

Minutes of a Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools, held October 24, 2017.

- Present: S. Heistad  
M. Hollman  
A. LaGrange  
C. Leyson  
D. Lonsdale  
K. Pasula 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 6:40 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

17/10/24-05- LaGrange

**THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**CARRIED.**

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

17/10/24-06- Hollman

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2017 BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED**

**CARRIED.**

## 3. PAT/DIPLOMA RESULTS

The Associate Superintendent of Inclusive Learning introduced Mrs. Alana Cellini (Humanities lead teacher) and Mr. David Martin (Math/Science lead teacher) who presented a power point showing current division trends in Provincial Achievement Tests and Diploma exam results. It was also noted that First Nation, Metis, and Inuit results have continued to significantly increase both compared to ourselves and the province. RDCRS graduation rate for all students is one of the highest in the province.

## 4. OPTING OUT OF ALBERTA SCHOOL FOUNDATION FUND

The Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association has encouraged its member Boards to exercise their right to opt out of the Alberta School Foundation Fund (ASFF) per s. 171(2) through (5) of The School Act.

17/10/24-07- Pasula

**THAT THE BOARD OPT OUT OF THE ALBERTA SCHOOL FOUNDATION FUND (ASFF) PER S.171 (2) THROUGH (5) OF THE SCHOOL ACT UPON PASSING**

**CARRIED.**

## 5. TENDER REVIEW PROCESS

Alberta Infrastructure requires a board motion giving delegated authority for an individual to act on behalf of the board. This motion will be cited each time the Division requests contract approval.

17/10/24-04 - Hollman

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD FOR THE TENDER REVIEW PROCESS UNDER \$1.5M AND THE BOARD BE NOTIFIED OF SUCH TENDERS FOR THE TERM OF THIS BOARD (OCTOBER, 2021)**

**CARRIED.**

## 6. ACSTA PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY

Trustee LaGrange will consider putting her name forward for a third year for the position of president of the ACSTA in their upcoming election. Trustees unanimously supported Trustee LaGrange and thanked her for her service to ACSTA over the past two years.

17/10/24-05- Lonsdale

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ENDORSE TRUSTEE LAGRANGE FOR A THIRD TERM FOR PRESIDENT OF THE ACSTA IN THE UPCOMING ELECTION.**

**CARRIED.**

## 7. ACCOUNTABILITY PILLAR UPDATE

All School Divisions in Alberta recently received their updated Accountability Pillar Overall Summary. The updated information relates to Diploma exam and Provincial Achievement Test results. The Superintendent updated Trustees regarding these results that continue to be something to celebrate within Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools.

Trustee Pasula commended all Division schools for the excellent results that were presented and Trustee LaGrange reiterated on behalf of all Trustees that the results are something to celebrate.

## 8. ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL/FAST-BALL ACADEMY PROPOSAL

The Superintendent and the Associate Superintendent of Inclusive Education informed Trustees on a baseball/fast-ball academy proposal presented to them from St. Joseph High School administration. The anticipated start date of of the program will be September, 2018. Parent information sessions will be held in January, 2018 at the school.

9. 2017-2018 STUDENT ENROLLMENT

The Secretary-Treasurer presented Trustees with an accurate September 30 student count of 10,126 students which equates to a 7.6% student growth over last year. Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools is now the third largest Catholic school division in the province.

10. INTENTIONAL PERMEATION

The Associate Superintendent of Faith Development and Division Support gave a presentation highlighting intentional permeation division-wide and illustrated how this process supports the board priority of dealing with the challenge of secular values in our society.

This process for intentionally permeating each class lesson has been rolled out to Division Administrators, Faith Coaches and is in the current LIFT PD cycle for all teachers. The work refers back to the 8 Characteristics of Catholic Identity explained in the work of Thomas Groome.

Trustees commended staff on taking this extra step in teaching the gospel by implementing faith permeation into the classroom.

11. CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 4 & 5, 2017

Catholic Education Sunday is on November 5th and one Trustee will speak at each Mass within the Divisions' parishes that weekend. A schedule was generated for Trustees to attend local Masses.

### **Capital Projects Update**

#### **St. Patrick Modernization**

In addition to Group 2 Architect and Chandos Construction, World Class Contracting, DA Fox Engineering, AltaPro Electric, WSP, and RJC Engineering have been added to the IPD project team. The IPD team will be working simultaneously during the design process in determining costs and identifying building limitations and restrictions. The RDCRS design team has also been selected and meetings will begin mid October.

REPORTS:

ASBA UPDATE

- Next meeting will be held on November 6 and will be hosted by Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools.

ACSTA UPDATE

- Trustee LaGrange asked fellow Trustees to review the resolutions for the AGM coming up in November.
- The Vice President position is now vacant, and Trustees agreed to endorse Trustee Pasula, as the ACSTA representative, to recommend that a new Vice President be elected at the November AGM.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION

- Next meeting (AGM) will be held on October 30, 2017. We continue to actively recruit community members to the Catholic Education Foundation.

Trustee LaGrange lead the group in closing prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

17/10/24-05 - Heistad

**THAT THE REGULAR MEETING RECESS FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, THE TIME BEING 9:05 P.M.**

**CARRIED.**

17/10/24-06 - Hollman

**THAT THE REGULAR MEETING RECONVENE**

**CARRIED.**

17/10/24-07- Hollman

**THAT THE REGULAR MEETING  
ADJOURN, THE TIME BEING 10:15 P.M.**

**CARRIED.**

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