

# GREATER SASKATOON CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD

Monday, May 10, 2010 – 12:00 Noon  
Board Room

### AGENDA

1. Call to Order - Chair Boyko
2. Opening Prayer - Trustee Boyko
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Approval of the Minutes of the May 3, 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 Sister O'Brien Consultation
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 Boyko
  
- 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, MAY 3, 2010**

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, Chatlain, Martell,  
Weninger  
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 Boechler.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion: Moved by Trustees Risling and Lambert that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of March 29, 2010 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**CONSENT ITEMS**

Motion: Moved by Trustees Risling and Boechler that the following consent agenda item be received and recommendation be approved as presented:  
. Campaign Disclosure Report Election 2009

**CARRIED**

8. Discussion/Decision

8.2 EcoJustice Program at St. Edward School (Environmental, Cultural and Spiritual Education) Extension

Motion: Moved by Trustees Stus and Risling that the Board of Education approve the continuation of the grade eight EcoJustice program at St. Edward School and that the program is made available to current grade seven students from all of the Saskatoon Catholic Schools.

**CARRIED**

8.3 World Catholic Education Day

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

**CARRIED**

8.4 Proposed Facility Tour

Motion: Moved by Trustees Carruthers and Carriere that the Board of Education receive the report as information.

**CARRIED**

8.5 Catholic School Community Councils

Motion: Moved by Trustees Berscheid and Lambert that the Board of Education receive the report as information.

**CARRIED**

8.6 Secondary Mathematics Renewal

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

**CARRIED**

8.7 Graduation Dates and Protocol

Motion: Moved by Trustees Lambert and Boechler that the Board of Education review the materials and notify the schools regarding their attendance.

**CARRIED**

8.8 Full-Day, Every Day Kindergarten at St. Frances School

Motion: Moved by Trustees Lambert and Berscheid that the Board of Education approve the extension of the full-day, every day kindergarten program to St. Frances English and Cree Bilingual programming for the fall of 2010.

**CARRIED**

8.9 St. Matthew Facility

Motion: Moved by Trustees Carruthers and Lambert that the Board of Education receive the verbal report of the Director of Education.

**CARRIED**

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

**CARRIED**

[Motion: Moved by Trustee Fortosky 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**



## 8.1 Sister O'Brien Consultation

Board Priority:

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

Presented by: Superintendent J. Weninger

### Background Information

Enrolments in the English Program at Sister O'Brien School have declined over the past four years. Estimates indicate 74 students will register in grades 1-8 for fall 2010.

The school division determines five-year projections by using:

- City of Saskatoon figures, based on health card numbers, showing the estimated number of children age 0-5 living in each area of the city, and
- by historical enrolment patterns in schools.

In Silverwood Heights, it's estimated there are 90 to 100 children at each age (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) in the 0-5 age group. It is important to note six schools/programs draw on the Silverwood population each school year: St. Angela, Sister O'Brien (French Immersion and English), Silverwood, Brownell and River Heights (French Immersion). Because Kindergarten enrolments at Sister O'Brien have declined during the past few years, it has become necessary to discuss future options with the community in order to provide the best learning opportunities for their children.

English Historical			English Projections			
	K	Total		K	Total 1 - 8	Total
2000	14	193	2010	7	74	81
2004	13	142	2011	6	60	66
2005	11	132	2012	7	52	59
2006	12	122	2013	6	55	61
2007	0	113				
2008	7	114				
2009	7	99				

Two consultations have been conducted with the Sister O'Brien School community. Approximately 100 parents attended the first consultation in January and approximately 78 parents attended the March 23, 2010 consultation.

On March 23, parents had an opportunity to express their preference for one of four options. These included:

1. Retain Status Quo - strong possibility of triple grades if enrolments do not increase from projections.
2. Amalgamate all English students with St. Angela School.
3. Transition English students with St. Angela (grades 6-8 to remain at Sister O'Brien).
4. Close Sister O'Brien and move both French and English streams to St. Angela.

A total of 107 out of 180 families (K- 8) returned surveys to our office.

### Expression of Preference Summary- March 23, 2010

#### Retain Status Quo:

	Level of Preference from Highest to Lowest			
	1	2	3	4
English Stream (35)	23	2	0	2
French Stream (65)	36	5	10	6
Both Streams (7)	6	0	1	0
Preschool	2			
Total (107)	67	7	11	8

#### Amalgamate All English

	Level of Preference from Highest to Lowest			
	1	2	3	4
English Stream (35)	3	8	12	3
French Stream (65)	14	14	17	4
Both Streams (7)		2	1	1
Pre-school		1		
Total (107)	14	25	30	8

### Transition English Students

	Level of Preference from Highest to Lowest			
	1	2	3	4
English Stream (35)	5	11	5	2
French Stream (65)	9	28	16	0
Both Streams (7)	0	0	1	0
Pre-school			1	1
Total (107)	11	35	20	2

### Close Sister O'Brien

	Level of Preference from Highest to Lowest			
	1	2	3	4
English Stream	0	2	3	13
French Stream	0	4	6	35
Both Streams	0	0	0	2
Pre-school			1	1
Total (95)	0	6	10	51

Parents in both streams clearly indicate their preference for maintaining the status quo. However, in comments provided on the feedback sheets, they indicate they would not support triple grades. They advocate retaining the status quo with additional staffing in order to have time to try and build enrolment.

Amalgamating all English students at St. Angela is the community's second choice. It is important to note that some parents chose to indicate only one preference rather than providing feedback for all four options.

It is clear from the feedback and expression of preference that the community does not support closing Sister O'Brien.

At this time, it's projected that there will be 74 students enrolled in grades 1-8 next fall. There is currently 1 student registered for Kindergarten in the English program.

K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total 1 - 8
1	7	7	3	9	13	14	10	10	74

The best possible scenarios to consider are:

**Scenario One:**

- Maintain status quo with four teachers from grades 1-8.
- This would provide the following class breakdown with the current numbers.

Grades/ students

1/2 = 14 students

3/4 = 12 students

5/6 = 27 students

7/8 = 20 students

- This would provide the school community with an opportunity to try to increase enrolment for the fall.
- Kindergarten registration by the end of June would determine if it would be feasible to provide that program. At this time there is one student registered. Senior administration will work with the school to determine what the best option may be for the fall. Transportation to St. Angela would be provided for kindergarten children if numbers remain lower than 8 students.

**Scenario Two:**

- Close the English program at Sister O'Brien by moving all students to St. Angela in fall 2010.

Recommendation:

***That the Board of Education maintain the current status of the English program at Sister O'Brien, providing four teachers for grades 1-8 for the 2010 - 2011 school year.***