

Minutes of a Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools, held February 23, 2021.

Present: S. Heistad
M. Hollman
C. Leyson
D. Lonsdale
R. Maloughney
K. Pasula and
A. Watson, Trustees
K. Finnigan, Superintendent of Schools
R. Ledene, Assoc. Sup't - Personnel
R. Steeves, Secretary-Treasurer
J. Heidt, Executive Assistant

Meeting held via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.

Division Principals, Ryan Sawula and Jodi Smith, led Trustees in prayer.

Trustee Watson read the Land Acknowledgement aloud.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Addition of Employee #2021-008 for Early Retirement Incentive.

21/02/23-01-Maloughney

THAT THE BE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

21/02/23-02-Leyson

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 26, 2021 BE ADOPTED AS PRESENTED.

CARRIED.

3. ACTION ITEMS

3.1 COVID-19: CURRENT SITUATION, CONCERNS, STRATEGIES

The Superintendent provided Trustees with an update on the current COVID-19 situation within the school system and provided details on the Division's continued effort to ensure safety measures remain in place within all school communities.

Chair Pasula will write a letter to the Minister of Health and the Minister of Education advocating for school staff vaccinations as well as expressing interest in being part of deploying rapid COVID-19 test devices.

3.2 STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS UPDATE

Trustees reviewed the Strategic Plan Update document presented by the Superintendent. The next steps in the process will be to seek stakeholder input. Trustees thanked the administration for the work done on the Strategic Plan to date.

3.3 ST. LORENZO RUIZ DESIGN TEAM UPDATE

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the St. Lorenzo Ruiz Design Team Update to Trustees. He emphasized how the design team would strive to create a community school that would include numerous amenities and facilities for public use. Trustees asked that this continue and remain in the forefront of the design team while design construction takes place.

3.4 EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PLAN APPLICATIONS

21/02/23-03-Lonsdale

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APPROVES APPLICATIONS FROM
EMPLOYEE NUMBERS 2021-003,
2021-005, 2021-006 AND 2021-007.**

CARRIED.

21/02/23-04-Hollman

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APPROVES APPLICATIONS FROM
EMPLOYEE NUMBER 2021-004,
FOR THE REDUCED AMOUNT.**

CARRIED.

21/02/23-05-Watson

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APPROVES APPLICATIONS FROM
EMPLOYEE NUMBER 2021-008,
FOR THE REDUCED AMOUNT.**

DEFEATED UNANIMOUSLY.

3.5 POLICY REVIEW - POLICY 9-POLICY MAKING

21/02/23-06-Leyson

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APPROVES THE CHANGES TO
POLICY 9-POLICY MAKING AS
PRESENTED.**

CARRIED.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 2019-2020 Annual Education Results Report (Summary)

- Trustees reviewed the summary sheet for the 2019-2020 Annual Education Results and expressed appreciation for easy to read format and links provided.
- Trustees commended the staff of Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools for the outstanding results in the report.

4.2 Human Resources Report

- Written report provided.

4.3 Superintendent Report

Highlighted in the report:

- The Current At Home Learning (AHL) structure will remain in place for the 2021-2022 school year.
- The First Nations, Métis and Inuit Support Team recently held their High School and Beyond Indigenous student and family information evening virtually with the highest number of families attending this event to date. Trustees who attended felt the event was very well done.

4.4 Financial Report

Highlighted in the report:

- The Secretary-Treasurer noted that the Division is currently well ahead of budget which is mainly due to the extra funds from the federal government due to Covid-19. Trustees were provided with a report indicating where the federal dollars were used.

4.5 Reports

4.5.1 Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA)

- Written report provided.

4.5.2 Alberta Catholic School Trustees Association (ACSTA)

- Written report provided.

4.5.3 Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards

- Written report provided.

4.5.4 Catholic Education Foundation

- Next meeting will be held on March 1, 2021.
- Applications will be taken this year for student scholarships and school based projects. Applications can be found on the Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools website.

The Board of Trustees received a presentation on the “Bang the Table” feedback tool that will be utilized to engage and collaborate with a variety of stakeholders in the next step of the strategic planning process. This platform will continue to be used for a variety of other stakeholder feedback in the future as well.

Trustee Leyson led the group in closing prayer.

21/02/23-07-Watson

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

CARRIED.

21/02/23-08-Hollman

THAT THE REGULAR MEETING RECONVENE

CARRIED.

21/02/23-09-Heistad

**THAT THE REGULAR MEETING ADJOURN, THE
TIME BEING 9:34 P.M.**

CARRIED.

(CHAIR)

(SECRETARY-TREASURER)