

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools, held September 20, 2016.

Present: D. MacKay
D. Bouchard
A. LaGrange
M. Hollman
L. McNiff and
A. Watson, Trustees
V. P. Mason, Superintendent of Schools
K. Jaeger, Supervisor of Support Services
R. Ledene, Assoc. Sup't – Faith Dev & Div Support
K. Finnigan, Assoc. Sup't – Inclusive Learning
J. P. Stewart, Assoc. Sup't - Personnel
R. Steeves, Secretary-Treasurer
D. Khatib, Division Principal
J. Heidt, Executive Assistant

Absent: G. Pelletier

The meeting was called to order at 6:41 p.m. by Vice-Chair Watson

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:

#8 - Nomination for ACSTA Appreciation Award.

16/09/20-14-Bouchard

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED

CARRIED.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

16/09/20-15-MacKay

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 30, 2016 BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED

CARRIED.

3. JUNE 2016 DIVISION ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

Trustees had an opportunity to discuss the document and provide feedback.

16/09/20-16-LaGrange

THAT THE BOARD APPROVES THE DIVISION ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 1, 2016 - JUNE 30, 2016 AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

4. 2016-2017 STUDENT ENROLLMENT

The Secretary-Treasurer updated Trustees with regards to the 2016-2017 student enrollment data. The Division has 9,541 students to date which is a 4.44% increase from last year's enrolment.

5. CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 6, 2016

Catholic Education Sunday is on November 6th and one Trustee will speak at each Mass within the Divisions' parishes that weekend. A schedule was generated for Trustees to attend local Masses.

6. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AS PER POLICY 19

The Secretary-Treasurer brought forward a recommendation relative to Trustee remuneration for 2016-2017. He presented an average of the provincial Trustee remuneration guide sent

out by the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) which indicated that the Division's Trustees fall 40 - 49% below provincial average. He recommended that Trustees increase their salary substantially in order to move closer to provincial average and do not continue to fall behind their colleagues in the province. After discussion, Trustees felt that such an increase was difficult but that continually falling behind is not beneficial for upcoming boards. It was also noted that a large increase in this economy could not be justified and Trustees agreed to a minimal increase of \$5.00 per day to the per diem rate and a current (August 31) Alberta Cost of Living increase to the per annum rate.

16/09/20-17-Hollman

THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT COLA (AUGUST 31, 2016) PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN THE PER ANNUM RATE AND A \$5.00 PER DAY INCREASE IN THE HONOURARIUM RATE FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR.

**CARRIED.
One person opposed.**

7. POLICY REVIEW - COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

Trustees had an opportunity to review Policy 7 - Committees of the Board. Some suggested revisions were made which will be brought back to the October Board meeting.

8. NOMINATION FOR ACSTA APPRECIATION AWARD

16/09/20-18-McNiff

THAT THE BOARD NOMINATE MR. GLEN CLAERHOUT FOR THE ACSTA APPRECIATION AWARD

CARRIED.

Capital Projects Update

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys School

St. Marguerite started the school year in their new spaces. There are still a few deficiencies to clean up and work continues on the re roof. Phase 2 (John Wilson Elementary) is well under way and the final phase is expected to start in early November which includes the last remaining classroom and Library in St. Marguerite.

St. Gregory the Great Catholic School

The exterior block and metal siding has begun. Floor grinding has started on the upper floor and interior walls will be following shortly. Site work has started and expecting to have paving completed in the next couple of weeks.

St. Joseph High School

The interior painting is progressing. Installation of millwork has begun along with the elevator install. The final parking lot paving is scheduled for this week and landscaping continues.

St. Francis of Assisi Addition

Work is continuing on the exterior work of the parking lot and landscaping.

St. Elizabeth Seton modular classroom addition

It is anticipated that the modulares will be occupied by students September 27.

- ASBA UPDATE
Next meeting will be held on September 27.
- ACSTA UPDATE (E)
Trustee McNiff gave a written report.
- EDUCATION FOUNDATION
There continues to be an ongoing search for Education Foundation members, please contact the Superintendent if you are interested.
Next meeting will be held on October 18.

- ❖ Trustee LaGrange expressed thanks on behalf of Father Len at St. Mary's Parish for the Board's willingness to purchase the bibles for Grade 4 students this year.

- ❖ Trustee LaGrange presented the Division with a carving of St. Joseph donated to St. Joseph's High School by Estelle and the late Don Becker for use in the new school.

Trustee MacKay lead the group in closing prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

16/09/20-19-MacKay

THAT THE REGULAR MEETING RECESS FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, THE TIME BEING 8:35 P.M.

CARRIED.

16/09/20-20-LaGrange

THAT THE REGULAR MEETING RECONVENE.

CARRIED.

16/09/20-21-Bouchard

THAT THE REGULAR MEETING ADJOURN, THE TIME BEING 9:28 P.M.

CARRIED.

(CHAIR)

(SECRETARY-TREASURER)