

GREATER SASKATOON CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD

Monday, June 22, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.
Board Room

AGENDA

1. Call to Order - D. Boyko
2. Opening Prayer - Trustee Lambert
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Approval of the Minutes of the June 1, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Board
5. Delegations and Special Presentations
6. Post Meeting Assignments
7. 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.

8. Discussion/Decision
 - ★ 8.1 Accounts Paid April 1 - April 30, 2009 and Financial Statements for Period Ended April 30, 2009
 - 8.2 Fall Election
 - 8.3 Campaign Disclosure and Spending Limits
 - 8.4 Blairmore Operating Agreement
 - 8.5 Saskatchewan Educational Technology Association (SETA)
9. Correspondence
 - 9.1 Copies Enclosed
 - . Expressions of Gratitude - posted on Bulletin Board

- 9.2 Reading File
- 10. Reports and Good News
 - 10.1 Report of the Director of Education
 - 10.2 Board Activity
 - 10.3 Board Linkage
 - 10.4 Convention Reports
 - 10.5 Joint Operations Committee Report - Trustees Berscheid and Stus
 - 10.6 Catholic Faith Committee Report - Trustee Lambert
 - 10.7 Saskatchewan Catholic School Boards Association - Trustee Fortosky
 - 10.8 Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation - Trustees Lambert and Risling
 - 10.9 Saskatchewan School Boards Association
- 11. Committee of the Whole
- 12. Closing Prayer -Trustee Lambert
- 13. Adjournment and Sign of Peace

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ST. PAUL'S
R.C.S.S.D. #20 HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM AT 7:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2009**

PRESENT: Chair Boyko, Trustees Berscheid, Boechler, Carriere,
Carruthers, Fortosky, Lambert, Risling, Stus, Wesolowski

ALSO: Director of Education Hanson
Superintendent of Administrative Services Dr. Lloyd
Superintendent of Education McAuliffe (Secretary to the
Board)
Superintendents of Education Bitz, Boutin, Martell
Assistant Superintendent of Education Coffin
Communications Consultant Hoffman

The meeting was called to order by Chair Boyko at 7:00 p.m.

The opening prayer was led by Trustee Carruthers.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Moved by Trustees Lambert and Risling that the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Moved by Trustees Berscheid and Fortosky that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of April 20, 2009 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Representatives Emily Alston-O'Connor and Roanne Kosokowsky from Room for Improvement Youth Development Inc. (RFIYD), a youth for youth, not for profit Saskatoon-based organization made a presentation to the Board. One of RFIYD's projects identified was raising money for a Rwandan orphanage.

CONSENT ITEMS

- Motion: Moved by Trustees Risling and Boechler that the following consent agenda items be received and recommendations be approved as presented:
- . Accounts Paid March 1 - March 31, 2009 and Financial Statements for Period Ended March 31, 2009
 - . Learning Activities Outside the Province: December 1, 2008 - May 31, 2009

CARRIED

8. Discussion/Decision

8.3 Proposed Land Exchange - St. Mary Elementary School

- Motion: Moved by Trustees Boechler and Carriere that subject to the approval of the Ministry of Learning the Board of Education authorize the Administration to undertake the necessary steps to enter into an agreement for the sale of land to accommodate the new St. Mary Community School in accordance with the approved Concept Plan and Site Plan for St. Mary Community School.

CARRIED

8.4 St. Mary School - Potential Legacy Items and Strategies

- Motion: Moved by Trustees Fortosky and Lambert that the Board of Education refer the report to the St. Mary Legacy Committee for further review and discussion.

CARRIED

[Trustee Wesolowski left the meeting at 8:00 P.M.]

8.5 School Division 2009 Mill Rate - Bylaw 2009

- Motion: Moved by Trustees Risling and Fortosky that the Board of Education of the St. Paul's R.C.S.S.D. No. 20, in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

In accordance with sections 288 and 288.1 of The Education Act, 1995 and section 73 of The Education Regulations, 1986:

This bylaw serves to advise the Ministry of Education that the aforementioned school division will be 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 provincial education property tax mill rates as set by the Lieutenant Governor in Council for the 2009 taxation year.

This bylaw comes into force and takes effect on the date of passage.

