Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division
Excellence for Every Learner

MISSION: *Strives for excellence in education and seeks to maximize each child's unique learning ability.*

VISION: *Pursuit of excellence, respect of diversity and achievement for all.*

NO. #2026R-8 (MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026)

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SASKATCHEWAN RIVERS PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 119 FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026 AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE BOARD ROOM, EDUCATION CENTRE, 545 11TH STREET EAST, PRINCE ALBERT, SK

PRESENT:

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

C. BLOOM, Board Chair
J. BROWN, Trustee
N. FRANC, Trustee
B. GEROW, Trustee
B. HOLLICK, Trustee
M. LEWIS, Trustee
A. LINDBERG, Trustee
A. NUNN, Vice-Chair
D. SANDER, Trustee
B. YEAMAN, Trustee

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION

N. Finch, Director of Education
J. Pidborochynski, Chief Financial Officer
J. Ward, Administrative Services Officer
J. Hingley, Superintendent of Schools
G. Tebay, Superintendent of Schools

C. Bloom, Board Chair, called the meeting to order.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION:

#26R-36
Moved by A. Lindberg that the meeting move into Closed Session with Board and Administration present.
Carried.

Regular meeting resumed.

OTHERS:

T. Vaughn, Board Student Representative, SRSC
Gallery – 1 person

D. Sander provided his personal land acknowledgment.
Trustees were given an opportunity to provide any conflict of interest.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

(Motion)

Moved by N. Franc that the tabled motion be lifted from the table.
Motion defeated.

The agenda was amended to allow for the West Central Public School Leadership Team to do a presentation first on the agenda.

#26R-37
Moved by A. Nunn that the agenda be approved as amended.
Carried.

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BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

(a) Notice of Motion

J. Brown explained her rationale for the motion.

(Motion)

Moved by J. Brown that administration prepare and present for Board consideration a Safe Disclosure (Whistleblower) policy at the November 2, 2026 Regular meeting. Utilizing the Saskatchewan School Boards Association (SSBA) Safe Disclosure Policy template as the foundational model and adapting it as necessary to align with Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division governance, legislative requirements, administrative structures and reporting procedures.

A question was raised regarding the costs associated with implementing the policy with a 3rd party facilitator.

M. Lewis put forth an amendment to the motion "that administration prepare and present for Board consideration a Safe Disclosure (Whistleblower) policy including associated costs at the November 2, 2026 Regular meeting. Utilizing the Saskatchewan School Boards Association (SSBA) Safe Disclosure Policy template as the foundational model and adapting it as necessary to align with Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division governance, legislative requirements, administrative structures and reporting procedures."

J. Brown requested a recorded vote.

(Amended Motion)

Voting for the motion: C. Bloom, J. Brown, N. Franc, B. Hollick, M. Lewis
Voting against the motion: B. Gerow, A. Lindberg, A. Nunn, D. Sander, B. Yeaman
Motion defeated.

(Motion)

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Voting for the motion: J. Brown, N. Franc, M. Lewis
Voting against the motion: C. Bloom, B. Gerow, B. Hollick, A. Lindberg, A. Nunn, B. Yeaman
Motion defeated.

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CONSENT ITEMS:

#26R-38

Moved by A. Lindberg that the following consent item be approved:

(a) ***Minutes of the Regular meeting of September 8, 2026 be approved as presented.***

Carried.

ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS

(a) **School Goal Achievement Accountability Report**

Principal K. Tait and teacher M. Byrne, from West Central Public School attended the meeting to share their school story, highlighting their school goal and their student achievement.

#26R-39

Moved by B. Yeaman that the Board approve the Learning Improvement Plan Accountability Report as presented.

Carried.

(b) **Student Achievement Accountability Report**

J. Hingley presented the Accountability Report on Student Achievement.

#26-40

Moved by B. Yeaman that the Board approve the Student Achievement Accountability Report as presented.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

(a) **Matters and Motions from the Closed Session of October 5, 2026:**

No motions brought forward.

(b) **SRSC Report**

T. Vaugn reviewed the notes from the first SRSC meeting of the year. He highlighted the SRSC Executive for information.

(c) **SSBA Information – Submission of 2026 Resolutions**

Discussion at the September 8 Board meeting included placing this item on the October agenda for possible resolutions.

(d) **Revised Board Policies**

#26-41

Moved by B. Hollick that Policy 2: Role of the Board, Policy 15 – Viable Schools, and Policy 10 – Board Representatives be approved as revised.

Carried.

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REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

(a) Director's Update

- School Food Programming

School food programming continues to play a vital role in supporting student well-being and readiness to learn across Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division. This year the Division received $113,664 through the Child Nutrition Program funding grant to support food purchases in our schools. The Division also received its second round of National School Food Programming funds to further support feeding students. This funding totaled $429,456 and schools are excited to have these funds to maintain and expand their current programing. The National School Food Programming specifically consists of $279,421 in operating funds and $150,035 Year 2 one-time expansion enhancement funds. There is a total funding increased by $127,542 from last year with a new dedicated enhancement/expansion funding component.

- Enrolment

The Division's September 30 enrolment data has nearly been finalized. As of September 25 update, we were below projection by 21 students where we anticipated. Our enrolment of 8631 includes Pre-K, K-12 and home school students. We projected 8652 total enrolment.

- Meath Park Daycare

Meath Park Daycare opened its doors on Thursday, October 1, 2026.

- City of Prince Albert Police Service Update

The City Police Service Chief shared details about its strategic plan and a statistical update at a recent Chamber luncheon attended by Administration and interested trustees.

- Upcoming Division events were highlighted for information.

(b) Budget Development Process

N. Finch reviewed the current principles, guidelines, and timelines for the budget development process for information.

KEY MESSAGES FOR SCC/PUBLIC FROM BOARD MEETING:

- Student Celebrations.
- National School Food Programming.
- Accountability Reports.

BOARD MEMBERS' FORUM:

Trustees were given an opportunity to share informational items of mutual interest.

ADJOURNMENT:

#26-41

Moved by A. Lindberg that the meeting adjourn.

Carried. (4:48 p.m.)

SIGNATURES:

Board Chair

Administrative Services Officer

November 2, 2026

Date of Approval