The RFT close date was March 24, 2022, at which time Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools received one quotation response for the project.

The tender response received from Charter Telecom Inc. resulted in projected savings of \$275,000 annually. The annual projected spend per year is between \$800,000 and \$1,400,000.

The contract term is a three-year term with the right to extend the contract for two additional one-year terms for a total contract length of five years. The contract allows for all school divisions within Saskatchewan to take advantage of the Juniper pricing. Unit pricing will remain consistent throughout the life of the contract, with the exception of currency fluctuations.

Recommendation:

That the Board of Education receive the information as presented and award the quotation for the Vendor of Record for the provision of Juniper hardware and software to Charter Telecom Inc.

World Catholic Education Week (May 6-10):***We Are Called To Love / L'éducation catholique: Appelés à aimer***

This year, students and staff all across the province took time each day to pray together and reflect on how we are each called to love.

- Monday, May 6: We are called to love as people of hope.
- Tuesday, May 7: We are called to love as people of faith.
- Wednesday, May 8: We are called to love as people of mercy.
- Thursday, May 9: We are called to love as people of justice.
- Friday, May 10: We are called to love as people of joy.

Catholic Connections Network-Saskatoon: The Catholic Connections group met on April 26 at Queen's House Retreat and Renewal Centre to continue the tradition of sharing our learnings as Catholic organizations. This partnership meeting allows leaders within all of the Catholic organizations in Saskatoon to learn from each other and stay up to date on innovations within each organization.

Minister of Education Visit: Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools was grateful to host Minister of Education, Jeremy Cockrill during the morning of May 6. Minister Cockrill was able to learn about the Positive Learning Behaviour Program at Father Vachon School as well as the Wrap Around Literacy supports taking place at St. Volodymyr School. A great big thank you to the staff members from both of these schools for planning for the visit and especially for their continued dedication to the students they serve.

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools' Administrator Mentorship: Our administrator (vice principals and principals) mentorship program continued its work over the course of this year. Thanks to the leadership of our folks, the program was, once again, very successful. Our Vice/Assistant Principal's Association takes a lead role in bringing together experienced and neophyte administrators to help support our new leaders. The reality is that our experienced administrators learn a great deal from the mentorship process as well! The final gathering and celebration at the conclusion of this 2-year program was held on May 9.