Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education for St. Paul's RCSSD #20 held in the Boardroom at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 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.

Regrets: Superintendent of Learning Services, Jenise Vangool

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 Boyko at 5:30 p.m., welcoming all. The meeting 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.

Recognizing that this was the first public meeting of the 2026-2027 academic year, the Chair expressed gratitude on behalf of the board to the staff, students, and families of the division for the work that will be undertaken together in the year ahead. The Chair reflected that our collective efforts are offered in honour of the ancestors and those who came before us, with the shared hope that all students throughout the division experience the very best year ahead.

The opening prayer was led by Trustee M. Christopher

Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Moved by Trustees K. Day and B. Elliott that the agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Board on September 14, 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

- The Chair called for the motion to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2026, meeting.

Motion: Moved by Trustees O. Fortosky and F. Possberg, that the minutes of the Regular meeting of June 22, 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.

6.0 Discussion/Decision

6.1 Lieutenant Governor's Board of Education Award for Innovation and Excellence in Education

- The Chair noted the first agenda item to review, call on Director of Education, F. Rivard and Superintendent, T. Fradette to present on this Lieutenant Governor's Board of Education Award for Innovation and Excellence in Education, being an item previously received by the board. The submission of the application provided for review being the decision item for the board.
- As the details were familiar from the June presentation provided, a review of the partners who worked alongside this application was provided.
- Trustees asked questions regarding the process of the award, specifically around the nominations historically.
- A brief history of past nominations was provided, along with further explanations on this nomination application as a joint submission.
- Further trustee and chair comments noted appreciation for the school divisions working together on this and the impressive impact of this work reaching 62,000 youth and including many good partners.

Motion: Moved by Trustees S. Zakreski-Werbicki and M. Christopher, that the Board of Education receive the information as presented and approve the submission for the Lieutenant Governor's Board of Education Award for Innovation and Excellence in Education.

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

6.2 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation September 30, 2026

- The Chair called for Superintendent of Learning Services, K. Cardinal, Kelley to provide the review of the materials provided on the September 30, 2026, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.
- The review noted the good intent of the day, as a responsibility that shapes learning. This day gives us a reason for hope. The review of the various activities offered allow for staff to engage deeply on these days in the way that speaks directly to them as they build there understanding of what reconciliation means.

- This day and the opportunities it brings are just one piece of the many actions we do towards reconciliation and the Calls to Action.
- Trustees appreciated the beautiful uptake by staff in engaging on September 30th in the opportunities provided the school division.

Motion: Moved by Trustees B. Elliott and T. Jelinski, that the Board of Education receive the information as presented in the report.

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

6.3 Financial Statements

- The Chair called for the Deputy Director/Chief Financial Officer, J. Lloyd, to provide the review of the financial statements report.
- A detailed review was provided on the statements of financial position and operations, along with the variance analysis, for the period ended June 30, 2026. All the materials were confirmed as prepared in in accordance with *The Education Act, 1995*, using accounting principles prescribed by the Ministry of Education and are considered appropriate for Saskatchewan School Divisions.
- Highlights included a drop in tuition related fees for international students, as those student numbers are lower than in previous years, yet consistent with other across the province. GSCS is returning to pre-pandemic levels with school generated funds, which are held at school levels. Tuition related dues were explained.
- The overall review noted GSCS is in a good position as close to within budget, with some noted carry over due to items ordered and not yet received.
- Hearing no comments on the materials or review provided, the Chair called for the motion to approve.

Motion: Moved by Trustees K. Day and M. Christopher, that the Board of Education approves the accounts paid for the periods May 1, 2026 to May 31, 2026 and June 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026;

AND

That the Board of Education receives the financial statements for the period ended June 30, 2026.

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

7.0 Correspondence

7.1 Expressions of Gratitude – none.

7.2 Reading File – Scholarship thank you letter July 2026

- The Chair recognized the lovely that you letter received by the board from a student of St. Joseph High School who received a Grade 12 School Board Scholarship in recognition of having the highest honour roll average.

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 the events occurring at the start of this new academic year, such as the new teacher welcome and school division opening mass. Appreciation was given to those who coordinate putting on these events, as it is important to welcome those new to our school division and to come together as one to begin the school year in celebration of Catholic education.
- Noted was that there was about two hundred people standing at mass, which evidences our growth and will be considered as we plan for next year.
- Trustees noted the moving tribute at mass made in honour of a teacher that passed away. Further appreciation was given for the night of adoration organized for all GSCS staff, an event which was well organized and wonderfully received.

8.6 Committee/Partnership Reports

- For the reports from our committees and partnerships, the Chair recognized that many committees will have meetings upcoming in September and October.
- Trustees commented on events attended outside of committee meetings, such as the grand opening of the accessible playground at St. Anne's School.
- Trustee O. Fortosky extended the invitation to the Columbus Bosco Homes annual corn roast event in support of the Farm School Program, noting that all are welcome.

9.0 Committee of the Whole

Motion: Moved by Trustee B. Elliot that the Board move into committee at 3:31 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, for the public portion of the meeting to commence.

Motion: Moved by Trustee T. Jelinski that the Board move out of committee at 5:28 p.m.

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

9.2 Public Agenda Items

- The chair called for the meeting to move into committee, concluding the public portion of the meeting.

Motion: Moved by Trustee F. Possberg that the Board move into committee at 5:58 p.m.,

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

10.0 Closing Prayer

- Closing prayer was provided by Trustee M. Christopher at 5:57 p.m.

11.0 Adjournment

Motion: Moved by Trustee M. Christopher that the meeting be adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

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

Secretary **Chair**