



Board of Education
Regular Meeting of the Board
Monday, May 5, 2025 - 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 F. Possberg
- 1.4 Adoption of the Agenda
- 1.5 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

2.0 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the March 31, 2025 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 Education Week
- 6.2 Catholic School Community Council 2024-2025 Engagement Plan
 - 6.2.1 CSCC May 21, 2025 Meeting Invitation
- 6.3 Granatier Player Academy Memorandum of Understanding
- 6.4 Replacement of Bleachers – St. Joseph High School
- 6.5 Replacement of Chiller – Bethlehem High School
- 6.6 Replacement of Furnaces – St. John School

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 F. Possberg and T. Jelinski
 - Together in Faith and Action – Trustees S. Zakreski-Werbicki and M. Christopher
 - Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation – Trustees B. Elliott and T. Jelinski
 - māmawohkamātowin Partnership (Saskatoon Tribal Council) – Chair D. Boyko and Trustees O. Fortosky and S. Zakreski-Werbicki
 - nākatēyimitowin Educational Partnership (CUMFI) – Chair D. Boyko and Trustees K. Day and R. Boechler
 - Division Committee on Reconciliation and Healing – Chair D. Boyko and Trustee K. Day
 - Columbus Bosco Homes – Trustee M. Raney
- 8.7 Saskatchewan Catholic School Boards Association – Trustee B. Elliott
- 8.8 Saskatchewan School Boards Association

9.0 Committee of the Whole

10.0 Closing Prayer – Trustee F. Possberg

11.0 Adjournment

12.0 Sign of Peace



Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of Education for St. Paul's RCSSD #20 held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, March 31, 2025.

Board Office - 420 22nd Street East – Boardroom A and B.

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

Executive In-person: Director of Education F. Rivard; Secretary to the Board, Superintendent T. Shircliff; Superintendents K. Cardinal, T. Fradette, L. Giocoli Clark, T. Hickey, K. Kowal, S. Gessler, Chief Financial Office J. Lloyd and Assistant Superintendent R. Martin.

Resources: D. Kunz

Regrets: Superintendent J. Vangool

The meeting was called to order by Chair Boyko at 1:30 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 R. Boechler 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 conflict of interest based on the materials provided for the meeting; hearing none, the meeting proceeded.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Moved by Trustees S. Zakreski-Werbicki and T. Jelinski, that the minutes of the regular meeting of March 3, 2025, be adopted as presented.

All in favour/none opposed/no abstention

CARRIED

UNANIMOUS

Discussion/Decision

6.0 Discussion/Decision

6.1 Approval of the DRAFT 2025-2026 Board Priorities & Goals

Motion: Moved by Trustees M. Raney and M. Christopher that the Board of Education approve the 2025-2026 board priorities and goals.

All in favour/none opposed/no abstention

CARRIED

UNANIMOUS

- With the approval of the 2025-2025 board priorities and goals complete, the public website will be updated with this information, as tasked to the Director of Education.

6.2 Financial Statements

Motion: Moved by Trustees B. Elliot and F. Possberg, that the Board of Education approves the accounts paid for the periods January 1, 2025, to January 31, 2025, and February 1, 2025, to February 28, 2025, and receive the financial statements for the period ended February 28, 2025.

All in favour/none opposed/no abstention

CARRIED

UNANIMOUS

6.3 Transportation Monitoring Report

Motion: Moved by Trustees O. Fortosky and K. Day, that the Board of Education approve the Transportation Monitoring Report as presented.

All in favour/none opposed/no abstention

CARRIED

UNANIMOUS

6.4 Relocatable Classrooms: Approval of Tender Awards

Motion: Moved by Trustees F. Possberg and M. Raney that the Board of Education receive the information presented in the report and award the tenders as follows:

Tender #1 to Quorex Construction Services Ltd. for the tendered prices of:

- Modular Relocations - \$1,061,546 plus PST and GST

Tender #2, #5, and #7 to KIM Constructors Ltd for the tendered price of:

- Father Robinson School - \$545,000 plus PST and GST
- Holy Cross High School - \$1,539,000 plus PST and GST
- St. Bernard, St. Angela, St. Mark - \$1,469,000 plus PST and GST

