

# GREATER SASKATOON CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD

Monday, March 1, 2010 – 7:00 P.M.  
Board Room

### AGENDA

1. Call to Order - Chair Boyko
2. Opening Prayer - Trustee Risling
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Approval of the Minutes of the January 25, 2010 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 December 1 - 31, 2009 and Financial Statements for Period Ended December 31, 2009
  - ★ 8.2 Educational Leave Priorities
  - ★ 8.3 Continuous Improvement Framework Report 2008 - 2009
  - 8.4 Appointments to Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation Board
  - 8.5 Annual Meeting of Electors Summary Report
  - 8.6 Budget Principles, Guidelines and Calendar
  - 8.7 Building Relationships and Partnerships Monitoring Report
  - 8.8 Catholic School Community Councils Liaison Report

- 8.9 Saskatoon Teachers' Association Convention
- 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 Risling
- 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, JANUARY 25,  
2010**

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PRESENT: Chair Boyko, Trustees Boechler, Carriere, Fortosky,  
Lambert(by conference call), 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, Chatlain, Martell,  
Weninger  
Assistant Superintendent of Education Coffin  
Communications Consultant Hoffman

ABSENT WITH PERMISSION DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER:  
Trustees Berscheid and Carruthers

The meeting was called to order by Chair Boyko at 7:05 p.m.

The opening prayer was led by Trustee Lambert.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion: Moved by Trustees Carriere and Boechler that the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of January 11, 2010 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**CONSENT ITEMS**

Motion: Moved by Trustees Risling and Fortosky that the following consent agenda items be received and recommendations be approved as presented:

- . Accounts Paid September 1 - 30, 2009, October 1 - 31, 2009, and November 1 - 30, 2009 and Financial Statements for Periods Ended September 30, 2009, October 31, 2009, and November 30, 2009
- . Public Accounts Statement

**CARRIED**

8. Discussion/Decision

8.3 Academic Year: Saskatoon Schools

Motion: Moved by Trustees Stus and Carriere that the Board of Education approve the proposed academic year for St. Paul's R.C.S.S.D. # 20 - Saskatoon pending the Minister's announcement of school days for the 2010 - 2011 school year.

**CARRIED**

8.4 Board Faith Formation Retreat

Motion: Moved by Trustees Risling and Fortosky that the Board of Education set March 28 and March 29 as proposed dates for a Board Faith Formation and Planning Retreat.

**CARRIED**

8.5 School Division Nutrition Policy

Motion: Moved by Trustees Boechler and Fortosky that the Board of Education receive this report as information.

**CARRIED**

8.6 Attendance at Saskatchewan School Boards Association Members' Council Meeting February 25 and 26, 2010

Motion: Moved by Trustees Boechler and Risling that the Board of Education name Trustee Fortosky as its trustee representative at the Saskatchewan School Boards Association Members' Council meeting on February 25 and 26, 2010.

**CARRIED**

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

**CARRIED**

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

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**CARRIED**

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**Secretary**

**Chair**



5. Delegations and Special Presentation: Speak Out Saskatoon! (SOS)

Presented by: Superintendent J. McAuliffe, R. Sondershausen, along with students from E.D. Feehan Catholic High School and Holy Cross High School

Background Information:

Students from Catholic and public high schools across Saskatoon met on November 23, 2009 and discussed issues faced by youth within their schools and the entire community. Emphasis was placed on the topic of safety within schools and the entire community.

Students were encouraged and empowered by guest speaker Winston Blake to use Speak Out Saskatoon as an opportunity to find innovative solutions to make their schools and Saskatoon a better, safer place. The students presented their questions and vision of a safe community to a panel of superintendents and the police chief for comments and action.

The goals for the day can be summarized as follows:

- Provide an opportunity for students from high schools across Saskatoon to meet and discuss issues faced by youth.
- Emphasize the topic of safety within schools and the entire community.
- Create an opportunity for students to learn from one another and find innovative solutions to make our community a better place.
- Empower students and give them the confidence to use their voice.
- Create a vision for what safe schools and a safe city would look like.

Student delegates who were in attendance at the forum will provide the Board of Education with an overview of the day and the outcomes that resulted from it.



8.1 Accounts Paid December 1 - December 31, 2009 and Financial Statements for Period Ended December 31, 2009

Presented by: Superintendent of Administrative Services D. Lloyd

Background Information:

Accounts paid by cheque and electronic funds transfer for the period December 1 - December 31, 2009 are as detailed:

Operating Account	\$ 8,715,153.02
US Account	3,521.63
Payroll Account	<u>7,039,541.71</u>
	\$15,758,216.36

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

Recommendation:

***That the Board of Education approve the accounts paid for the period December 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009 and receive the financial statements for Period Ended December 31, 2009.***

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

For the Period from September 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009

	Operating Fund	Capital Fund	Other Funds	Current Pd Consolidated	Current Pd Budget	Budget Remaining
<b>Revenue</b>						
Property Taxation	14,879,994			14,879,994	42,115,842	27,235,848
Grants	24,968,485	81,962		25,050,447	79,187,404	54,136,957
Tuition and Related Fees	376,364			376,364	1,336,663	960,299
School Generated Funds	1,938,042			1,938,042	3,647,544	1,709,502
Complementary Services	919,471			919,471	2,097,953	1,178,482
External Services	1,846,563			1,846,563	4,638,554	2,791,992
Other	242,964		-548	242,416	391,765	149,349
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>45,171,883</b>	<b>81,962</b>	<b>-548</b>	<b>45,253,297</b>	<b>133,415,725</b>	<b>88,162,428</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>						
Governance	199,195			199,195	742,343	543,148
Administration	416,805			416,805	1,410,512	993,706
Instruction	39,074,902	22,000		39,096,902	102,815,525	63,718,623
Plant	3,829,137	1,017,944		4,847,080	12,383,858	7,536,777
Transportation	1,461,045			1,461,045	4,106,254	2,645,209
Tuition and Related Fees	17,032			17,032	228,145	211,113
School Generated Funds	1,213,598			1,213,598	3,524,350	2,310,752
Complementary Services	509,775			509,775	3,115,629	2,605,854
External Services	1,671,587	103,808		1,775,395	4,798,349	3,022,954
Interest and Bank Charges	1,920	62,805		64,724	465,495	400,770
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>48,394,995</b>	<b>1,206,556</b>		<b>49,601,551</b>	<b>133,590,458</b>	<b>83,988,907</b>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenditure</b>	<b>-3,223,112</b>	<b>-1,124,594</b>	<b>-548</b>	<b>-4,348,254</b>	<b>-174,733</b>	<b>4,173,521</b>
Interfund Transfers to (from)						
for Capital Expenditures	-359,840	359,840				
for Debt Repayment						
for Reserves					174,733	174,733
for Trust Funds	-548		548			
<b>Excess (Deficiency) after Interfund Transfers</b>	<b>-3,583,500</b>	<b>-764,754</b>		<b>-4,348,254</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,348,254</b>
Long Term Capital Debt Issued						
Long Term Capital Debt Repaid						
<b>Surplus (Deficit) for the Year</b>	<b>-3,583,500</b>	<b>-764,754</b>		<b>-4,348,254</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,348,254</b>
Opening Fund Balances	81,916	1	6,311,350	6,393,266		-6,393,266
<b>Closing Fund Balances</b>	<b>-3,501,585</b>	<b>-764,753</b>	<b>6,311,350</b>	<b>2,045,012</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-2,045,012</b>

**St. Paul's R.C.S.S.D. No. 20**

Statement of Financial Position

For the Period from September 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009

	<b>Operating Fund</b>	<b>Capital Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Current Period Total</b>	<b>Prior Period Total</b>
<b>Financial Assets</b>					
Cash	11,599,678			11,599,678	8,332,881
Short Term Investments			56,100	56,100	56,100
Taxes Receivable	1,909,440			1,909,440	3,396,254
Provincial Grants Receivable		500,836		500,836	1,867,944
Other Receivables	1,002,588		1,571	1,004,159	2,113,671
Inventories For Sale					
Long Term Investments					
Other Assets					
Interfund Debt Receivable			6,253,680	6,253,680	10,555,613
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>	<b>14,511,706</b>	<b>500,836</b>	<b>6,311,350</b>	<b>21,323,893</b>	<b>26,322,463</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Bank Indebtedness					
Provincial Grant Overpayment	3,824,386			3,824,386	331,273
Other Payables	4,986,008			4,986,008	6,246,770
Short Term Loans					
Debentures					
Capital Loans		7,472,000		7,472,000	8,354,000
Other Long Term Debt		668,517		668,517	
Accrued Employee Future Benefits	3,323,500			3,323,500	
Other Liabilities	456,225			456,225	1,015,159
Interfund Debt Payable	5,616,720	636,959		6,253,679	10,555,612
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>18,206,839</b>	<b>8,777,476</b>		<b>26,984,315</b>	<b>26,502,815</b>
<b>Net Financial Assets</b>	<b>-3,695,133</b>	<b>-8,276,639</b>	<b>6,311,350</b>	<b>-5,660,422</b>	<b>-180,351</b>
<b>Non-Financial Assets</b>					
Physical Assets		154,107,449		154,107,449	148,858,827
Prepaid Items	193,548			193,548	177,479
<b>Total Non Financial Assets</b>	<b>193,548</b>	<b>154,107,449</b>		<b>154,300,997</b>	<b>149,036,306</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>-3,501,585</b>	<b>145,830,809</b>	<b>6,311,350</b>	<b>148,640,575</b>	<b>148,855,955</b>
Equity in Physical Assets		146,595,563		146,595,563	140,290,826
Fund Balances	-3,501,585	-764,753	6,311,350	2,045,012	8,565,128
<b>School Position</b>	<b>-3,501,585</b>	<b>145,830,809</b>	<b>6,311,350</b>	<b>148,640,575</b>	<b>148,855,955</b>



