

Board Meeting Highlights

September 30, 2015

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

Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association (ACSTA) Presidential Candidacy

Trustee, Adriana LaGrange was unanimously endorsed and supported by the board to run in the [ACSTA](#) Presidential Candidacy election. For more information, see attached letter.

Student Enrolment

For the 2015-2016 school year student enrolment has increased by four per cent.

Catholic Education Sunday

Catholic Education Sunday is on November 1, 2015. This annual day celebrates publically funded Catholic schools in the province and learning places where Christ is made known to children.

Dual Credit Partnership with the Donald School of Business at Red Deer College (RDC)

In 2016, École Secondaire Notre Dame High School students will be given the opportunity to study Business through a dual credit partnership with RDC.

Capital Projects Update

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys School in Innisfail

In June, the school into new learning spaces in preparation for construction. Tenders are expected to go out in the next week.

St. Gregory the Great Catholic School in Blackfalds

Approval for the construction of St. Gregory the Great Catholic School was received in July. The application for development permit has been submitted. The sod turning celebration is scheduled for October 20 at 11:00 a.m. Construction is expected to begin in the spring.

St. Joseph High School in Red Deer

Piles and grad beams have been installed. The precast concrete is scheduled to be erected before the end of the month with the steel to follow. The garage is complete and being used for the site offices and big room meetings. At the completion of the job this garage will be used by the City of Red Deer, Red Deer Kinsmen Club and the school.

St. Francis of Assisi of Middle School Addition in Red Deer

Tenders have closed and the contract has been awarded to Shunda Construction. The addition is expected to be complete for next summer.

The next board meeting is on October 27, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.



Guy Pelletier
Board Chair



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Dear Colleagues in Education:



[/adrianalagrange.championingcatholiceducation](https://www.facebook.com/adrianalagrange.championingcatholiceducation)

Re: Board Endorsement of Adriana LaGrange for President, ACSTA

The Board of Trustees of Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools (RDCRS) is very proud to provide our endorsement to Trustee Adriana LaGrange for the position of President of the Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association.

Adriana was first elected as a Trustee in 2007. She served as Board Chair from 2010 to 2013 and Vice Chair from 2013 to 2015. She has been active locally and provincially throughout her Trusteeship. Since 2013, she has been representing RDCRS on the ACSTA Board of Directors and is the current ASBA Zone 7 Director.

Adriana is a lifelong Catholic, a wife of 31 years, mother of seven children, and grandmother of two. She holds an honours diploma in Rehabilitation Studies working with the mentally and physically disabled. She and her husband Darren own and operate the family farm, as well as manage the trucking of a large hog operation. She has been an active member and recognized servant leader in St. Mary's Parish and the Red Deer community. Her involvement in the Church has been extensive, such as the past chair of Parish Council, Proclaimer, Elizabeth Ministry, Youth Ministry, Women of Faith Program, Children's Liturgy, and Adult Education. As well she has served as Co-Chair of the Life Issues Advisory Committee for the Archdiocese of Edmonton and is currently involved in organizing the Western Canadian Catholic Youth conference.

In the past, she has been area coordinator for Red Deer District Classroom Agricultural Program, President/Educator for Red Deer and District Pro-Life, and President for Alberta Association of Rehabilitative Practitioners. Also, she continues to coordinate the Annual Inter-Church Curling Bonspiel for Central Alberta.

As a Trustee, Adriana presents a strong voice for Catholic education. Over the years, at RDCRS Adriana has served on many committees, such as Negotiation, Finance, Joint-School Council, Spirit Builders, Embedded Professional Development Review and the Education Foundation. Most recently she has been on the Zone 4 Edwin Parr Selection Committee and the ACSTA Advocacy Committee.

Adriana is an effective communicator with a strong vision for Catholic Education in Alberta. She has felt God's call to this important vocation and we know she has what it takes to be an excellent President. On behalf of the Board of Trustees for Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools, I ask you to join us in support of Adriana LaGrange for the position of President of ACSTA. We look forward to visiting with you at the AGM in November.

Sincerely,

Guy Pelletier
Board Chair Of Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools