

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools, held March 21, 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
 - K. Jaeger, Supervisor of Support Services
 - J. Heidt, Executive Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m.

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

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

17/03/21-01 Watson

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CARRIED.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

17/03/21-02 McNiff

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 28, 2017 BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED

CARRIED.

3. THREE YEAR CAPITAL PLAN

The Supervisor of Support Services reviewed the adjusted Three Year Capital Plan. St. Patrick's Community School modernization has been the top capital priority for many years and with the recent announcement approving this funding, the following are now the top priorities for the Division:

- Our Lady of the Rosary addition/modulars.
- New middle school in Red Deer.
- New K-5 school in Red Deer.
- New K-5 French Immersion school in Red Deer.
- New K-5 school in Sylvan Lake.

17/03/21-03 LaGrange

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACCEPTS THE THREE YEAR CAPITAL PLAN AS PRESENTED

CARRIED.

4. GIFTS FOR CONFIRMANTS IN THE DIVISION YOUCAT

The Board approved the purchase of Youcat books for Division Confirmants this year.

17/03/21-04 Bouchard

THAT THE BOARD APPROVES THE PURCHASE OF YOUCAT BOOKS FOR ALL DIVISION CONFIRMANTS IN THE PRICE RANGE OF \$6,250.

CARRIED.

5. SCHOOL FEES

The Secretary-Treasurer updated Trustees on the current status of school fees with regards to Bill 1 - An Act to Reduce School Fees which was introduced by the government on March 2. Mr. Steeves indicated that if this Bill is passed, School Divisions will no longer be able to charge school fees for instructional supplies or transportation fees for students living over 2.4 km

from their home. The fees that would have been collected will be refunded to the the Division by the government in the amount of approximately \$630,000 for 2017-2018 school-year.

6. POLICY REVIEWS - POLICY 18 - EARLY RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE

ASBA was highly involved in the 2009 creation of this policy and the Secretary-Treasurer is awaiting advice from them before any changes are possibly made. Since he has not yet received any information back, this Policy will be brought back to the April meeting.

Capital Projects Update

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys School

Work is progressing in the last stage of the project. This work is expected to be completed by the end of March.

St. Gregory the Great Catholic School

Ceiling grid has started on the second floor, painting is occurring in all areas, gym floor hardwood is starting in April and all other work is progressing on schedule. The school is scheduled to be completed at the end of May.

St. Joseph High School

Construction is complete other than some seasonal deficiencies which will be addressed in the spring.

Our Lady of the Rosary Modular relocation

This project is currently out for tender with results expected by the end of this month.

St. Elizabeth Seton Modular relocation

This Project will be going out to tender shortly.

_____ Fr. Henri Voisin Modular addition

Planning has begun on this addition. ABC School, as part of the P3 contract, will deal with all aspects of this project.

REPORTS:

ASBA UPDATE

Trustee MacKay provided a written report and added the following:

- ASBA has prepared an election package for promoting Trusteeship and can be found on their website at www.asba.ab.ca.
- There will be a Trustee booth at Red Deer College Career Expo on April 27.
- The Superintendent asked Trustee MacKay to extend his appreciation for the budget speaking notes put out by ASBA.

ACSTA UPDATE

Trustees McNiff and LaGrange gave a verbal report:

- John Tomkinson is the new CCSTA Director representing ACSTA.
- ACSTA will be hosting the CCSTA AGM in 2019. They are currently looking for a location as well as committee members to plan the event.
- SPICE and Blueprints will be taking place April 27-30 and May 2-5.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Trustee Hollman gave a verbal report:

- The Spotlight Event featuring many of our talented students was held on March 16 at St. Joseph's High School. The successful event has gotten a lot of positive feedback. The Board appreciates the efforts of the Catholic Education Foundation and all those who were involved in the event.
- Next meeting will be held on April 18.
- The Foundation would welcome interested individuals who would like to join the Catholic Education Foundation.

Chair Pelletier lead the group in closing prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

17/03/21-05 Hollman

**THAT THE REGULAR MEETING RECESS
FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE
OF THE WHOLE, THE TIME BEING 6:45 P.M.**

CARRIED.

17/03/21-06 McNiff

THAT THE REGULAR MEETING RECONVENE

CARRIED.

17/03/21-07 Bouchard

**THAT THE REGULAR MEETING
ADJOURN, THE TIME BEING 8:32 P.M.**

CARRIED.

(CHAIR)

(SECRETARY-TREASURER)