

GREATER SASKATOON CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD

Monday, May 31, 2010 – 7:00 P.M.
Board Room

AGENDA

1. Call to Order - Chair Boyko
2. Opening Prayer - Trustee Carriere
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Approval of the Minutes of the May 10, 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 LINC Ratification
 - 8.2 Operating Budget 2010 - 2011
 - 8.3 Early Learning and Childcare: New Pre-Kindergarten Program Designations
 - 8.4 Academic Year 2010 - 2011
 - 8.5 Request from Martensville Roman Catholic Separate School Division #221 for Amalgamation
 - 8.6 Board Priorities and Goals 2010 - 2012
 - 8.7 Board Policy Manual Amendments

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 Carriere
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 10, 2010**

PRESENT: Chair Boyko, Trustees Berscheid, Boechler, Carriere, Carruthers, Fortosky, Lambert, Risling, 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,
Assistant Superintendent of Education Coffin
Communications Consultant Hoffman

ABSENT: Trustee Stus

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

The opening prayer was led by Trustee Boyko

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Moved by Trustees Berscheid and Fortosky that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of May 3, 2010 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

8. Discussion/Decision

8.1 Sister O'Brien Consultation

Motion: Moved by Trustees Carruthers and Boechler 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.

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

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

CARRIED

Secretary

Chair



8.1 LINC Ratification

Board Priority:

- Promoting Stewardship

Presented by: Superintendent A. Boutin

Background Information:

The Board and Teacher LINC Bargaining Teams have reached a tentative LINC Agreement. An oral report will be presented at the meeting detailing highlights of the agreement.

Recommendation:

That the Board of Education ratify the tentative LINC Agreement.

8.2 Operating Budget 2010 - 2011

Board Priority:

- Building Relationships and Partnerships
- Promoting Stewardship

Presented By: Executive Council

Background Information:

The Preliminary Budget for 2010 - 2011 was reviewed with the Board of Education at its May 3, 2010 regular meeting. At this time trustees were asked to provide further direction to the draft document in preparation for its approval at the May 31, 2010 regular meeting.

The Board of Education has continued to meet the challenge of adjusting to the realities of changed economic circumstances. These actions and decisions include allocations as contained within the budget document to support the Continuous Improvement Framework as an accountable system for best teaching, learning, and achievement results for Saskatchewan students.

Recommendation:

That the Board of Education approve the 2010- 2011 Operating Budget.

That the Board of Education of the St. Paul's R.C.S.S.D. No. 20, in the Province of Saskatchewan, enact 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 2010 taxation year.

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

8.3 Early Learning and Childcare: New Pre-Kindergarten Program Designations

Board Priority:

➤ Improving Student Learning and Achievement

Presented by: Superintendent J. Weninger

Background Information:

Current Pre-Kindergarten classrooms in Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools:

| School | Current Enrolments |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| St. Mark School | 2 classes |
| St. Maria Goretti School | 2 classes |
| St. Frances | 1 class |
| St. John | 1 class |
| St. Mary | 3 classes |
| St. Michael | 1 class |
| Father Vachon | 2 classes |
| Bishop Roborecki | 2 classes |
| Bishop Klein | 2 classes |
| St. Dominic - Humboldt | 1 class |
| St. Edward | 1 class |
| | 18 classes |

New Pre-Kindergarten Designations

The Ministry of Education increased provincial allocations to the Pre-Kindergarten Program in April 2010 which resulted in an addition of two new Pre-Kindergarten programs in Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools. The criteria established by the Ministry requires school divisions to establish programs in areas where communities are ranked according to the highest need using social, economic and health indicators.

Following a review of our school communities (including demographics, potential future enrolment growth and social/economic indicators) two schools were identified. Following discussion with principals and the Ministry, it was determined that the two new pre-kindergarten programs should be located at:

- St. Mark Community School
- Bishop Klein Community School

The Ministry of Education has also announced that they will be providing St. Mark Community School with a specialized pre-kindergarten modular. This modular has been designed in consultation with the Early Learning and Care Branch within the Ministry. It will have access to both washrooms and sinks.

Bishop Klein will have space within the school to accommodate the additional pre-kindergarten classroom.

Recommendation:

That the Board of Education approve the two new pre-kindergarten program designations at St. Mark and Bishop Klein Community Schools for the fall of 2010.