## 8.2 Educational Leave Priorities

### Board Priority:

- Improving Student Learning and Achievement
- Promoting Stewardship

Presented by: Superintendent A. Boutin

### Background Information:

Each year, in accordance with our LINC Agreement the Director of Education announces Division Priorities for Education Leave Awards. Applications for Education Leave are accepted during the month of February. Applicants are to receive written notification of the acceptance or rejection of the application by April. 1. A copy of the 2010/2011 Educational Leave Priorities is attached.

### Recommendation:

***That the Board of Education receive the report as information.***



DATE: January 29, 2010

TO: School Principals  
STA Reps  
Coordinators

FROM: Bev Hanson  
Director of Education

**RE: 2010-2011 PRIORITIES FOR EDUCATIONAL LEAVE AWARDS**

In accordance with the Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools LINC Agreement, Article 4.7.4, the Director of Education is required to communicate annually the priorities for Educational Leave Awards.

For 2010-2011 the selection committee will utilize an outcomes-based approach to adjudicate award applications. The granting of awards will be based primarily upon the potential to support the realization of Board Goals and Priorities (attached). Applicants will be required to articulate anticipated outcomes as they pertain to Board Goals and Priorities.

While not wanting to limit creative and/or innovative approaches to achieving Board Goals and Priorities through the granting of Educational Leaves, Executive Council has identified the following target areas:

- Effective Teaching Practices Research
- Course work leading to Special Education Teacher Certification
- Improving Participation and Outcomes for First Nations & Métis Students
- Enhancing French Education Supports
- Assessment for Learning
- Cree Language Instruction
- Early Childhood Education
- English as an Additional Language

Applications for Educational Leave must be received by February 28, 2010. All applicants will receive notice of the acceptance or rejection of the application on or before April 1, 2010.

**All applicants are to submit their proposal on the Application for Educational Leave Award form which can be found on our website.**



### 8.3 Continuous Improvement Framework Report 2008 - 2009

#### Board Priority

- Celebrating Catholic Education
- Improving Student Learning and Achievement
- Promoting Stewardship

Presented by: Superintendent G. Chatlain and Assistant Superintendent C. Coffin

#### Background Information:

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools is at the point in the strategic planning cycle when we generate a public report on progress during the 2008-2009 academic year. The CIF Report 2008-2009 was delivered at the Annual Meeting of Electors on February 8, 2010. The report is available at: [http://canaveral.scs.sk.ca/board\\_information/documents/CIF\\_Report\\_2008\\_2009.pdf](http://canaveral.scs.sk.ca/board_information/documents/CIF_Report_2008_2009.pdf) and the appropriate staff at the Ministry of Education has been made aware of the report's availability.

#### Recommendation:

***That the Board of Education receive this as information.***



#### 8.4 Appointments to Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation Board

Board Priority:

- Building Relationships and Partnerships

Presented by: Director of Education B. Hanson

Background Information:

Each year the Board appoints two trustees to the Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation Board.

Recommendation:

***That the Board of Education appoint two trustees to the Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation Board.***



## 8.5 Annual Meeting of Electors Summary Report

### Board Priority:

- Celebrating Catholic Identity
- Improving Student Learning and Achievement
- Building Relationships and Partnerships
- Promoting Stewardship

Presented by: Superintendent J. McAuliffe

### Background Information:

Attached is a summary of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting of Electors held at St. Angela School at 7:00 p.m. on Monday February 8, 2010. This summary will be circulated to all Catholic School Community Councils as required by *The Education Act*.

### Recommendation:

***That the Board of Education receive the information.***

**MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS OF ST. PAUL'S R.C.S.S.D. #20 HELD AT SAINT ANGELA SCHOOL AT 7:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, February 8, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Bev Hanson, Director of Education.

Alexa Saleski led the singing of O Canada.

The opening prayer was led by Father Beechinor.

In accordance with Section 97(6) of the Education Act, A. Risling nominated D. Boyko as chairperson of the meeting.

There being no further nominations, D. Boyko assumed the chair.

J. Carruthers nominated J. McAuliffe as secretary of the meeting.

There being no further nominations, J. McAuliffe assumed the role of secretary of the meeting.

**Report of the Chair of the Board of Education**

Chair Boyko began her report by introducing Board members in attendance at the meeting: Jim Carriere, Jennifer Carruthers representing Biggar, Tom Fortosky, Lisa Lambert, Alice Risling and Fred Wesolowski. Regrets were sent from Wayne Stus representing rural Saskatchewan, Debbie Berscheid representing Humboldt, and Ron Boechler.

Chair Boyko thanked community members for their input and participation in the development of the school division's new mission statement:

*Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools: a welcoming community where we nurture faith, encourage excellence in learning and inspire students to serve others, making the world a better place.*

Chair Boyko spoke to three of the Board of Education's priorities: Celebrating Catholic Identity, Improving Student Learning and Achievement, Building Relationships and Partnerships, and Promoting Stewardship.

In her remarks, Chair Boyko highlighted the new construction slated for St. Mary Community School in Saskatoon and the construction of Humboldt Collegiate Institute in Humboldt. Chair Boyko also spoke to the numerous efforts made to maintain partnerships with the school division's partners. With respect to promoting stewardship, Chair Boyko outlined some of the challenges around provincial government funding given there is no defined funding mechanism in place at this time. The minister of

education has indicated this challenging situation may continue for two years. This is a concern for the Board of Education.

Chair Boyko concluded her remarks by thanking parents, community members and staff for their commitment to Catholic education.

There were no questions of the chair.

Motion: Moved by Trustees Fortosky and Carriere to approve the report of the Chair of the Board, D. Boyko.

## **CARRIED**

### **Report of the Treasurer for the School Division**

Superintendent Lloyd presented the treasurer's reports at the annual meeting of electors.

#### **Financial Statement - September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009**

The school division ended the year with a consolidated deficit of \$1,910,759, which was realized on revenues of \$135,975,930, expenditures of \$136,869,992, reduction of capital lease obligations of \$144,697 and capital debt repayment of \$872,000.

Actual revenue was under budgeted revenue by \$1,099,764. The major factors contributing to the overall budget variance were in increases in department grants of \$2,382,159, external services of \$49,931, school-based funds of \$595,277 complementary services of \$397,663, and other revenue of \$548,536 with decrease in tuition and related fees of \$103,107 and tax revenue of \$4,970,223.

Actual expenditure was under budgeted expenditure by \$4,344,616. The major factors contributing to the overall budget variance were in increases in instruction of \$3,272,974, transportation of \$393,456, external services of \$1,537,552, school-based funds of \$801,858 and interest and bank charges of \$105,896 with decreases in governance of \$26,878, administration of \$28,309, plant operations and maintenance of \$9,714,010, tuition and related fees of \$222,459, and complementary services of \$464,696.

#### **Recommendation:**

That the Financial Statements and Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2009 be approved as presented.

There were no questions of Superintendent Lloyd.

Motion: Moved by J. Paslawski and G. Chevrier that the Treasurer's Report for the period September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009 be received.

## **CARRIED**

### **Report of the Director of Education**

Director Bev Hanson began her report by welcoming community members, staff and friends of Catholic education. Following this, members of Executive Council were introduced. Director Hanson thanked school-based administrators and senior administration for the passion and commitment with which they carry out their leadership responsibilities.

Director Hanson identified the breadth and scope of the school division; she indicated that last year Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools served more than 15,000 students from prekindergarten to grade 12 in 38 elementary schools and 7 high schools in the communities of Saskatoon, Biggar, Humboldt and Viscount. Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools employs more than 1500 full-time staff including principals, vice and assistant principals, teachers, caretakers, office coordinators, teacher assistants and out-of-scope staff in order to deliver an excellent faith-filled Catholic education to students.

Director Hanson went on to outline the following priorities of the school division:

*Celebrating Catholic Identity:* This is the Board's first priority and the Board's vision is to have our schools Rooted in Faith, Growing in Knowledge and Reaching Out to Transform the World. Over the past year there has been extensive work undertaken to develop materials and resources that integrate the Catholic faith into the standard Saskatchewan curriculum for students in kindergarten and grades 6, 7, and 9. In addition the school division has strived to have our schools be places where religion and Catholic teachings permeate every aspect of the school day.

*Improving Student Learning:* Students in grades 4, 7, and 10 participated in a provincial reading assessment while students at grades 5, 8 and 11 participated in a provincial writing assessment during the past two years. Director Hanson was pleased to report that students in our schools achieved at or above provincial results at all grade levels and in all areas.

In the spring of 2009 Greater Saskatoon Catholic schools participated in a provincial Treaty Education Survey. The primary aim was to provide a benchmark of student understanding of treaties. Results from the school division were closely aligned with provincial results. Overall the Treaty Education survey indicated that we have room for growth in this area.