CARRIED

[Trustee Wesolowski re-entered the meeting at 8:05 P.M.]

8.6 HCI Design Plan

Motion: Moved by Trustees Berscheid and Stus that the Board of Education approve the Humboldt Collegiate Institute Design Plan and preliminary budget estimate as presented.

CARRIED

8.7 Schedule of Board Meetings

Motion: Moved by Trustees Carruthers and Boechler that the Board of Education approve the schedule of meetings up to and including the Organizational Meeting of the Board. Following the election, the newly installed Board will set the remainder of meetings for the school year.

Mon., August 24, 2009	Regular	7:00 p.m.
Mon., September 14, 2009	Planning	12:00 Noon
Mon., September 28, 2009	Regular	7:00 p.m.
Mon., October 19, 2009	Planning	12:00 Noon
Wed., October 21, 2009	Election Forum	7:00 p.m.
Mon., October 26, 2009	Regular	7:00 p.m.
Wed., October 28, 2009	Election Day	-
Mon., Nov. 2, 2009	Organizational Meeting of the Board	12:00 Noon

CARRIED

8.8 SSSAD Trustee Representative

Motion: Moved by Trustees Carruthers and Risling that the Board of Education appoint Chair Boyko as the trustee representative to the SHSAA Annual General Meeting scheduled June 17 - 20, 2009.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Trustee Boechler that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Secretary

Chair



5. Delegations and Special Presentations

YAS - Dennis Hall has requested to make a presentation to the Board of Education.



8. Discussion/Decision

8.1 Accounts Paid - April 1 - April 30, 2009

Accounts paid by cheque and electronic funds transfer for the period April 1 - April 30, 2009 are as detailed:

Operating Account	\$ 6,881,130.69
US Account	29,997.39
Payroll Account	<u>6,398,839.97</u>
	\$13,309,968.05

It should be noted that full particulars of account payments are available for review at anytime.

The Statements of Financial Position and Financial Activities and Fund Balances have been prepared in accordance with The Education Act, 1995, using accounting principles prescribed by Saskatchewan Learning and are considered appropriate for Saskatchewan School Divisions.

Recommendation:

That the Board of Education approve the accounts paid for the period April 1, 2009 to April 30, 2009 and receive the financial statements for the period ended April 30, 2009.

St. Paul's R.C.S.S.D. No. 20
Statement of Financial Activities and Fund Balances

For the Period from September 1, 2008 to April 30, 2009

	Operating Fund	Capital Fund	Other Funds	Current Pd Consolidated	Current Pd Budget	Budget Remaining
Revenue						
Property Taxation	30,470,645			30,470,645	51,397,540	20,926,895
Grants	57,075,746	14,464		57,090,210	73,486,777	16,396,567
Tuition and Related Fees	651,247			651,247	1,345,969	694,723
School Based	3,026,165			3,026,165	3,347,190	321,026
Other	506,556		48,628	555,185	577,319	22,134
Complementary Services	2,242,687			2,242,687	2,453,803	211,116
External Services	3,656,149			3,656,149	4,457,427	801,278
Total Revenues	97,629,195	14,464	48,628	97,692,287	137,066,025	39,373,738
Expenditures						
Governance	399,207			399,207	728,900	329,694
Administration	907,904		131,291	1,039,195	1,365,806	326,610
Instruction	78,783,670	112,331		78,896,001	97,004,370	18,108,369
Plant	8,314,527	2,253,023		10,567,551	26,843,807	16,276,256
Transportation	2,830,621			2,830,621	3,374,055	543,435
Tuition and Related Fees	5,099			5,099	228,145	223,045
School Based	2,569,579			2,569,579	3,314,777	745,198
Interest and Bank Charges	4,206	211,295		215,501	509,436	293,935
Complementary Services	984,203			984,203	3,375,839	2,391,636
External Services	3,591,924	12,212		3,604,136	4,630,134	1,025,998
Total Expenditures	98,390,942	2,588,861	131,291	101,111,094	141,375,269	40,264,175
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenditure	-761,747	-2,574,397	-82,663	-3,418,807	-4,309,244	-890,437
Interfund Transfers to (from)						
for Capital Expenditures	-1,557,898	1,557,898			5,204,480	5,204,480
for Debt Repayment						
for Reserves						
for Trust Funds	-83,692		83,692		-23,236	-23,236
Excess (Deficiency) after Interfund Transfers	-2,403,337	-1,016,499	1,029	-3,418,807	872,000	4,290,807
Long Term Capital Debt Issued						
Long Term Capital Debt Repaid					-872,000	-872,000
Surplus (Deficit) for the Year	-2,403,337	-1,016,499	1,029	-3,418,807	0	3,418,807
Opening Fund Balances	1,008,752		10,612,197	11,620,950		-11,620,950
Closing Fund Balances	-1,394,585	-1,016,499	10,613,226	8,202,143	0	-8,202,143

St. Paul's R.C.S.S.D. No. 20
Statement of Financial Position

For the Period from September 1, 2008 to April 30, 2009

	Operating Fund	Capital Fund	Other Funds	Current Period Total	Prior Period Total
Financial Assets					
Cash	5,846,918			5,846,918	9,966,673
Short Term Investments			56,100	56,100	56,100
Taxes Receivable	5,695,574			5,695,574	4,515,642
Provincial Grants Receivable		961,676		961,676	
Other Recievables	1,759,153		1,513	1,760,666	720,151
Prepaid Items	586,100			586,100	550,350
Inventories					
Long Term Investments					
Other Assets					
Interfund Debt Receivable			10,555,613	10,555,613	8,687,868
Total Financial Assets	13,887,746	961,676	10,613,226	25,462,648	24,496,785
Liabilities					
Bank Indebtedness					
Provincial Grant Overpayment	331,273			331,273	
Other Payables	6,008,461			6,008,461	6,699,438
Short Term Loans					
Debentures					
Capital Loans		7,918,000		7,918,000	8,780,000
Other Long Term Debt					
Other Liabilities	1,015,159			1,015,159	274,617
Interfund Debt Payable	7,927,437	2,628,175		10,555,612	8,687,868
Total Liabilities	15,282,330	10,546,175		25,828,505	24,441,922
Net Financial Assets	-1,394,585	-9,584,499	10,613,226	-365,857	54,862
Physical Assets		148,858,827		148,858,827	144,339,657
Net Assets	-1,394,585	139,274,328	10,613,226	148,492,970	144,394,519
Equity in Physical Assets		140,290,826		140,290,826	134,933,417
Fund Balances	-1,394,585	-1,016,498	10,613,226	8,202,143	9,461,102
School Position	-1,394,585	139,274,328	10,613,226	148,492,970	144,394,519



8.2 Fall Election

Board Priority:

- Building Relationships and Partnerships
- Promoting Stewardship

Presented By: Superintendent D. Lloyd

Background Information:

The Board of Education will recall that the school board and municipal election will be held on October 28, 2009. The Returning Officer and Polling Stations for Subdivision 1, Subdivision 2 and Subdivision 3 are to be approved by the Board of Education prior to the election.

Recommendation:

Be it resolved that the Returning Officer for the October 28, 2009 School Board Election pertaining to Subdivision 1, Subdivision 2 and Subdivision 3 for the St. Paul's Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 20 of Saskatchewan be Ronald W. Walter; in accordance with section 28 of the Local Government Election Act.

Be it resolved that the Returning Officer be authorized to make the necessary decisions required to conduct the election in accordance with section 28 of the Local Government Election Act.

Be it resolved that the Polling Stations for Subdivision 1, Subdivision 2 and Subdivision 3 for the October 28, 2009 School Board Election pertaining to St. Paul's Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 20 of Saskatchewan be accepted as set out in Schedule "A" attached; and in accordance with Section 17 of the Local Government Election Act.

Schedule A - Polling Station Location

Humboldt

Advance Poll 1 - Humboldt Uniplex
Highway 5 West
Humboldt, Saskatchewan

Advance Poll 2 - Royal Canadian Legion Hall
324 - Main Street
Humboldt, Saskatchewan

Poll 1 - Humboldt Uniplex
Highway 5 West
Humboldt, Saskatchewan

Poll 2 - Royal Canadian Legion Hall
324 - Main Street
Humboldt, Saskatchewan

Biggar

Advance Poll 1 - New Horizons Senior Complex
117 - 3rd Ave West
Biggar, Saskatchewan

