

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
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