

Minutes of a Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools, held October 29, 2019.

- Present: S. Heistad
M. Hollman
C. Leyson
D. Lonsdale
R. Maloughney
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
J. Heidt, Executive Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 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
Add: #12. 2019 EDUCATION BUDGET UPDATE

19/10/29-01-Leyson

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED

CARRIED.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

19/10/29-02-Lonsdale

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2019 BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED

CARRIED.

3. ST. PATRICK'S COMMUNITY SCHOOL TRANSITION DAY

Administration is seeking board approval for a transition day on November 29, 2019 in which students would not attend school; this would allow staff to move into the newly renovated school.

19/10/29-03-Hollman

THAT THE BOARD APPROVES NOVEMBER 29, 2019 AS A TRANSITION DAY FOR ST. PATRICK'S COMMUNITY SCHOOL STAFF TO MOVE INTO THEIR NEW SPACE; STUDENTS WILL NOT ATTEND SCHOOL ON THIS DAY.

CARRIED.

4. MODULAR REQUESTS

Alberta Education requires the submission of new modular or relocation requests by November 1, 2019. Based on the current and projected enrolment, administration recommends the application of 8 new modulares which would consist of 4 for St. Matthew School, 2 for École Our Lady of the Rosary School, and 2 for St. Thomas Aquinas School.

19/10/29-04-Maloughney

THAT THE BOARD APPROVES THE RECOMMENDATION FOR 8 NEW MODULARS; 4 FOR ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL, 2 FOR ÉCOLE OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY SCHOOL, AND 2 FOR ST. THOMAS AQUINAS SCHOOL.

CARRIED.

5. CULTURAL SERVICES BUILDING NAME

Trustees had the opportunity to vote on a name for the Cultural Services building from the short-listed names submitted. The name selected was St. Benedict the Moor Centre.

19/10/29-04-Pasula

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR CENTRE AS THE NAME OF THE CULTURAL SERVICES BUILDING.

CARRIED.

6. 2019 SCHOOL DIVISION ACOL RESULTS

The Associate Superintendent of Inclusive Learning provided Trustees with a synopsis of the 2018-2019 accountability pillar overall summary. It is noteworthy that our school division scored higher than the provincial average on 13 of the 16 measures. Further, as a school division there has been improvement in PAT acceptable results as well as movement forward in PAT excellence outcomes which is the result of administration, teachers and students all contributing toward this success. Dr. Khatib added that there is much to celebrate throughout the division as we continue our quest to improve in all areas specifically with regard to improving Diploma acceptable and excellence results.

7. 2018-2019 STUDENT ENROLMENT

The Secretary-Treasurer informed trustees that the official student enrolment numbers as of October 1, 2019 are 10,483 which amounts to a growth of 1.7%.

8. CURRICULUM COORDINATOR PROPOSAL

In order to streamline and make more efficient the development of Alberta curriculum and resource coordination for Catholic schools, trustees and CCSSA are being asked to consider the creation and implementation of a Curriculum Coordinator role. Trustees supported the recommendation from CCSSA and ACSTA for a .50 position.

9. MONTHLY BUDGET INFORMATION

The Secretary-Treasurer estimated a \$418,000 deficit from the spring budget, however, this has changed with the new provincial budget that came out on October 24. Final numbers will be brought to the November board meeting with an estimated \$2M deficit.

10. CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 3, 2019

Trustees signed up to speak at all masses for the upcoming weekend to promote Catholic Education Sunday.

11. MEETING WITH CITY OF RED DEER MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Trustees will be meeting with the City of Red Deer on November 13. Agenda items to be submitted are:

1. Need for serviced land for a middle school site.
2. Transit changes.

12. 2019 EDUCATION BUDGET UPDATE

With the release of the October 24 provincial budget, the Secretary-Treasurer reported a loss of three major funding sources to education which include Class Improvement Funding, School Fees Funding and Class Size Initiative Funding. This amounts to a loss of approximately \$2.5M in revenue for the division. RDCRS is also negatively impacted by the transition funding provided as urban school boards will receive \$203 per student while rural school divisions will receive \$356 per student. More accurate numbers will be available at the November board meeting.

13. KEY TOPICS FOR COMMUNICATION

1. Need for more schools within our division as almost all of our schools within the region are currently over capacity.
2. Budget concerns with the recent budget and the \$2M shortfall.
3. ACOL results.

14. POLICY REVIEW

Due to the implementation of the *Education Act* recently it is required that several Board Policies be reviewed to align with the *Act*. Trustees reviewed and revised Draft Policy 2 - Board Role and Description and Policy 24 - Attendance at Fundraising Events. Policy 3 - Trustee Role Description will be brought to the November board meeting for review.

19/10/29-05-Hollman

**THAT THE BOARD APPROVES THE PROPOSED
CHANGES TO POLICY 2 - BOARD ROLE AND
DESCRIPTION AS AMENDED**

CARRIED.

19/10/24-06-Leyson

**THAT THE BOARD APPROVES THE PROPOSED
CHANGES TO POLICY 24 - ATTENDANCE AT
FUNDRAISING EVENTS AS AMENDED**

CARRIED.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

St. Patrick's Community School

Work in Phase 3 is progressing ahead of schedule and we expect to have phase 3 completed by November 28. On November 29 staff will be given the day to move into their areas.

Cultural Services Building

The roof is almost complete and the masonry work has been completed. Construction has started on the interior walls. The air handling units will be placed back on the roof next week. Estimated time of completion is the end of February.

REPORTS:

ACSTA

- Trustee Pasula gave a verbal report.

ASBA

- Vice Chair Hollman provided a written report.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION

- Trustee Heistad gave a verbal report; March 5 is the date for the fundraising event which will be held at Kerrywood Nature Centre.

RURAL CAUCUS

- Next meeting will be held in November.

Trustee Lonsdale lead the group in closing prayer.

19/10/29-08-Lonsdale

**THAT THE REGULAR MEETING RECESS FOR
THE COMMITTEE MEETING THE TIME BEING
8:50 P.M.**

CARRIED.

19/10/29-09-Heistad

THAT THE REGULAR MEETING RECONVENE

CARRIED.

19/10/29-10-Heistad

**THAT THE REGULAR MEETING
ADJOURN, THE TIME BEING 9:40 P.M.**

CARRIED.

(CHAIR)

(SECRETARY-TREASURER)