Poll 1 - Community Centre
New Horizons Senior Complex
117 - 3rd Ave West
Biggar, Saskatchewan

Saskatoon Rural

Advance Poll 1 - Aberdeen School
Advance Poll 2 - Clavet School
Advance Poll 3 - South Corman Park School
Advance Poll 4 - St. Alphonse School, Viscount

Poll 1 - Aberdeen School
Poll 2 - Clavet School
Poll 3 - South Corman Park School
Poll 4 - St. Alphonse School, Viscount

8.3 Campaign Disclosure and Spending Limits

Board Priority:

- Building Relationships and Partnerships
- Promoting Stewardship

Presented By: Superintendent D. Lloyd

Background Information:

Following the 2006 election where several municipal candidates did not submit their disclosure statements as required in the bylaw, City Council requested that the Province amend legislation to require candidates to submit the disclosure prior to the return of the nomination fee. The City also made a change to its bylaw after the 2006 election, to require that candidates, if their Statement of Election Expenses/Contributions indicated a surplus, to disclose in their Statutory Declaration how the surplus funds would be used.

With work on the revised Candidate's Information Package now underway and to ensure consistency in the application of the disclosure requirements for municipal and school division candidates the Board of Education will need to consider amendments to its current policy regarding Campaign Disclosure and Spending Limits.

Recommendation:

That the Board of Education approve the following amendments to the Campaign Disclosure and Spending Limits as outlined.

Amendment A - Additional Clause 10.1

10.1 A deposit submitted by a candidate for a member of the Board pursuant to section 46.1 of The Local Government Election Act shall not be returned to the candidate unless the candidate and the candidate's business manager have complied with the provisions of this Bylaw.

Amendment B - Revision to Schedule A

3. That I intend to use the surplus as follows:

- ***Personal Use***
- ***Charitable Donation - Specify:***
- ***Other - Specify:***
- ***N/A***

8.4 Blairmore Operating Agreement

Board Priority:

- Building Relationships and Partnerships
- Promoting Stewardship

Presented By: Superintendent D. Lloyd

Background Information:

The City of Saskatoon, Saskatoon Public School Division and Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools (the Partners) has completed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) through which programs, activities, and services are offered at the newly constructed buildings and outdoor facilities in the Blairmore Multi-District Park/School Site. This Memorandum forms the basis from which the Partners will work together to provide a destination centre, built of partnerships and community values, offering programs, activities and services in a diverse and inclusive setting, for all residents of Saskatoon.

A Program Management and Operations Committee (the Committee) has been established to provide leadership and policy direction for the operations of the Blairmore Integrated Facility and to ensure maximum efficiency and effectiveness in carrying out the programs and services.

The Committee has equal representation from the Partners and where appropriate consults with tenants, leaseholders, community groups, and others.

The Committee is responsible for:

- Issues related to programs, activities, and services to be offered to the public, and in particular for ensuring that said programs, activities, and services meet the needs of the clients and Parties, satisfy the mandates of each of the Parties, and are appropriate to the intended use of the facilities.
- Within the bounds of future agreement(s), providing leadership and policy direction for the operations of the Destination Centre in general, but in particular the new facilities and services shall ensure maximum efficiency and effectiveness in carrying out the programs and services.
- The administration of the operating agreements, which will include details specific to lifecycle, operating efficiencies, and applicable use.

- Collaborating, where practical, in the purchasing of goods and contracting of services to capitalize on economies of scale and avoid duplication of resources and services (i.e. common contracted snow removal services, insurance, advertising, etc.)

The Blairmore Integrated Facility Operating Agreement (Agreement) represents the legal document that outlines each partner's role and responsibility to oversee the joint operations of the integrated facility. Saskatoon Public School Division (SPSD) and City of Saskatoon are presenting a report to their respective elected officials seeking approval of the operating agreement at their respective June meetings. An overview of the main parts of the Agreement that has been negotiated by the Administration is as follows:

1. Introduction and Purpose

The "Introductory" section of the Agreement describes the background and history behind the forming of the partnership between the Partners. Specifically, this section references the Memorandum of Understanding between the partners that formed the basis for the Partners working together to provide programs and services at the Blairmore Integrated Facility. This section identifies the need to establish a Program Management and Operations Committee to provide leadership and policy direction for the operations of the joint facility. The "Purpose" section identifies Program Service Delivery Principles, agreed to by the Partners, in order to deliver programs in a coordinated and collaborative approach for the public good.

