

# **Board Meeting Highlights**

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

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# **Board of Trustees**

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#### Name change of St. Gabriel Online Summer School

Due to the closure of St. Gabriel Online School for the 2020-2021 school year, the name St. Gabriel Online Summer School will no longer be used in order to provide consistency within Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools. The Board of Trustees approved the name change to Red Deer Catholic Online Summer School. This motion will be sent to Alberta Education for proof of name change and will be changed in the Provincial Education Directory.

## **Approval of the Division Accountability Report**

The Board of Trustees approved the Division Accountability Report. Highlights from the report include Pre-Kindergarten Program Unit Funding (PUF), dual-credit opportunities, Green certificates in high schools, the Faith Formation Program and education technology support initiatives. For more information about the Division Accountability Report, please visit <a href="https://www.rdcrs.ca">www.rdcrs.ca</a>.

#### **Budget Forecast Assumptions**

The Secretary Treasurer presented the budget forecast assumptions for this school year. At this point, a status-quo budget is expected based on the assumption that the provincial government funding for school boards will be similar to last year. All budget assumptions about next year will be finalized after the provincial budget has been tabled.

#### **Policy Review of Policy 15**

The Board of Trustees reviewed Policy 15 - Leaves of Absence. No changes were made.

## **Information Highlights**

#### **Superintendent Report**

The Board of Trustees reviewed the Superintendent Report. The Superintendent recognized the efforts and gave sincere thanks to both Board Chair Pasula and Red Deer Catholic Local No. 80 President, Stephen Merredew, who worked in collaboration with Senior Administration and school administrators to help navigate St. Joseph High School's operational shift to online learning. The new COVID-19 hotline has also proven to be a great success, and communication processes are continuing to improve with increased technology support through text messages and Swift Reach.

#### **Financial Report**

The Board of Trustees reviewed the Financial Report presented by the Secretary Treasurer. A balanced budget by the end of the school year is anticipated as spending has been lower than expected and revenue has been higher to date this year.

#### **Facility Master Plan**

The Board of Trustees approved the Facility Master Plan. For more information, please visit www.rdcrs.ca.

The next board meeting is February 23, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

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Kim Pasula, Board Chair

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