

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools, held September 26, 2017.

- Present: D. Bouchard
- M. Hollman
- A. LaGrange
- D. MacKay
- L. McNiff
- G. Pelletier and
- A. Watson, Trustees
- V. P. Mason, Superintendent of Schools
- R. Ledene, Assoc. Sup't – Faith Dev & Div Support
- K. Finnigan, Assoc. Sup't - Personnel
- D. Khatib, Assoc. Sup't – Inclusive Learning
- R. Steeves, Secretary-Treasurer
- J. Heidt, Executive Assistant
- Absent: K. Jaeger, Supervisor of Support Services

The meeting was called to order at 6:47 p.m.

ENCOUNTERING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD: Mr. Ledene, Superintendent of Faith Development and Division Support, lead Trustees in opening scripture, meditation and prayer.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

17/09/26-01-Watson

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CARRIED.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

17/09/26-02-Bouchard

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 29, 2017 BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED

CARRIED.

3. WELLNESS COORDINATOR UPDATE

Mrs. Char Andrew presented Trustees with a synopsis of the Wellness program for both students and staff within the Division. She stressed 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 who continue to work collaboratively with the program as well as the Health Champions at each school. The staff Health and Wellness Incentive Program also continues to grow among staff with rewards that encourage healthy living. It was noted that Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools continues to be a leader in the province with regards to Health and Wellness.

4. ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS AT RDCRS

The Associate Superintendent of Inclusive Learning and Vice Principal at St. Joseph High School walked Trustees through a new ATA-sponsored video on English Language Learners (ELL) featuring students from Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools. Trustees received a brief overview of the culturally diverse learners in the Division and data was provided with regards to ELL growth. In 2005-2006 the Division had 50 ELL students and over 2,000 in the 2016-2017 school year. Currently 57 languages from 70 countries are spoken within the Division. Trustees thanked Dr. Khatib and Mrs. Borchers for their continued commitment to ELL in schools.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE #202 - SCHOOL FEES

The Secretary-Treasurer shared with Trustees the revised School and Transportation Fee Administrative Procedure that has been approved by Alberta Education with regards to the new policies the government has implemented on school fees. Some discussion occurred and Mr. Steeves will check on some concerns before posting the Administrative Procedure to the website.

6. 2017-2018 STUDENT ENROLLMENT

To date the Division has 10,086 students enrolled, which is an increase of 5.71% over last year.

7. TENTATIVE BOARD SCHEDULE

Trustees reviewed the schedule for the upcoming year and will bring the dates forward to the October Organizational Board meeting.

8. POLICY REVIEWS - POLICY 8 - HEARINGS ON TEACHER TRANSFERS (E)

After some discussion and minor wording adjustments, Trustees were in agreement with the proposed changes to Policy 8 - Hearings on Teacher Transfers.

17/09/26-03-Hollman

THAT THE BOARD APPROVES THE AMENDMENTS TO POLICY 8 - HEARINGS ON TEACHER TRANSFERS AS PRESENTED.

Capital Projects Update

St. Patrick Community School Modernization

Group 2 Architect and Chandos Construction has been selected for the project. We are currently advertising for other IPD project team members as well as planning for a building scan. The RDCRS design team has also been selected.

Our Lady of the Rosary 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 modular relocation

Classrooms are being used with some exterior site work still to be completed.

REPORTS:

ASBA UPDATE

- Trustee McNiff provided a written report.
- On behalf of ASBA, he verbally expressed gratitude to out-going Trustees for their dedicated service.

ACSTA UPDATE

Trustee LaGrange informed Trustees that Dr. David Wells is retiring from his job in England and is looking at a secondment to come to Canada for a period of time and ACSTA will look at booking him out to other school divisions (beginning in 2020).

CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Next meeting will be held on October 30, 2017.

Trustee MacKay lead the group in closing prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

17/09/26-04-McNiff

THAT THE REGULAR MEETING RECESS FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, THE TIME BEING 8:50 P.M.

CARRIED.

17/09/26-05-Watson

THAT THE REGULAR MEETING RECONVENE

CARRIED.

17/09/26-06-Bouchard

THAT THE REGULAR MEETING ADJOURN, THE TIME BEING 9:50 P.M.

CARRIED.

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