

## **Board Meeting Highlights**

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

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### **Board of Trustees**

Kim Pasula - Chair Dorraine Lonsdale - Vice Chair Anne Marie Watson Cynthia Leyson Sharla Heistad Murray Hollman Rob Maloughney

#### **Superintendent Appointment**

The Board of Trustees voted in favour to appoint Kathleen Finnigan as Superintendent of Schools.

#### **Catholic Education Sunday**

November 8 is Catholic Education Sunday. For more information, please visit the RDCRS website.

#### **Acting Superintendent Report Highlights**

#### Parent/Teacher Interviews

The Division has chosen to host the upcoming November 9 and 10 parent/teacher interviews virtually via Google Meets or phone calls. Principals sought feedback from staff to create guidelines to ensure this new format meets the needs of students, families and staff.

#### **High School Diploma Exams**

Senior Administration will advocate to the Minister of Education for the January diploma exams to be optional.

#### **Summer School Program**

Summer school continues to be a viable way for students to earn credits, create flexibility in their timetables and obtain courses that they were not able to complete within the traditional school year.

Over the last three years, student numbers have increased from approximately 700 in 2017 to 1,026 in 2020. The online infrastructure will be available for course delivery to be sustainable in the summer, which will be housed in one of the high schools.

#### **CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES**

#### St. Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School in Red Deer

A request for proposal (RFP) was posted to the Alberta Purchasing Connections website for the architect which had five responses and was awarded to Group 2 Architects. On October 23, the Division appointed the General Contractor to Clark Builders. Next a design team will be built.

#### École Our Lady of the Rosary School Modulars in Sylvan Lake

Two new modulars are now in use and the school took possession at the end of September.

#### St. Thomas Aguinas Middle School Modulars in Red Deer

Two modulars are now in place and the students will be moving into the classrooms on Monday, October 26.

#### St. Gregory the Great Catholic School Renovations in Blackfalds

The renovations are now complete. The classrooms have been operational since the beginning of October.

The next board meeting is November 24, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Kim Pasula, Board Chair