*Building Relationships and Partnerships:* The Board has met with many groups to establish relationships. Over the past year the Board has met with the Saskatoon Tribal

Council and Central Urban Métis Federation Incorporated, the Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce, Saskatoon City Council, Saskatoon Public School Board, Catholic School Boards in the province, Catholic School Community Councils, Members of the Legislative Assembly from both the Saskatchewan Party and the New Democratic Party, the Minister of Education and Bishop Albert LeGatt from the Diocese of Saskatoon and Bishop Bryan Bayda from the Eparchy of Saskatoon as well as the priests, pastoral assistants and parish life directors. Director Hanson noted that it is important that all our community partners understand what Catholic education is about, that we are viable and that we provide an excellent Catholic faith-based education that many members of the community desire for their children.

Director Hanson concluded her report by thanking the electors for joining the Board for the annual meeting of the electors.

There were no questions for Director Hanson.

Motion: Moved by Trustees Fortosky and Lambert that the Director's report be received.

**CARRIED**

The closing prayer was led by Father Ron Beechinor.

Motion: Moved by trustees Risling and Fortosky that the annual meeting of electors be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

J. McAuliffe  
Annual Meeting of Electors  
February 8, 2010

## 8.6 Budget Principles, Guidelines and Calendar

Board Priority:

- Building Relationships and Partnerships
- Promoting Stewardship

Presented By: Director of Education B. Hanson and Superintendent D. Lloyd

Background Information:

The principles for developing 2010 - 2011 budget estimates are reflected within the Statement of Mission and Educational Commitment of Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools. The allocation of expenditures, therefore are reflected in the attached Principles and Guidelines and are approved annually by the Board of Education.

The dates outlined in the attached Budget Calendar are the target dates for development of the budget. Public consultation meetings, workshops and staff budget conferences are not calendared, although such activities are anticipated and encouraged. The dates are subject to minor changes depending on other events such as the receipt of data from other agencies and the schedule of Board meetings. The fiscal year for Saskatchewan school divisions is September 1 to August 31.

Recommendation:

***That the Board of Education approve the Budget Principles, Guidelines and Calendar outlined.***

## **PRINCIPLES FOR DEVELOPING BUDGET ESTIMATES**

- Development of the spiritual, intellectual, physical, and social potential of all students
- Increased support for and a focused awareness of the mandate of Catholic Education
- Academic excellence and assessment for learning
- Needs and interests of staff, parents, and the Catholic faith community
- Continuous improvement and accountability frameworks
- Equitable allocation of resources and programs commensurate with need
- Accessibility to the services and programs of the division
- Stewardship and transparency
- Safe, positive learning environments
- Strengthening community and building public understanding of and confidence in the division through appropriate opportunities for input and dialogue involving staff, electors, ratepayers, Diocese and Eparchy of Saskatoon, and other supporters

## **GUIDELINES FOR DEVELOPING BUDGET ESTIMATES**

- Expenditures will be zero-based
- Expenditures will reflect current reality and future opportunities
- Provision will be made for revenues and expenditures required for the implementation of the Board's priorities and goals
- Provision will be made for revenues and expenditures required to meet the annual objectives of the division's service divisions
- Provision will be made for revenues and expenditures required for the implementation and actualization of the Ministry of Education curricula
- Allowances will be made for the five-year capital and facilities maintenance program
- Allowances will be made for building capacity for site-based management and accountability
- Budget estimates will be adjudicated by Executive Council prior to presentation to the Board of Education
- Supplementary statements will be prepared consisting of statistical data on school enrolment, personnel requirements, additions to and changes in programs, explanations of the contents under each budgetary category, distribution of costs among defined school activities, and other supporting data

## **BUDGET CALENDAR**

- Start of Fiscal Year - September 1
- Public Consultations on Budget - November
- Five-Year Capital Plan - January
- Adopt Budget Principles and Guidelines - February
- Establish Enrolment and Staffing Projections - February
- Receive Grant Data from the Ministry of Education - March
- Finalize Budget Requests - March
- Finalize Facilities Requests - March
- Preliminary Budget - May
- Adopt Final Budget - June
- Determine Mill Rate and Notify Taxing Authorities - June
- Communicate Budgets to Schools - June
- Submit Final Budget to Regional Director of Education - June
- End of Fiscal Year - August 31
- Audit - September
- Present Financial Statements and Public Accounts

## 8.7 Building Relationships and Partnerships Monitoring Report

### Partnership Development Status Report

#### Board Priority:

- Building Relationships and Partnerships
- Promoting Stewardship

Presented by: Superintendent G. Martell

#### Background Information:

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools recognize the benefit of community collaboration in the delivery of Catholic education. The Board priority, building relationships and partnerships, acknowledges that a strong relationship between parents, the Church and the school is needed to educate children and youth to their full potential. The Board has committed to continue to develop and enrich relationships with the broader community, all levels of government and many community groups and organizations.

