

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools, held October 27, 2015.

Present: A. LaGrange  
M. Hollman  
D. MacKay  
D. Bouchard  
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 – Inclusive Learning  
J. P. Stewart, Assoc. Sup't - Personnel  
D. Khatib, Division Principal  
R. Steeves, Secretary-Treasurer  
J. Heidt, Executive Assistant  
Absent: K. Jaeger

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m.

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

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was amended as follows:

- #10. UPDATE ON CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUNDAY
- #11. FEEDBACK RE: EDUCATION ACT

15/10/27-14-McNiff

**THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED**

**CARRIED.**

## ADOPTION OF MINUTES

15/10/27-15- Bouchard

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR  
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2015 BE  
ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED****CARRIED.**

Chair Pelletier began the meeting by congratulating the Communications Department on their Award of Excellence and Best in Class Award with BRAVO.

**3. ACCOUNTABILITY PILLAR OVERALL SUMMARY**

The Superintendent shared the latest Division report card. He was pleased to report that 8/16 measures on this report card went up and the measures that did not go up remained the same. The Division's results in all areas remain above provincial results.

**4. PAT/DIPLOMA EXAMINATION RESULTS**

The Associate Superintendent of Inclusive Learning and Division Principal, presented information on the 2014-2015 Achievement Test and Diploma Exam results released by Alberta Education. Throughout the presentation Trustees had an opportunity to ask questions.

Mrs. Finnigan and Dr. Khatib reviewed the Overall Achievement and Diploma Analysis, shared successes, areas of growth and next steps, keeping in mind that these charts compare the Division to the province. Division students performed above provincial acceptable and excellence levels in most areas in Grade 6 and 9 Achievement tests. There are small pockets in areas of the high school grades that need to be addressed and these marks will increase as LIFT is implemented into these areas.

A robust systematic and strategic work plan has been created to address any concerns. There are some factors that are being closely monitored:

- Changing diversity in all classrooms
- Increasing ESL population
- Request for more support for special need students
- Enrolment growth of 4% this year

The Division continues to experience high participation rates in diploma exams and low drop-out rates. Graduation completion rate remains strong at Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools in comparison to the province.

5. RED DEER COLLEGE - LETTER OF SUPPORT

Red Deer College has requested a letter of support from the Division with regards to the College achieving degree granting status as well as becoming a Polytechnic University.

15/10/27-16- LaGrange

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES PROVIDE A LETTER OF SUPPORT THAT RED DEER COLLEGE ACHIEVE DEGREE GRANTING STATUS AS WELL AS TO BECOME A POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY.**

**CARRIED.**

6. MODULAR REQUESTS

Alberta Education requires the submission of new modular requests by November 2, 2015. The Secretary-Treasurer reported based on the current and projected enrolment, administration recommends 2 additional modulares for Fr. Henri Voisin School as well as 4 modulares and a link at St. Elizabeth Seton School.

15/10/27-17- Hollman

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES THE RECOMMENDATION FOR 2 ADDITIONAL MODULARS FOR FR. HENRI VOISIN SCHOOL AND 4 MODULARS AND LINK FOR ST. ELIZABETH SETON SCHOOL.**

**CARRIED.**

## 7. COOPERATIVE BUSING

Administration from Chinook's Edge and Red Deer Catholic School Divisions have been working on a cooperative busing plan in Olds and Innisfail. The Secretary-Treasurer walked Trustees through the cost saving measures for both Divisions and stressed that ride times would not increase for our students. This joint venture would have Chinook's Edge busing 16 of Red Deer Catholic Regional School's students in the Olds area and 61 students in the Innisfail area. The cooperative busing would be implemented for the 2016-2017 school year.