8.4 Academic School Year 2010 - 2011

Presented by: Superintendents Weninger, MacAuliffe and Bitz

Background Information:

One of the tasks of the Board of Education is to set the start and end dates of the academic year. The Minister of Education has set the number of school days at 197 for the 2010 - 2011 academic year.

The Board approved the academic school year calendar for schools in Saskatoon earlier this spring. The academic school year calendars for schools within Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools located in Viscount, Biggar and Humboldt are determined in collaboration with the respective public school division within each location. The start and end dates for three of the four locations will be identical. As you can see Viscount will start school one day later in August. Christmas vacation for Biggar and Viscount will be different than schools located in Saskatoon and Humboldt.

| Location | Start/End Dates | Christmas Vacation |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Catholic schools located in Saskatoon | August 25, 2010 to June 30, 2011 | December 18, 2010 to January 2, 2011 |
| Humboldt: St. Augustine and St. Dominic | August 25, 2010 to June 30, 2011 | December 18, 2010 to January 2, 2011 |
| Viscount - St. Alphonse | August 26, 2010 to June 30, 2011 | December 23, 2010 to January 4, 2011 |
| Biggar - St. Gabriel | August 25, 2010 to June 30, 2011 | December 23, 2010 to January 4, 2011 |

Recommendation:

That the Board of Education approve the proposed academic year for Greater Saskatoon Catholic elementary schools located in Humboldt, Viscount and Biggar.



8.5 Request from Martensville Roman Catholic Separate School Division #221 for Amalgamation

Board Priority:

➤ Building Relationships and Partnerships

Presented by: Chair D. Boyko and Director of Education B. Hanson

Background Information:

The Martensville Roman Catholic Separate School Division #221 has requested amalgamation with Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools. The Martensville Separate School Division #221 intends to pass a motion on May 27, 2010 to amalgamate.

Recommendation:

That the Board of Education review the materials and that subject to written confirmation of Ministry funding it amalgamate with Martensville Roman Catholic Separate School Division #221.



8.6 Board Priorities and Goals 2010 - 2012

Board Priority:

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

Presented by: Chair D. Boyko and Director of Education B. Hanson

Background Information:

The Board of Education reviewed its priorities and goals at its annual Faith Formation and Planning Retreat. Attached is a copy of the Board of Education Priorities and Goals 2007 - 2009 as well as a draft copy of the Board of Education Priorities and Goals 2010 - 2012 that the Board discussed at its retreat.

Recommendation:

That the Board of Education approve its Priorities and Goals for 2010 - 2012.

2007- 2009 Board of Education Priorities and Goals



ROOTED IN FAITH

PRIORITY: Celebrating Catholic Identity

RATIONALE: Catholic education in Saskatoon, Biggar, Humboldt, Viscount and area grew from a shared desire by home and parish to teach children in a faith-filled setting. This relationship between parents and church has sustained Catholic education for more than a century. Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools will continue to define and strengthen its Catholic identity to ensure Catholic education exists in our communities for another 100 years.

GOALS:

- To nurture an awareness and understanding of Gospel values, ensuring they are part of the fabric of each school and each student's experience.
- To focus on faith formation for staff and students, supporting each individual's faith journey.

Growing in Knowledge

PRIORITY: Improving Student Learning and Achievement

RATIONALE: Catholic education helps each child develop their God-given talents as they strive to reach their full potential spiritually, academically, physically, socially, and emotionally. Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools combines academic excellence and spiritual development with support for the physical wellness of each student. A well-rounded Catholic education helps students become contributing citizens in their communities.

GOALS:

- To focus on learning and academic excellence for all students.
- To improve academic achievement, with an emphasis on literacy and numeracy.
- To have each student complete high school.
- To commit to increasing physical fitness development of students.
- To support transitions for students of all ages, from those entering early learning programs to those preparing for careers after high school.

Reaching Out... to Transform the World

PRIORITY: Building Relationships and Partnerships

RATIONALE: Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools believes a strong relationship between parents, the church and the school is needed to educate children and youth to their full potential. We will continue to develop and enrich our relationships with the broader community and all levels of government. We are committed to working with many groups and organizations within our communities because we all share responsibility for educating our children and youth.

