

Board Meeting Highlights

September 26, 2017

Trustees: Guy Pelletier (Chairperson), Anne Marie Watson (Vice-Chairperson), David Bouchard, Murray Hollman, Adriana LaGrange, and Diane MacKay

Health and Wellness

The Division's Health and Wellness Coordinator, Mrs. Char Andrew updated the Board of Trustees about the three pillars of health (active living, healthy eating, and positive mental health) and the ways our schools continually strive to be healthy and active. Mrs. Andrew acknowledged our community partners, the Health Champions at each school, and the growth of our Staff Health and Wellness Incentive Program.

English Language Learners

The Associate Superintendent of Inclusive Learning and Vice Principal at St. Joseph High School walked Trustees through statistics on English Language Learners (ELL) students from Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools. Trustees learned about the culturally diverse learners in the Division. In 2005-2006 our Division had 50 ELL students and over 2,000 in the 2016-2017 school year. Trustees watched clips of students and staff about the experiences of ELL students attending school and the many challenges it brought. This video was funded through a grant from the Alberta Teachers' Association. It is interesting to note that there are 57 languages spoken in our school Division with Tagalog being the largest, next to English.

2017-2018 Student Enrollment

As of this date, we have 10,086 students enrolled, which is a 5.71% increase in enrollment.

Capital Projects Update

St. Patrick's Community School in Red Deer – Modernization

Group 2 Architecture and Chandos Construction have been selected for this project. We are currently advertising for other IPD project team members, and planning for a building scan. The Division's design team has also been selected.

École Our Lady of the Rosary School in Sylvan Lake - Modular Relocation

The new classroom space is planned to be turned over on September 28 and ready for students on October 2.

St. Elizabeth Seton School in Red Deer - Modular Relocation

Classrooms are functional while some exterior site work is being completed.

The next board meeting is on October 24, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.



Guy Pelletier, Board Chair