Administration views partnerships as an integral part of the calling of Catholic education. Partnerships with local parishes, business partners, community associations and community service organizations maximize opportunity for students and the opportunity for public input into Catholic education. Recent and ongoing partnership initiatives are presented under the following goals associated with the Board priority:

**To continue to focus on relationships with parents, through Catholic School Community Councils; and the Church, through the Diocese, Eparchy and parishes.**

- The Board of Education consulted with representatives of Catholic School Community Councils on January 27, 2010 to share rational and educational finance implications and to provide networking opportunities and future liaison plans. Catholic School Community Councils are also represented through the advocacy of school principals in the communication of school-community perspectives to Division administration.
- Administration maintained regular contact with both Bishop Albert Legatt, formerly of the Diocese of Saskatoon and Bishop Bryan Bayda from the Eparchy of Saskatoon.

- A communication and planning session was held with the priests, pastoral assistants and parish life directors in February, 2010.
- Division administration also maintains extensive consultation with other Catholic School Boards in the province.

**To establish formal partnerships with First Nations and Métis groups, so these relationships may contribute to improved outcomes for First Nations and Métis students.**

- The Division formalized its partnership with the, Saskatoon Tribal Council and the Central Urban Métis Federation Incorporated with the signing of MOU's and the naming of the partnership. The partnership is now called mamawohkamatowin (ma-mow-ka-ma-too-win) meaning cooperation in Cree. Mamawohkamatowin provides opportunity to collaborate with First Nations and Métis leadership in fostering schools that are reflective of the whole community and are able to contribute to the success of First Nations and Métis students.

**To maintain our focus on academic success for New Canadians through a variety of shared initiatives.**

- Two main partnership undertakings took place this year in support of our New Canadian population. First, the Settlement Support Workers in Schools (SSWIS) Program that had begun in 2006 with one worker has grown to include 6 workers. It was the appropriate time to embark upon an evaluation of the program to seek answers to questions regarding the effectiveness of the program as well as areas of improvement for the future. The program evaluation was completed by the Saskatchewan Educational Leadership Unit (SELU) with the report being tabled in November. The partnership group includes Saskatoon Open Door Society (SODS), Canadian Immigration (CIC), Saskatoon Public Schools, Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, and newly signed partner La Division Scolaire Francophone. Around that same partnership table are other important agencies such as the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Advanced Education Employment and Labour as well as the City of Saskatoon. All groups are working together to address the emerging needs of our New Canadians.
- The second major initiative grew out of the above - led by the City of Saskatoon, partners worked together to provide an Immigration Symposium in December. The symposium had two strands: one strand for New Canadians and the second strand for all agencies and organizations involved in supporting our New Canadians. The 2-day symposium was well attended and by all accounts, a success. A report from the symposium is presently being tabled.

**To establish formal partnerships with post-secondary institutions, to better reflect our shared role as educators in our communities.**

- Division administration met with administration from the College of Education at the University of Saskatchewan. Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools continues to collaborate with the College of Education on the teacher training cohort that provides pre-service teachers with opportunities to collaborate with practicing professional educators within the context of the school.
- The Gabriel Dumont Institute educational assistant training initiatives continues to operate out of E.D. Feehan Catholic High School. This project situates educational assistant training in a core neighborhood and in the context of a school.
- The Community Health Partners career development initiative at E.D. Feehan Catholic High School brings together the Saskatoon Health Region and post-secondary training institutions, such as the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies and the Dumont Technical Institute, to strengthen the linkages between high school students and the various career opportunities in the healthcare system.

**In addition, Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools has a long-standing program that pairs schools with individual businesses and community organizations called Partnerships in Education. This program is a mechanism of bringing the "outside" world directly into contact with our schools in order to enrich the learning experiences for students and increase the community's awareness and support for our schools. To date we have 28 schools formally paired with 36 community organizations and businesses. There are also significant partnerships that support curricular programming, including:**

- The **Saskatoon District Industry Education Council** - A collaboration of Saskatoon and District's three school divisions and businesses to provide:
  - Programming that supports career development education initiatives and curriculum.
  - Current labour market information.
  - A mechanism to connect youth with employers in meaningful career exploration activities.
- The **Saskatoon Trades and Skills Centre** - Division administration participates on the Board of the Saskatoon Trades and Skills Centre. This initiative offers post-secondary education links to core community residents to enhance opportunity to participate in the labour market.

- **Junior Achievement** - Saskatchewan - Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools' partnership with Junior Achievement provides for the opportunity for our students to learn about and participate in Entrepreneurship education. We have representation on the Junior Achievement Board of Directors, provide space for programming and oversee the credit program for the province.
- **Canada-Saskatchewan Employment Centre - Saskatoon** - Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools has received a seconded counsellor to work part-time with our high schools to provide labour market information and support for career development programming.
- **E.D. Feehan Catholic High School Construction Strand** - This partnership with Breck Scaffold Solutions and the Whitecap Dakota First Nation has students in the Construction strand building an RTM house that will be purchased by the Whitecap Dakota First Nation.

