

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools, held May 26, 2015.

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m.

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

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following item was added to the Agenda:

#8. ST. FRANCIS ADDITION

15/05/26-33-MacKay

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED

CARRIED.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

15/05/26-34-Watson

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 21, 2015 BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED

CARRIED.

3. LITERACY PROJECT AT ST. ELIZABETH SETON

The Division Principal presented Trustees with a book created by grade 1 students from St. Elizabeth Seton School. The book contains stories and artwork from students pertaining to the current school year theme "Find God in All Things". The Board asked that some books be purchased as gifts for visitors and presenters.

4. DIVISION ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

Trustees reviewed and discussed the Division Accountability Report and some suggested changes were made.

15/05/26-35-MacKay

THAT THE DIVISION ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT, FOR THE TIME PERIOD DECEMBER 1, 2014 TO FEBRUARY 28,2015, BE ACCEPTED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

5. 2015-2018 DRAFT THREE YEAR EDUCATION PLAN

The Superintendent spoke to the draft Three Year Education Plan for 2015-2018. The document will be added to the June agenda due to the addition of the Whistleblower Protection Act and the fact that the budget remains uncertain because of the transition of the new Alberta government.

The Associate Superintendent of Inclusive Learning and the Associate Superintendent of Faith Development and Division Support informed Trustees as to the process of building the

Three Year Ed Plan and the many stakeholders involved in its creation.

6. SACRAMENTAL EDUCATION INITIATIVE COORDINATOR

The Associate Superintendent of Faith Development updated Trustees with regards to the request from the Archdiocese for shared funding continuation of the Sacramental Education Initiative Coordinator for one more year. The project has been ongoing for three years to date and 2015-2016 would be a fourth year.

15/05/26-36-McNiff

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SUPPORT THE SACRAMENTAL
EDUCATION INITIATIVE COORDINATOR
POSITION, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,900,
FOR ONE MORE YEAR**

CARRIED.

7. CALENDAR WITH 2 ADDITIONAL PD DAYS

The Associate Superintendent of Personnel shared two draft calendars with Trustees which both referenced the addition of two professional development days. Draft II added two Mondays and Draft IV added two Fridays . Dr. Stewart spoke to the rationale of both calendars in regards to bussing and coordination with neighboring divisions.

15/05/26-37-McNiff

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SUPPORTS THE AMENDED 2015-2016
SCHOOL CALENDAR (DRAFT IV) WITH 2
ADDITIONAL P.D. DAYS ON THE
FRIDAYS.**

**One opposed
CARRIED.**

8. ST. FRANCIS ADDITION

The Supervisor of Support Services informed Trustees that if the government funding for the St. Francis addition is not confirmed by June 15, 2015, the project and subsequent opening will be delayed. After discussion, the Board felt it was imperative that construction begin on time and the addition be carried out as planned for the benefit of all students and staff affected.

15/05/26-38-LaGrange

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES THE USE OF \$1M FROM BOARD RESERVES TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION OF THE ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL ADDITION UNTIL THE GOVERNMENT APPROVES FULL CONSTRUCTION FUNDING.

CARRIED.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

The Supervisor of Support Services provided updates on the following capital projects:

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys School

Phase two will be going out to tender in July with construction expected to start in September 1. The School will be moving out of the classroom wings prior to leaving for the summer break.

St. Gregory the Great Catholic School

Work is proceeding in preparation for development permit application. We are waiting to see if the new government will approve the construction funding in a timely manner.

St. Joseph High School

The project has been submitted to the City of Red Deer for development permit. The City of Red Deer is completing the sub grading work on the site and we will be able to start foundations in June after the development permit has been issued. TP-1 (Pre-cast tender for the gym and fieldhouse walls) as well TP-2 (site earthworks) have been closed and submitted to Alberta Infrastructure for approval. A Sod turning celebration will occur on June 2 at 3:30.

St. Francis of Assisi Middle School

The Division has pre-qualified contractors for this project which will provide a list of contractors that will be invited to bid on this project. We are waiting to see if the new government will approve the construction funding in a timely manner.

St. Teresa Modular Addition

The project tender closed on April 30 and received approval from Alberta Infrastructure. The tender has been awarded to Shunda Consulting and Construction Ltd.

Holy Trinity Modular Addition

Tenders closed on this project on May 14. Documents have been submitted to Alberta Infrastructure for tender approval.

Fr. Voisin Modular Addition

ABC Schools is managing the installation of these two units as part of their P3 contract.

ASBA UPDATE

- A strategic planning workshop was held at the last Zone 4 meeting and some ideas were brought up to be implemented for future meetings.
- Red Deer Catholic, Wild Rose, Chinook's Edge and Red Deer Public School Divisions continue to work together to create a common letter that can be used for their work placement students. This

would eliminate redundancy when local businesses have work placement students from more than one school division.

- ASBA is working to organize a meeting to get Education stakeholders to meet with the newly elected MLAs.
- Trustees are to let Vice-Chair LaGrange know of any issues on the proposed bylaw amendments for the ASBA SGM.

ACSTA UPDATE

- Meeting May 28 and 29.

EDUCATION FOUNDATION

- The gala was a success and the next meeting will be held on June 9.
- The Funding Dispersal Committee will be meeting next week to look at the individual scholarships and school funding requests.

ADVOCACY

Chair Pelletier had a discussion with the City of Red Deer regarding the “Let’s Talk” event. The City indicated they would like to include the Division but have issues with adequate space at this point. Chair Pelletier will contact the Red Deer Public Board Chair as well as the Francophone Chair to see if there may be some interest in joining with Red Deer Catholic in regards to Advocacy.

CLOSING PRAYER

Trustee McNiff led the group in closing prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

15/05/26-39-Hollman

**THAT THE REGULAR MEETING
ADJOURN, THE TIME BEING 9:10
P.M.**

CARRIED.

(CHAIR)

(SECRETARY-TREASURER)