15/10/27-18- MacKay

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES THE COOPERATIVE BUSING PLAN WITH CHINOOK'S EDGE SCHOOL DIVISION IN THE OLDS AND INNISFAIL AREA AND DIRECTS ADMINISTRATION TO DEVELOP A COOPERATIVE BUSING AGREEMENT.**

**CARRIED.**

## 8. 2016/ 2017 CALENDAR ADJUSTMENTS

The Associate Superintendent of Personnel presented a proposed calendar in an effort to align calendars with Chinook's Edge for cooperative busing. A summary of these calendar changes are:

- Innisfail (St. Marguerite) will follow the same calendar as Holy Trinity
- Embedded PD Mondays will be replaced with PD Fridays
- Two existing PD days be moved to Fridays to match Chinook's Edge
- January PD moved to avoid diploma exam conflict
- June organizational day and last student day be switched

15/10/27-19- McNiff

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE CALENDAR ADJUSTMENTS AS PRESENTED FOR OLDS AND INNISFAIL CONTINGENT ON CHINOOK'S EDGE APPROVING THE PROPOSED COOPERATIVE BUSING PLAN.**

**CARRIED.**

9. POLICY REVIEW (E)

The Superintendent provided revisions relative to Senior Administration contract negotiations for review and consideration. Policy 2 (Board Role Description), Policy 7 (Committees of the Board), and Policy 12 (Recruitment of Personnel) were discussed and some minor amendments to the suggested changes were made.

15/10/27-20- MacKay

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
APPROVES THE REVISIONS TO  
POLICY 2: BOARD ROLE DESCRIPTION,  
AS AMENDED.**

**CARRIED.**

15/10/27-21- Watson

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
APPROVES THE REVISIONS TO  
POLICY 7: COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD,  
AS AMENDED.**

**CARRIED.**

15/10/27-22- LaGrange

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
APPROVES THE REVISIONS TO  
POLICY 12: RECRUITMENT OF PERSONNEL,  
AS AMENDED.**

**CARRIED.**

10. CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUNDAY

Catholic Education Sunday is on November 1 and Trustees were given direction and a common message to share at all weekend masses.

11. FEEDBACK RE: EDUCATION ACT

Trustees were asked for input in regards to the upcoming meeting on October 30 with select School Boards and the Minister of Education relative to the Education Act Regulations. The Chair was asked to write a letter to Minister Eggen questioning the rationale of the School Board's that were invited to attend this meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

**Capital Projects Update**

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys School  
Tenders for this project will close in November.

St. Gregory the Great Catholic School  
Construction will begin in the spring.

St. Joseph High School  
The gym and field house precast panels have been installed along with the roof trusses. Structural steel on the remainder of the building will begin shortly.

St. Francis of Assisi Addition  
Work has begun on the foundation of the addition.

ASBA UPDATE

Trustee MacKay reported from the last Zone meeting held on October 26.

- The Organizational meeting for Zone 4 took place.
- A FNMI task force working group has been struck.
- There is a new position on the zone council called the 'Second Language Task Force' which plan to meet provincially.
- Advocacy day in September with the MLAs was well received and ASBA is hoping to have this as an annual event.

ACSTA UPDATE

Trustee LaGrange reported that the Directors meeting will be held at the upcoming AGM.

EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Trustee Bouchard reported that the new Chair of the Education Foundation is Mr. Kim Pasula with the Vice-Chair being Mrs. Heather Lewchuk.

The Foundation is still in need of Board members and any interested applicants are asked to contact Dr. Paul Mason, Superintendent.

CLOSING PRAYER

Trustee LaGrange led the group in closing prayer.

15/10/27-23 – Watson

**THAT THE REGULAR MEETING RECESS FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, THE TIME BEING 8:55 P.M.**

**CARRIED.**

15/10/27 -24 – McNiff

**THAT THE REGULAR MEETING RECONVENE.**

**CARRIED.**

15/10/27-25- Watson

**THAT THE REGULAR MEETING ADJOURN, THE TIME BEING 10:02 P.M.**

**CARRIED.**

ADJOURNMENT

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