Tender #3 to VCM Construction Ltd. for the tendered price of:

- St. Joseph High School - \$1,877,000 plus PST and GST

Tender #4 and #6 to Con-Tech General Contractors Ltd for the tendered price of:

- Bethlehem High School - \$1,727,472 plus PST and GST
- St. Mary's Wellness & Education Centre - \$1,632,500 plus PST and GST

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

6.5 Holmwood High School Project Manager Contract

Motion: Moved by Trustees B. Elliot and M. Christopher, that the Board of Education approve the Contract for Project Management Services for the New Joint- Use Highschool in Saskatoon (Holmwood) for \$1,610,423.85 inclusive of taxes.

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

6.6 awâsisak kâ-nîmîhtocik – St. Francis School – Construction Update

Motion: Moved by Trustees K. Day and O. Fortosky, that the Board of Education receive the construction update provided on the awâsisak kâ-nîmîhtocik – St. Francis School Replacement School project.

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

6.7 St. Frances Property Sale

Motion: Moved by Trustees T. Jelinski and S. Zakreski-Werbicki that the Board of Education approve the purchase and sale agreement for the St. Frances Property- 2141 McPherson Avenue.

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

6.8 2025 Education Property Tax Mill Rate

Motion: Moved by Trustees F. Possberg and K. Day That the Board of Education for St Paul's R.C.S.S.D. No. 20 exercises its constitutional right to levy education property tax and set education property tax mill rates, and in doing so, being 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 2025 taxation year.

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

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

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

Adjournment

Motion: Moved by Trustee R. Boechler, that the public meeting be adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

The closing prayer was led by Trustee B. Elliott.

Secretary

Chair

Date of approval and signing:

6.1 Catholic Education Week: May 25 to June 1, 2025

Board Priority:

- Celebrating and Promoting Catholic Identity

Presented by: Superintendent T. Hickey, Coordinator D. Lich

This Board Priority is described as follows:

- To strengthen the Catholic dimension of our school division as we support the faith journey of each individual.
- To provide shared experiences, learning opportunities and closer connections between parish, home, and school—to enrich the faith lives of students, families and all school community members.
- To be proactive, supportive, and intentional in enhancing Catholic education.

Background Information:

Catholic Education: Pilgrims of Hope

*“We must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us.”
(Letter on the Jubilee Year of Hope, February 11, 2022)*

L'éducation catholique: Pèlerins de l'espérance

*« Nous devons garder allumée la flamme de l'espérance qui nous a été donnée. »
(Lettre sur le Jubilé de l'espérance; 11 février 2022)*

Catholic Education Week is a meaningful opportunity to highlight and celebrate the distinctiveness of Catholic education across Saskatchewan's eight publicly funded Catholic school divisions. Centered on the theme *Pilgrims of Hope / Pèlerins de l'espérance*, this week invites us to journey together in faith, recognizing our lives as a path shaped by faith, community, and a deepening relationship with Christ. We are called to accompany one another—building relationships rooted in love, peace, and solidarity.

Each day of the week is marked by a sub-theme:

- Monday: by honouring human dignity / honorent la dignité humaine
- Tuesday: by caring for creation / prennent soin de la création
- Wednesday: by responding to the poverties in our world / luttent contre les pauvretés
- Thursday (World Catholic Education Day): by serving in solidarity / servent en solidarité
- Friday: by living as peacemakers / vivent en artisans de paix

Materials have been prepared by CECAS (Catholic Education Coordinators Association of Saskatchewan) for use in all Catholic school divisions in Saskatchewan, and include the following:

- Media materials for dioceses/school boards
- Daily social media 'blasts' (twitter-length)
- Daily prayers and reflections for both elementary and high schools (version française disponible pour les écoles d'immersion)
- Liturgy of the Word for World Catholic Education Day

Recommendation:

That the Board of Education receive the information in the Catholic Education Week Report as presented.