2. Part III - Terms and Conditions between GSCS, the City and SPSP

This section outlines the Partner responsibility and cost share arrangements to clean and maintain the common corridor, auxiliary gyms located in Bethlehem Catholic High School and Tommy Douglas Collegiate, the main servery, and cost share arrangement for the maintenance of the facility grounds, parking lot, and service road. This section also outlines the necessary steps to avoid scheduling conflicts when preparing an auxiliary gym program schedule each season. A summary of the responsibility and cost share arrangements for these areas are:

Connecting Corridor

- The City will clean and maintain the connecting corridor on behalf of the Partners and, in exchange, GSCS and SPSP have agreed to clean the City's portion of the auxiliary gym located in Bethlehem Catholic High School and Tommy Douglas Collegiate.

- The cost share arrangement for each Partner is based on the capital construction cost share of 50% City and 25% for both the GSCS and SPSD. However, the City has agreed to maintain the Catholic School corridor portion (25%) and, in exchange, GSCS will maintain the City's share (50%) of the auxiliary gym located in Bethlehem High School.
- Connecting corridor utilities costs will be shared by the Partners based on the capital construction cost share of 50% City and 25% for both GSCS and SPSD.

Auxiliary Gyms

- GSCS will clean and maintain the City's share (50%) of the auxiliary gym located in Bethlehem Catholic High School, as noted above. The City has agreed to pay a one-time capital payment of \$8,500 in exchange for the Catholic Division being responsible for all costs associated with the general and major (capital) maintenance of these change rooms. The City will also contribute 25% of the Catholic Division cost to clean these change rooms.
- The City will maintain the auxiliary gym located in Tommy Douglas Collegiate, which the SPSD will contribute fifty percent (50%) toward this cost. The SPSD has agreed to clean the City's portion of this auxiliary gym.
- The Partners will equally share (50/50) the utility cost for the auxiliary gym located in Bethlehem Catholic High School and Tommy Douglas Collegiate.

Fitness Area

- GSCS is not affected by this section.

Grounds and Service Road

- The Partners have agreed the Blairmore Integrated Facility grounds will be maintained by the City of Saskatoon, Infrastructure Service, and Parks Branch. GSCS and SPSD will jointly negotiate an annual fee with the City to carry out the parks maintenance on school property. The Partners will equally share (1/3 each) in the cost to clean and maintain the service road located to the north of the integrated facility.

Program Scheduling

- To avoid auxiliary gym scheduling conflicts and to maximize efficient and effective use of program space, the Partners have agreed the auxiliary gyms, multipurpose room (City), meeting room (City), and school community room (Bethlehem Catholic High School and Tommy Douglas Collegiate) spaces shall be utilized for the delivery of partner programs.

The City has agreed to book the auxiliary gyms on behalf of the Partners to avoid rental conflicts.

3. Part IV - Terms and Conditions between the City and SPSD

GSCS is not affected by this section.

4. Part V - Reciprocal Use of Activity Space

This section recognizes that the Blairmore Integrated Facility is a public resource to serve the community and to maximize the use of public facilities during non-peak periods. The school divisions agree that in exchange for access to the aquatic facilities, the City and community organizations will have reciprocal use to the Home Economics Room and Industrial Arts Room in each school.

5. Part VI - Operating Cost Billing and Compensation

This section of the Agreement outlines the billing process and compensation method that the City, GSCS, and SPSD will follow. The Partners have agreed that the Partner providing the service is responsible to supply monthly invoices, unless otherwise stated in the Agreement, and include copies of statements specifying the services provided.

6. Part VII - Major (Capital) Maintenance

This section deals with monetary contributions to the City of Saskatoon's Comprehensive Maintenance Reserve (CBCM Reserve) in order to finance the cost of major repairs and lifecycle replacement to Blairmore Integrated Facility building components and infrastructure. The City and SPSD will contribute to the City's reserve for its share of the common corridor, auxiliary gym, fitness room, and servery. The City will contribute the GSCS share for the corridor and, in exchange, the GSCS will perform all major capital repairs and ongoing maintenance work to the auxiliary gym located in Bethlehem Catholic High School. The GSCS will contribute to the reserve for its share of the main servery building components and equipment.

