

Minutes of a Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools, held June 23, 2020.

Present: A. Watson  
S. Heistad  
M. Hollman (via Google Meet)  
C. Leyson  
D. Lonsdale  
R. Maloughney (via Google Meet) and  
K. Pasula (via Google Meet), Trustees  
K. Finnigan, Interim Superintendent  
R. Ledene, Assoc. Sup't – Faith Dev & Div Support  
R. Steeves, Secretary-Treasurer  
J. Heidt, Executive Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

Mr. Ledene, Interim Superintendent of Personnel, led Trustees in prayer.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

20/05/26-01-Lonsdale

**THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.**

**CARRIED.**

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

20/05/26-02-Maloughney

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 12, 2020, REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 23, 2020, AND TOWN HALL MEETING OF MAY 26, 2020 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

**CARRIED.**

3. ÉCOLE MOTHER TERESA LOGO PRESENTATION

The Communications Department and administration from École Mother Teresa School presented their new school and athletic logos.

4. CLOSURE OF ST. GABRIEL ONLINE SCHOOL

Chair Watson reviewed Policy 13 - Closure Of A School and the board has met the guidelines outlined in the policy. The Secretary-Treasurer was asked to provide an overview of the funding guidelines to explain the lack of funding under the new government funding model. Trustees were also assured by the Interim Superintendent that students unable to attend in person for various reasons will be able to attend school virtually at RDCRS and will be able to be educated online. The board expressed how difficult of a decision this was and that this process was not taken lightly.

20/06/23-04-Pasula

**THAT THE MOTION BE AMENDED TO READ  
"THAT THE BOARD CLOSE ST. GABRIEL  
ONLINE SCHOOL FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL  
YEAR ONLY."**

**DEFEATED  
(Trustee Pasula voted  
in favour)**

20/06/23-03- Maloughney

**THAT THE BOARD PERMANENTLY CLOSE  
ST. GABRIEL ONLINE SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE  
AUGUST 15, 2020.**

**CARRIED  
(Trustee Pasula voted  
against)**

5. BOARD SELF-EVALUATION

Trustees completed a Board self evaluation on June 12, 2020 and were able to review the written report.

20/06/23-05- Leyson

**THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE BOARD  
SELF-EVALUATION REPORT AS DEVELOPED AT  
THE WORKSHOP OF JUNE 12, 2020 AND THAT THE  
BOARD CHAIR BE AUTHORIZED TO MONITOR THE  
PRIORITIES AND SUGGESTIONS AGREED TO AND  
BRING ITEMS FORWARD FOR BOARD  
CONSIDERATION.**

**CARRIED.**

6. LOCALLY DEVELOPED COURSES

The list of locally developed courses were either extended for one year due to Covid 19 newly acquired for use within the Division.

20/06/23-05-Lonsdale

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES THE RENEWING/ACQUIRING OF THE LOCALLY DEVELOPED COURSES AS FOLLOWS:**

- History Through Film, Fact and Fiction 25 3 credits (new)
- Physics - Advanced (2019) 35-5 5 credits (new)
- Self Directed Learning 15 3 credits (new)
- Physics AP 35-3 3 credits
- Biology AP 35-3 3 credits
- Calculus AP 35-5 5 credits
- Chamber Ensemble 15, 25, 35 3 & 5 credits
- Class V Driver Training 35-3 3 credits
- English AP 35 3 & 5 credits
- ESL English for Academic Success 35 3 & 5 credits
- ESL Expository English 15 & 25 5 credits
- ESL Introduction to Mathematics 15 5 credits
- Forensic Studies 25 & 35 3 credits
- Instrumental Jazz 15, 25, 35 3 & 5 credits
- Musical Theatre 15, 25, 35 3 & 5 credits
- Psychology AP 35-3 3 credits
- Reading 15 & 25 3 & 5 credits
- Religions of the World 35 3 & 5 credits

**CARRIED.**

7. 2021-2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR APPROVAL

The Interim Superintendent presented the proposed 2021-2022 school calendars on behalf of the calendar committee.

20/06/23-06-Hollman

**THAT THE BOARD APPROVES THE 2021-2022 RED DEER/SYLVAN LAKE/BLACKFALDS. OLDS/INNISFAIL, AND ST. PATRICK'S COMMUNITY SCHOOL (YEAR ROUND) CALENDARS AS PRESENTED.**

**CARRIED.**

8. MODULAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Thomas Aquinas Middle School will receive two modulares during the summer. As per motion 17/10/24-Hollman, the Superintendent has reviewed the tender for St. Thomas Aquinas Middle School modulares and has recommended accepting Emcee Construction and Management Ltd. bid of \$221,800.

9. NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL NAME

Trustees had the opportunity to vote on a name for the new middle school to be built in Kentwood from the short-listed names previously submitted.

20/06/23-07-Hollman

**THAT THE BOARD NAME THE NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL ST. LORENZO RUIZ MIDDLE SCHOOL.**

**CARRIED.**

10. MONTHLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Secretary-Treasurer noted that May and June funding from the provincial government were reduced by \$645,000 each month due to COVID19 and this money was accounted for with layoffs. Funding will be back to normal for July and August at which time he expects a recapture of the deficit we are currently seeing. The Secretary-Treasurer was asked if the 2020-2021 budget will be a break-even budget and he felt that this would be attained by the end of next year.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

**St. Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School**

On June 15 the first planning meeting was held and included two individuals from Alberta Education and three from Alberta Infrastructure. The delivery method will be a Jurisdiction-delivered, design, bid, build and there will be an agreement forthcoming with the \$2M design dollars. The school building will be 5,913 square metres and will have a capacity of 537 students and eight modular units will be added to bring the capacity to 737 students. Once the design is completed we will be provided the additional funding as the government sees this school as one of their top priorities.

REPORTS:

ACSTA

- Trustee Pasula provided a written report.
- There will be a meeting on June 25 regarding the appointment of the new Executive Director.

#### ASBA

- Trustee Leyson asked the Interim Superintendent to pass her thanks to Mr. Ike Hanna, Principal of St. Gregory the Great Catholic School, for his preparation and presentation of our Edwin Parr nominee Nicole Adrian at the virtual banquet. She also wanted to publicly thank Ms. Nicole Adrian for all her hard work as a first year teacher.

#### RURAL CAUCUS

- Trustee Heistad provided a written report containing the Rural Caucus budget for next year. She proposed that the board vote to accept the budget proposed.

#### CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION

- Scholarship disbursement has taken place. Five scholarships of \$250 each were provided.
- No disbursement of funds for school projects will be provided for the upcoming year due to the interruption of Covid19.
- The deadline to buy tickets for the tiny house raffle will be extended to the end of September.
- A fundraising event is currently on hold due to uncertainty of Covid19.

#### STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

1. Highlight the recent evaluation of the board and the goals that have been set as a board.
2. Relaunching of schools.

Trustee Leyson expressed her gratitude to Mrs. Haleigh Sanderson in the Communications Department for the social media presence in the division. It has been even more prevalent during the pandemic and is much appreciated.

Trustee Lonsdale led the group in closing prayer.

20/06/23-08-Heistad

**THAT THE REGULAR MEETING RECESS FOR  
THE COMMITTEE MEETING THE TIME BEING  
7:37 P.M.**

**CARRIED.**

20/06/23-09-Leyson

**THAT THE REGULAR MEETING RECONVENE**

**CARRIED.**

20/06/23-10-Lonsdale

**THAT THE REGULAR MEETING  
ADJOURN, THE TIME BEING 8:38 P.M.**

**CARRIED.**

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(CHAIR)

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(SECRETARY-TREASURER)