**There are many other partnerships running in our schools to support specific events or programs, social justice activities or curriculum enhancements. In addition, consultations occur with many organizations, representatives and community groups. These consultations and partnerships include:**

- **Community Participation:**
  - Division administration met with the Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce, Saskatoon City Council, the Saskatoon Public School Board, Members of the Legislative Assembly from both the Saskatchewan Party and the New Democratic Party, The Minister of Education, the Meewasin Valley Authority, Saskatoon Police Services, Social Services and several other government and community based agencies.
  - Division administration also participates in the Regional Intersectoral Committee; a collaborative community entity that provides strategic direction for community development initiatives.
- **Resource Development:**
  - The St. Mary's Community School wellness initiative has attracted significant resources from community business partners. These resources will enhance both the pediatrics clinic and the agility training facilities within the new St. Mary's Community School.
- **Student and Community Services:**
  - The social pediatrics initiative at St. Mary's Community School is a collaborative effort with the Saskatoon Health Region, the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Saskatchewan, the Saskatoon Tribal Council, the College of Nursing, the Saskatchewan Lung Association,

Mental Health and Addictions and many other community partners. The aim of this approach is to improve the health profile of core neighbourhood residents.

- The partnership with Mental Health and Addictions and other community partners is a collaborative effort to address the growing mental health needs of youth.
- The longstanding partnership with Care&Share provides access to basic resources for community school children and their families and to a variety of community business partnerships.
- The partnership with CHEP Good Food Inc. and the Department of Social Services provides nutritious food for children in a variety of schools throughout the division.
- The partnership with Catholic Family Services supports the *Families & Schools Together* program in a number of core neighborhood community schools.
- The Restorative Action Program (RAP) is a project initiated by the Rotary Club of Saskatoon. This project brings together many community partners that together promote restorative justice in high schools.
- Ongoing collaboration with the Saskatoon Police Service provides many safety and partnership initiatives with the schools such as the presence of school resource officers.
- The partnership with the Saskatoon Zoological Society promotes student learning and habitat awareness linked to curricular learning.

Partnerships continue to add value to the delivery of Catholic education. The full integration of Catholic education within the community enhances both student experiences and community participation in Catholic education. This is an important area that continues to grow and develop and is a Board priority that adds much value to Catholic education.

Recommendation:

***That the Board of Education receive the Building Relationships and Partnerships Monitoring Report as information.***



## 8.8 Catholic School Community Councils Liaison Report

Board Priority:

- Celebrating Catholic Identity
- Improving Student Learning and Achievement
- Building Relationships and Partnerships

Presented by: Superintendent B. Bitz

Background Information:

On Wednesday, January 27, 2010, representatives from each Catholic School Community Council gathered at Holy Cross High School to share information, insights and practices with respect to the operations of the school division specific to the important work of our school community councils.

The following agenda served to guide this exchange:

1. Welcome, Prayer and Introductions
2. Background Information: The Why and How of Catholic School Community Councils
3. Educational Finance - Understanding the Challenges
4. Future Plans for Board of Education/Catholic School Community Councils Liaison
5. Networking Discussions at Table Groups
6. Refreshments/Socializing/Home Time

Recommendation:

***That the Board of Education discuss and share information regarding the meeting.***



## 8.9 Saskatoon Teachers' Association Convention

Board Priority:

➤ Promoting Stewardship

Presented by: Chair Boyko and Superintendent D. Lloyd

Background Information:

Representatives from Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools and Saskatoon Public Schools made a presentation to teachers at the annual Saskatoon Teachers' Association Convention held on February 18, 2010 regarding the funding of education in Saskatchewan.

Attached is the PowerPoint presentation entitled 'Keeping Classrooms in the Equation' which was used to guide the presentation.

Recommendation:

***That the Board of Education discuss how to continue its advocacy effort regarding the funding of education.***

## Keeping Classrooms in the Equation

Why teachers need to speak out  
about changes to education funding

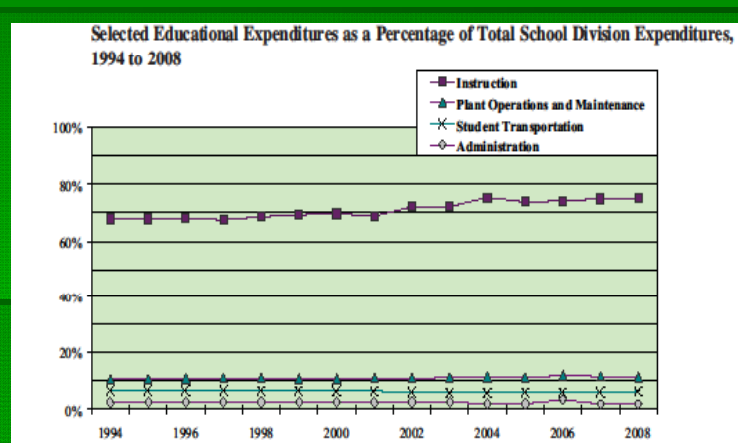
## Education Funding

- The Past - Foundation Operating Grant
  - A-B=C
  - Used to allocate provincial funding for the last 30 years.
  - Used student enrollment as the base to distribute funds.
  - School divisions were able to levy mill rates