7. Part VIII - General Terms and Conditions

Within the Agreement there are general terms and conditions that have been agreed to by the City, GSCS, and SPSD. These terms and conditions are intended to deal with matters and affairs common to all three partners regarding the operation of the Blairmore Integrated Facility.

Recommendation:

That the Board of Education approve the Blairmore Integrated Facility Operations Agreement as presented.



8.5 Saskatchewan Educational Technology Association (SETA)

Board Priority:

- Building Relationships and Partnerships
- Promoting Stewardship

Presented by: Superintendent B. Bitz

Background Information:

The Educational Technology Consortium (ETC) was established in 2001 as an informal education sector committee to provide leadership and coordination support to the Ministry of Education and school divisions. The ETC recommended that a Non-Profit Corporation be established to replace the ETC. SETA Inc is the result.

The purpose of SETA Inc. is to provide leadership and coordination among school divisions to facilitate the achievement of common educational technology interests and solutions including the following:

- a. to coordinate planning and priority setting among Members and educational technology partners, provide support for new initiatives, and share resources and capacity.
- b. to provide a Members' hub for on-line learning including facilitating registration, establishing course standards, ensuring maintenance, and providing for course development.
- c. to assist Members to integrate technology effectively as a component of the learning program and as an administrative support.
- d. to engage Members in planning, building and supporting technology development including negotiating copyright agreements and approved resource lists to support course development, facilitating group purchase of software and hardware, and coordinating data ware-housing and transfer.
- e. to facilitate Member, private sector and government cooperation and joint working relationships including negotiation of partnerships with private sector partners.

- f. to research, document and provide advice for Members on new developments and initiatives, best practices and related opportunities to improve knowledge, understanding and to build capacity.

The purpose of this report to the Board of Education of Greater Saskatoon Catholic School Division is two-fold. First, this provides administration the opportunity to inform the Board of Education as to the activity of this group within the provincial educational context. Second, there is a need to seek Board of Education direction on two matters; membership in SETA and representation at SETA.

The first motion would provide for membership in SETA Inc.

Be it resolved that the Greater Saskatoon Catholic Board of Education join Saskatchewan Corporation No. 101143860 to be named the Saskatchewan Educational Technology Association Inc. as of September 1, 2009.

A second motion would provide for the Director of Education, or another employee of the Board of Education named by the Director of Education, to be the Board's Representative Delegate. Only Representative Delegates may be elected to the Board of Directors although either the Director of Education or Representative Delegate may vote at the Annual Meeting.

Be it resolved that the Director of Education, or another employee of the Board of Education named by the Director of Education, be the Representative Delegate of the Board of Education to the Saskatchewan Educational Technology Association Inc.

Recommendation:

That the Board of Education approve both membership in and Director of Education appointed representation at SETA Inc.

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

1. The Saskatoon Teachers' Association Banquet to honour its members who are superannuating was held on June 12. Trustees Risling, Wesolowski and I were honoured to represent the Board of Education in thanking our teachers for their years of service.
2. The annual Pleasant Hill Pow-Wow took place at St. Mary School on June 12. A highlight of the day was the media event announcing the \$500,000 donation made by Potash Corp to the new St. Mary School walking/running track. Thanks to Potash Corp!
3. Students, staff and community at Georges Vanier Catholic School celebrated the launch of the 'Rideau Canal Connections Project'. This project connects two provinces, two schools and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Kindergarten to Grade 8 students at Georges Vanier Catholic School in Saskatoon and students at Vincent Massey School in Ottawa created a historical advertising campaign that is appearing on buses in Saskatoon, Ottawa and Kingston. Congratulations to Monique Martin who facilitated the project.
4. Film maker Idol at S. Angela School was a resounding success. Teacher Curtis Wagner and his grade 6 and 7 class produced four videos each of which promoted a Gospel value. The videos touched on issues such as bullying, illiteracy and poverty. St. Angela students from Mr. Wagner's class won two awards at the Flicks International Film Festival. Their video entitled 'The Scanner' won the Sask Film Award for Best Live Action Short and also received the Peoples' Choice Award. Congratulations!