GOALS:

- To continue to focus on relationships with parents, through Catholic School Community Councils; and the church, through the Diocese, Eparchy and parishes.
- To establish formal partnerships with First Nations and Metis groups, so these relationships may contribute to improved outcomes for First Nations and Metis students.
- To maintain our focus on academic success for New Canadians through a variety of shared initiatives.
- To establish formal partnerships with post-secondary institutions, to better reflect our shared role as educators in our communities.



PRIORITY: Promoting Stewardship

RATIONALE: Catholic education is a calling to take care of God's abundant gifts. As stewards the Board is entrusted with the gifts of people, finances, facilities, and the environment. We seek to receive these gifts gratefully and tend to them responsibly so that our work contributes to the greater good of the school division, our communities and our world. The Board of Education strives to govern the operations of school division with forethought and diligence.

GOALS:

- To nurture and develop God's people: our human resources.
- To responsibly allocate and use financial resources.
- To build and maintain facilities as centers of learning.
- To teach children and youth to care for God's creation.
- To define and implement practices to achieve and sustain excellent board governance.

BOARD OF EDUCATION PRIORITIES AND GOALS 2010 – 2012



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GOALS:

- To nurture an awareness and understanding of Gospel values, with a focus on faith formation for staff and students while supporting each individual's faith journey.
- To advocate for Catholic Education.

Growing in Knowledge

PRIORITY: Improving Student Learning and Achievement

RATIONALE: Catholic education helps all children in our division develop their God-given talents as they strive to reach their full potential spiritually, academically, physically, socially, and emotionally. Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools combines academic excellence and spiritual development with support for the physical wellness of each student. A well-rounded Catholic education helps students become contributing citizens in their communities.

GOALS:

- To support transitions for all students, from early learning through to high school graduation.
- To commit to increasing health and wellness of all students.
- To improve academic achievement, with an emphasis on literacy and numeracy.
- To ensure First Nations and Métis students are successful in their program of studies.

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GOALS:

- To nurture and develop God's people: our human resources.
- To responsibly allocate and use financial resources and build and maintain facilities as centers of learning.
- To teach children and youth to care for God's creation.



8.7 Board Policy Manual Amendments

Board Priority:

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

Presented by: Chair D. Boyko and Director of Education B. Hanson

Background Information:

The Board of Education reviewed its Board Policy Manual at its annual Faith Formation and Planning Retreat on March 28 and 29, 2010. The proposed changes are attached.

Recommendation:

That the Board of Education discuss and amend or retain each policy.

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

1. Over 850 people attended the Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation Fashion Show held on April 29. Thanks to Robin Mitchell, Janice Nepjuk, and the entire Planning Committee for delivering an entertaining community event and raising money to support students and staff in faith formation.
2. St. Mark School hosted a Multicultural Day on April 6. Once again, the students, staff and families celebrated their diversity through music, song and dance. Thank you Principal Fortosky and staff for a job well done!
3. The 4th Annual Bishop's Gala held on May 7 was attended by Trustees Boyko, Carruthers, Fortosky, Lambert, Risling, Stus, and Wesolowski. This event was a wonderful way to welcome Bishop Bolen to our community.
4. On Thursday, May 13 World Catholic Education Day was celebrated with a common Liturgy at 9:15 a.m. in all Catholic schools in Saskatchewan. We give thanks for the gift of Catholic Education.
5. I was privileged to attend the SUNTEP graduation held on May 15. Sixteen graduates received their degrees.
6. Thanks to Chair Boyko and Trustees Risling and Wesolowski for attending the Willowgrove Catholic Elementary School Consultation on May 17. A note of gratitude to Superintendent J. McAuliffe and Principal C. Tenaski for their work in organizing and leading the meetings. Thanks also to all other staff who assisted as table group facilitators.
7. Accolades to the Human Resource Services Division led by Superintendent A. Boutin for organizing the annual Board Retirement Reception held on May 20. Our division is grateful to the staff members who are retiring for their years of dedicated service to the many students and families they served so well.
8. Over 250 high school students raised their voices at the 8th Annual Evening of Song held on May 25 at Holy Spirit Church. Congratulations to the students, the choir directors and accompanists for their beautiful gifts of music and song! Thanks to Coordinator George Charpentier for being the Master of Ceremonies.