# Education Funding

- The Past - Foundation Operating Grant
  - Strengths - Unconditional grants to boards enhanced local autonomy. Conditional grants for qualified programs.
  - Weaknesses - Formula did not recognize actual costs and was subject to political influence which served to weaken the formula.

# Education Funding



Source: Saskatchewan Education Indicators – 2009

## Education Funding

School Division Expenditures (in Current Dollars) as a Percentage of Total Operational Expenditure, 2006-07 and 2007-08

Operational Expenditures*	2006-07		2007-08	
	\$	%	\$	%
Instruction	1,052,672,310	74.9	1,087,550,220	75.1
Plant Operation and Maintenance	161,690,717	11.5	163,336,815	11.3
Student Transportation	84,057,535	6.0	92,351,638	6.4
Administration	27,022,504	1.9	26,490,290	1.8
Complementary Services	23,916,214	1.7	27,275,919	1.9
External Services	24,421,932	1.7	24,172,284	1.7
Tuition and Related Fees	18,427,646	1.3	14,217,933	1.0
Governance	9,954,081	0.7	10,026,327	0.7
Interest and Banking Charges	2,982,377	0.2	2,207,089	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,405,145,316</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,447,628,514</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: Saskatchewan Education Indicators – 2009

## Education Funding

- The Present - Transitional Funding
  - The 2009-10 provincial budget introduced significant changes for education funding and the property tax system.
  - The provincial government now determines the rate in mills to be levied for public school divisions.

## Education Funding

- Transitional Funding
  - The 2009-10 school division funding allocations provided to school divisions on budget day were based on the 2008-09 final budget of the school division.
  - Increases of 3.5% for teacher salary and 4% inflationary costs were added to this amount.

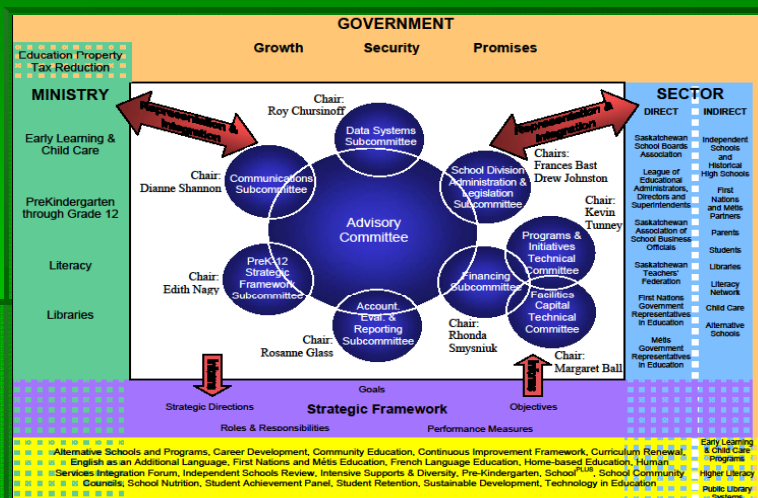
## Education Funding

- The Future – New Model Development
  - As the new funding model is developed, processes and procedures will need to be developed to address emergent situations for the longer term.
  - Subcommittees and technical committees have been established to develop the new funding model.

# Education Funding

- The Future – New Model Development
  - Subcommittees to identify implementation processes which integrate all aspects of ministry initiatives, policies, strategies, and actions.
  - Timeline for the new funding model will be assessed in 2011 and an additional year added if required.

# Education Funding



## Keeping Classrooms in the Equation

- **Our children are our most valuable resource.**
- **We must continue to invest in their future by ensuring sufficient funding for education.**
- **We must encourage government and local MLAs to remember our students at budget time.**
- **Question Period**

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## DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION REPORT

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1. An administrative professional learning session was offered to principals, vice and assistant principals, superintendents, coordinators and consultants on February 3, 2010 at Bishop James Mahoney High School. Agenda items included “Making the Mission Statement Come Alive”, “South-West Sector PLCs” and “Examining Evidence to Develop Learning Improvement Plans”.
2. The Board of Education and administration look forward to the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-elect Donald Bolen on March 25, 2010. Recognizing that this event is by invitation only those folks who are eager to meet and welcome our new Bishop in person are invited to the Chrism Mass on Monday, March 29, 2010 at St. Patrick’s Parish at 7:00 p.m.