6.2 Catholic School Community Council 2024-2025 Engagement Plan



Board Priority:

- Celebrating and Promoting Catholic Identity
- Building Relationships and Partnerships

Presented by: Superintendent J. Vangool

Background Information:

Each year, we organize two engagement events to foster meaningful connection between our Board of Education and Catholic School Community Councils (CSCCs). These gatherings reflect our division's commitment to cultivating relationships and partnerships, while also supporting the Provincial Education Plan's priority on family engagement.

On Monday, February 10, 2025, our first CSCC/Trustee meeting of the school year took place at Georges Vanier School. In alignment with the 2024–2025 Opening Day theme, *Salt of the Earth and Light of the World*, Father Matthew Ramsay offered a compelling spiritual reflection. Participants also had the opportunity to explore the [Foundations Learning & Skills Saskatchewan](#) reading resource, focusing on how families and communities can support literacy and learning at home.

Our second Trustee Liaison meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 21, 2025**, at **École St. Luke School**, from **7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** School administrators are once again invited to attend alongside their Catholic School Community Councils. The evening's agenda includes:

- Mental Health and Well-Being Focus: Sgt. Ken Kane (Saskatoon Police Services) and Dean Rutten (Restorative Action Program) will present on *Navigating Social Media: Supporting Children Through Cyberbullying*.
- Fundraising Initiative: John McGettigan (Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation) will provide a brief overview of the *Faith in the Future* Fundraising Campaign.
- Budget Update: Joel Lloyd, Chief Financial Officer, will provide a brief overview of the 2025–2026 budget.

Attachment 6.2.1 provides the CSCC May 21, 2025, invitation.

This evening promises to be a meaningful opportunity for collaboration, faith enrichment, and shared dialogue on issues that matter to our school communities.

Recommendation:

That the Board of Education receive the information as presented on the second Catholic School Community Council/Trustee Meeting of the 2024-2025 academic school year.

CSCC Trustee Liaison Meeting

YOU ARE INVITED!

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Catholic Schools Community Councils Trustee Liaison meeting is Wednesday, May 21, 2025.

LOCATION, DATE AND TIME

École St. Luke School - 275 Emmeline Road, Saskatoon, SK
Wednesday, May 21st, 2025
7:00 - 8:30 pm

AGENDA

Area of Focus: Sgt. Ken Kane and Dean Rutten (Restorative Action Program)- Navigating Social Media: Supporting your Children Through Cyber-bullying
Budget 2025-2026 Update: GSCS Chief Financial Officer Joel Lloyd

RSVP

Please click [here](#) to confirm your attendance by May 16th.

CHILDCARE

Grade 7/8 students will provide childcare if needed.



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6.3 Granatier Player Academy

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)



Board Priority:

- Building Relationships and Partnerships
- Promoting Stewardship

Presented by: Chief Financial Officer, J. Lloyd and Superintendent T. Hickey

Background Information:

Representatives from the Granatier Sports Complex and Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools have co-developed a player academy for Grade 8 and 9 students. This player academy is for students who are seeking additional development of ice sports such as ice hockey and ringette.

If approved, the Granatier Player Academy will be open to all students who will enroll in a combined Grade 8/9 program. The program participants will attend the entire school year at the [Granatier Sports Complex](#) and will be eligible to take other cyber courses offered by Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools. The Granatier Player Academy will be attached to Bishop James Mahoney High School. The draft MOU ensures the school division will be reimbursed for any unfunded cost.

Administration is seeking board approval of the program and the draft MOU.

Recommendation:

That the Board of Education approve the Granatier Hockey Academy Memorandum of Understanding.

6.4 Replacement of Bleachers – St. Joseph High School



Board Priority:

- Building Relationships and Partnerships
- Promoting Stewardship

Presented by: Assistant Superintendent, Facility Services, R. Martin

Background Information:

Background Information:

On March 31, 2025, Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, in partnership with Edwards Edwards McEwen Architects, issued a Request for Tender (RFT) for the replacement of the gymnasium bleachers at St. Joseph High School.

The RFT was posted on SaskTenders to satisfy the requirements of the New West Trade Partnership Agreement and the Canadian Free Trade Agreement. The close date was April 17, 2025.

