

Minutes of a Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools, held March 30, 2021.

Present: S. Heistad
M. Hollman
C. Leyson
D. Lonsdale
R. Maloughney
K. Pasula and
A. Watson, Trustees
K. Finnigan, Superintendent of Schools
R. Ledene, Assoc. Sup't - Personnel
R. Steeves, Secretary-Treasurer
J. Heidt, Executive Assistant

Meeting held via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

Division Principals, Ryan Sawula and Jodi Smith, led Trustees in prayer.

Trustee Heistad read the Land Acknowledgement aloud.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amendment:

4.6 Rural Caucus Report was removed.

The agenda was approved by consensus.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

21/03/30-02-Watson

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 23, 2021
BE ADOPTED AS PRESENTED.**

CARRIED.

3. ACTION ITEMS

3.1 ST. PATRICK'S COMMUNITY SCHOOL 2021-2022

The Superintendent thanked Trustees for their support in adjusting the year round St. Patrick's Community School calendar for the 2020-2021 school year due to COVID-19 demands and uncertainties. She asked that Trustees consider moving back to year round schooling for the upcoming school year.

21/03/30-03-Leyson

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE 2021-2022 ST. PATRICK'S COMMUNITY SCHOOL CALENDAR TO RETURN TO YEAR ROUND SCHOOLING AS OF AUGUST 5, 2021 (FOR STAFF) AND AUGUST 9, 2021 FOR STUDENTS.

CARRIED.

3.2 2022-2023 CALENDAR APPROVALS

Trustees reviewed the 2022-2023 school calendars of St. Patrick's Middle School (year round), Red Deer, Innisfail, Olds, Sylvan Lake, and Blackfalds as presented by the calendar committee.

21/03/30-04-Hollman

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDARS AS PRESENTED.

CARRIED.

3.3 THREE YEAR CAPITAL PLAN

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the Three-Year Capital Plan to Trustees indicating that it will be sent to Alberta Infrastructure in April. The document will be placed on the website for public viewing.

21/03/30-05-Watson

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES THE THREE YEAR CAPITAL PLAN AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

3.4 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

Trustees were presented with a view of what the platform site *Bang the Table* will look like and how it will be presented for stakeholder engagement. The committee is working with Bang the Table on some final adjustments and are hoping to launch it by mid April.

3.5 BOARD RETREAT SCHEDULE - AGENDA ITEMS

The Board of Trustees will hold its retreat on April 16 which will focus on Stakeholder Engagement. Due to this agenda being full already, Trustees agreed to hold an additional retreat on April 9 to focus on and review the 2021-2022 budget.

3.6 ALBERTA SMOKE FREE CAMPAIGN

Trustees brought forward the issue of vaping and the impact it has on students. The Board of Trustees asked administration to draft a letter which will be sent to local MLA's.

3.6 POLICY REVIEW - POLICY 26 - GIFTS AND SPONSORSHIP ACCEPTANCE

Slight changes were made to Policy 26 - Gifts and Sponsorship Acceptance.

21/03/30-06-Lonsdale

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACCEPT THE CHANGES TO POLICY 26 - GIFTS AND SPONSORSHIP ACCEPTANCE AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Board Chair Report on COVID-19 Advocacy Highlighted in the report:

- Chair Pasula has written a letter to Minister Shandro and Minister LaGrange supporting school staff vaccinations and the use of rapid testing. No response was received to date.

4.2 Superintendent Report

Highlighted in the report:

- The Superintendent was appreciative of the work put into the virtual Faith Day on March 5. She thanked the Faith Day team, Fr. Les Drewicki and all presenters for making it a faith-filled day for staff.
- The year-end structure for middle school and high schools will be different this year due to no final and diploma exams. Students will not have an exam break but instead will continue with learning until the last day of school. High schools will end their learning a bit earlier than middle school due to credit recovery and graduation.

4.3 Financial Report

Highlighted in the report:

- The Secretary-Treasurer noted that the Division continues to be ahead of budget at this point in the year.

4.4 Garrington Formation Information

Highlighted in the report:

- The Formation meeting was held on March 15 but quorum was not in attendance. They hope to reschedule another meeting in the future.

4.5 St. Lorenzo Ruiz Design Team Update

Highlighted in the report:

- Full funding has been received with an anticipated budget of approximately \$25M.

4.6 Trustee Reports and Updates

4.6.1 Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA)

- Written report provided.

4.6.2 Alberta Catholic School Trustees Association (ACSTA)

- ACSTA is undertaking a Board structure and process review and an Adhoc Committee has been formed with Chair Pasula being appointed as Chair of the Governance Committee.

4.6.3 Catholic Education Foundation

- Applications for student scholarships and school based projects can be found on the Red Deer Catholic Regional School's website.

The Board of Trustees received a presentation on “Mental Health and Wellness - On the Frontlines” by various school staff. A first-hand account of mental health issues within our school communities was presented with regard to the mental health concerns in our schools and the innovative and caring ways they are being addressed. Trustees and Sr. Administration commended counselling and administration teams throughout the Division for all they do for staff and students.

Trustee Lonsdale led the group in closing prayer.

21/03/30-07-Hollman

**THAT THE REGULAR MEETING RECESS THE
TIME BEING 8:15 P.M.**

CARRIED.

21/03/30-08-Watson

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CARRIED.

21/03/30-09-Leyson

**THAT THE REGULAR MEETING ADJOURN, THE
TIME BEING 9:08 P.M.**

CARRIED.

(CHAIR)

(SECRETARY-TREASURER)