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Edwin Parr Nominees

The Board of Trustees congratulated the Division's ASBA Edwin Parr Award nominees. Meghan Huizing from St. Gregory the Great Catholic School in Blackfalds is the Division finalist. Huizing was one of four teachers nominated for this award from across the Division. The three nominees were Caleigh Sheppard from École Camille J. Lerouge School, Katherine Monaghan from Maryview School and Kelsie Caine from St. Francis of Assisi Middle School.

COVID-19 Situation

Due to substitute teacher shortages, RDCRS Grades 7 to Grade 9 classes in seven schools, not including St. Matthew Catholic School and Holy Trinity Catholic School, shifted temporarily to online learning starting Tuesday, April 27, 2021 to May 7, 2021. In-person learning will resume on May 10, 2021. This enabled the Division to keep elementary students in school and use substitute teachers in those schools. For more information, please click [here](#).

Draft Kindergarten to Grade 6 Curriculum Review

The Board of Trustees reviewed the draft curriculum feedback information presented by the Superintendent. The Superintendent explained that the Division held seven days of feedback sessions with teachers to give them an opportunity to provide input about the draft curriculum. This feedback, along with a comprehensive review of the draft curriculum from the Division level, will be sent to Alberta Education to help guide revisions and recommendations moving forward related to the curriculum.

The Board of Trustees decided that Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools will be opting out of piloting the new Draft Kindergarten - Grade 6 Curriculum this fall. For more information, please click [here](#) to see the attached news release.

Superintendent Evaluation and Culture Survey

To save on costs this year, the confidential Superintendent evaluation will be organized internally by the Board of Trustees. With the results from the confidential evaluations and assessments, the Board of Trustees will meet to share summative comments and together, develop a list of recommendations that will help guide the Superintendent's actions moving forward. For more information, please click [here](#).

Health and Wellness Checks and Duty to Inquire

Based on the recommendations of professional advisors, the Board of Trustees brought forward health and wellness checks and duty to inquire for discussion. These matters are relevant to all Division staff. A new and/or amended policy and human resources procedure, will help to identify and address these items and advance the Division's management of these important matters. For more information, please click [here](#).

St. Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School Update - Community Engagement and Facility Features

The Board of Trustees directed the Superintendent and St. Lorenzo Ruiz Design Team to investigate the following features they'd like to see integrated into the new school development. These features include: addressing safety concerns using CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design), working with the community, identifying possible joint ventures that benefit the school and the surrounding neighborhoods that it serves (i.e. sports amenities, meeting space, and other facility access related to serving the community), ensuring easy access to space/facilities is integrated into the school development plans (i.e. easy public access and lock-offs), provision of a performance space and integration of a cultural space including cultural design elements that demonstrate, "All are welcome. All belong." For more information, please click [here](#).

Information Items:

Board Chair Report on Succession Planning

Chair Pasula shared that the senior administration structure will be brought forward during the Division budget deliberations for the 2021-2022 fiscal year at the May board meeting. For more information regarding succession planning, please click [here](#).

Superintendent Report

The Superintendent presented the report to the Board of Trustees and highlighted the new Early Learning Hub Model and Catholic Education Week. To view the Superintendent report, please click [here](#).

Catholic Education Week:

The Superintendent provided an update to the Board of Trustees about the Division's plan to celebrate Catholic Education Week (May 10-14, 2021) and World Catholic Education Day (May 13, 2021). To learn more about how we are celebrating Catholic education, please click [here](#).

The next board meeting is May 25, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.



Kim Pasula, Board Chair

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