Three tender responses were received ranging from \$215,818.05 to \$389,100 plus GST and PST.

Royal Stewart Limited is recommended to be selected as the successful vendor based on the lowest tender price.

Recommendation:

That the Board of Education award the contract for the replacement of gymnasium bleachers at St. Joseph High School to Royal Stewart Limited for the tender price of \$215,818.05 plus GST and PST.

6.5 Replacement of Chiller – Bethlehem High School



Board Priority:

- Building Relationships and Partnerships
- Promoting Stewardship

Presented by: Assistant Superintendent, Facility Services, R. Martin

Background Information:

On March 20, 2025, Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, in partnership with Summit Engineering, issued a Request for Tender (RFT) for the replacement of the chiller at Bethlehem Catholic High School.

The RFT was posted on SaskTenders to satisfy the requirements of the New West Trade Partnership Agreement and the Canadian Free Trade Agreement. The close date was April 10, 2025.

Two tender responses were received ranging from \$380,000 to \$425,500 plus GST and PST.

Peak Mechanical Partnership is recommended to be selected as the successful vendor based on the lowest tendered price.

Recommendation:

That the Board of Education award the contract for the replacement of the chiller at Bethlehem Catholic High School to Peak Mechanical for the tender price of \$380,000 plus GST and PST.

6.6 Replacement of Furnaces – St. John School



Board Priority:

- Building Relationships and Partnerships
- Promoting Stewardship

Presented by: Assistant Superintendent, Facility Services, R. Martin

Background Information:

On March 13, 2025, Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, in partnership with Summit Engineering, issued a Request for Tender (RFT) for the replacement of existing furnaces at St. John School.

The RFT was posted on SaskTenders to satisfy the requirements of the New West Trade Partnership Agreement and the Canadian Free Trade Agreement. The close date was April 3, 2025.

Two tender responses were received ranging from \$235,571 to \$266,894 plus GST and PST.

NexGen Mechanical Inc. is recommended to be selected as the successful vendor based on the lowest tendered price.

Recommendation:

That the Board of Education award the contract for the replacement of existing furnaces at St. John School to NexGen Mechanical Inc. for the tender price of \$235,571 plus GST and PST.

Lent and Easter: Our students and staff have journeyed through Lent in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Each of these pillars intend to bring us closer to God by preparing our hearts and minds for Easter. We now sing “Alleluia” and celebrate the 50 days of the Easter season.

Budget Reference Committee: Our internal budget reference committee (comprised of thirteen Saskatoon Teachers’ Association members as well as senior administration) has met multiple times this year and again on March 25. This committee provides an important source of feedback and guidance regarding the past, present and future decisions specific to budget. We look forward to continued meetings with this committee and thank members for sharing their voice as a part of the budget deliberations for the division.

Student Action for a Sustainable Future (SASF)

The SASF student showcase event held on April 8th included GSCS students who are currently participating in this program from five of our elementary schools. Projects that these thirteen classes have been working on this year were focussed on topic areas such as biodiversity, energy, food, transportation, waste, and water.

Saskatoon Industry Education Council (SIEC) Culinary Supper

The Saskatoon Industry Education Council hosted students the annual culinary supper on April 15, 2025. We were treated to an exceptional meal, prepared and served by students in this program. The culinary program is just one of the many programs offered by the SIEC. GSCS has a strong partnership with this organization.

LIT Up Foundations Learning and Skills Saskatchewan

Foundations Learning and Skills Saskatchewan held it’s annual LIT UP fundraising dinner on April 24. It was a pleasure to support our long-term partner at Foundations in their work to support students and adults in developing literacy and learning skills. The work Foundations does to support student literacy in our schools is a gift to our families. This year, Foundations awarded GSCS with the Collaborative Endeavours Award. Thank you to Foundations and the leadership of Superintendent Fradette for continuing to grow this long-standing and collaborative partnership.

Teen-Aid Fundraiser

On April 27 GSCS was pleased to attend and support Teen-Aid Saskatoon at their annual fundraiser. Teen-Aid has been a partner with both the Diocese of Saskatoon and GSCS for many years.