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Organizational Meeting

Trustee Kim Pasula was appointed Board Chair and Trustee Anne Marie Watson was appointed Vice Chair for the 2021-2022 school year.

Regular Board Meeting Highlights

Catholic Education Sunday

The Superintendent presented to the Board of Trustees the Division's plans for Catholic Education Sunday.

Catholic Education Sunday will take place on November 7 and with that comes an opportunity to celebrate Catholic schools in the Province of Alberta. Publicly funded Catholic education is a gift that we acknowledge with deep gratitude and embrace with unwavering resolve. We are grateful for the opportunity to provide faith-based education to more than 10,000 students in our school division in Red Deer, Sylvan Lake, Blackfalds, Rocky Mountain House, Innisfail and Olds and also support the learning of over 1,015 students in a Home Education Program.

Vaccination/Rapid Screening Program

The Board of Trustees passed a motion, unanimously, to postpone the decision regarding the Vaccination and Rapid Screening program indefinitely. At this time, the Superintendent has been directed to seek further information about a number of questions and matters that the trustees raised at the meeting. For more information, please click [here](#).

Information Items

Superintendent Report:

First Annual Red Deer International Powwow

The Superintendent commended the Division's Indigenous Education Services team for their fantastic work with the First Annual Red Deer International Powwow. The diverse Indigenous nations gathered for their cultural ceremony of the powwow; this created an opportunity to connect people with culture, dance, art and music. The event was a great success, with RDCRS having a prominent presence as donors, volunteers and participants.

Alberta Education Kindergarten-Grade 6 Curriculum Review

The Associate Superintendent of Curriculum shared with the Board of Trustees that RDCRS has collaborated with the College of Alberta School Superintendents (CASS) to provide system leader input for their project. Teachers have been invited to participate in subject-area, virtual “Think Tanks,” with the first one taking place on October 25. An RDCRS Connects parent survey has also been developed and will be released for parent input on Monday, November 1.

All of the feedback from the initial stakeholder engagement survey that captured the voices of teachers through virtual feedback sessions, in addition to the teacher curriculum “Think Tanks” and the upcoming RDCRS Connects parent survey, will be synthesized into a final report of the draft curriculum. For more information, please click [here](#).

Kindergarten Catchment 2022-2023

The Superintendent presented the Board of Trustees the Kindergarten catchment plans for the 2022-2023 school year, in which Kindergarten students will go to their catchment school rather than waiting until Grade 1 to attend their designated school. In doing so, this will help to ensure growth in all communities as well as secure school programming.

The Division’s Early Learning Team will inform current Pre-Kindergarten families of their catchment school for the 2022-2023 school year, and current Kindergarten students will be informed of their catchment area for Grade 1 during the November Parent Teacher Interviews.

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



Kim Pasula, Board Chair

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