

Minutes of a Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Red Deer Catholic Separate School Division, held April 26, 2022.

Present: S. Heistad
M. Hollman
M. LaGrange
C. Leyson
D. Lonsdale
K. Pasula and
A. Watson, Trustees
K. Finnigan, Superintendent of Schools
R. Ledene, Assoc. Superintendent - Personnel
R. Sawula, Assoc. Superintendent - Curriculum
J. Smith, Assoc. Superintendent - Inclusive Learning
R. Steeves, Secretary-Treasurer
M. St. Pierre, Executive Assistant
A.Visscher, Communications Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

22/04/26-01-Heistad

**THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MOVE
IN CAMERA.**

CARRIED.

Superintendent Finnigan and Executive Assistant St. Pierre joined the Committee of the Whole meeting at 4:30 p.m.

22/04/26-02-Leyson

THAT THE BOARD MOVE OUT OF CAMERA

CARRIED.

22/04/26-03- Lagrange

**THAT THE BOARD RECESS UNTIL THE REGULAR
PUBLIC MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER.**

CARRIED.

Recess 5:08-5:51

Board Chair Pasula called the public meeting to order at 5:51pm.

Associate Superintendent Smith led the group in prayer.

Trustee Lagrange read the Land Acknowledgement aloud.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by consensus.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

22/04/26-04-Hollman

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 29, 2022 BE ADOPTED AS PRESENTED.

CARRIED.

22/04/26-05-Leyson

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF APRIL 6, 2022 BE ADOPTED AS PRESENTED.

CARRIED.

3. ACTION ITEMS

3.1 BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS REPORT

Secretary Treasurer Steeves presented a written report listing the budget assumptions including revenue, expenditures and risks that will be used to formulate the 2022-2023 budget.

22/04/26-05-Watson

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES THE BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS AND RISKS REPORT AS PRESENTED.

CARRIED.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

4.1 Boundary Development Report

Highlighted in the Report:

- Superintendent Finnigan presented a written report prepared by the boundary development team on boundary development. The Trustees reviewed the answers to the questions as requested from the March 29, 2022 Regular Board Meeting and four options for boundary development.
- Administration requested that Trustees consider making a recommendation on one of the boundary development options for the May 24, 2022 board meeting.

Break at 7:30 pm until 7:40 pm

4.2 Release of Final Curriculum: RDCRS Implementation Plans

A written update on the new curriculum implementation plan was presented by Administration to the Trustees. The plan is based on the philosophy that goals and expectations must be manageable for administrators and teachers. Next steps include working with school administrators to outline a professional development plan for each school that can be shared with teachers prior to summer holidays. Trustees requested more information on timelines for

professional development support and the possibility for grade 4 to 6 students to pilot the new curriculum.

4.3 Plan for Welcoming Ukrainian Children and Families

A written report on RDCRS's plan for welcoming Ukrainian children and families was presented by Administration. Associate Superintendent of Personnel reported that there will likely be an influx of families coming to central Alberta and that RDCRS is preparing for their arrival.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Superintendent Report

A written report was provided by the Superintendent to the Trustees. Trustees posed several questions on the Edwin Parr Award and the Excellence in Catholic Education award and how they are recognized in our Division.

5.2 Financial Report

A written report was provided by Secretary Treasurer Steeves. The report indicates that the Division has a year to date surplus of \$3.8 million which will be used in operations for the remainder of the year. Secretary Treasurer Steeves indicated that the Division is currently over budget in system administration, however, there has been a reduction in the current month and he anticipates that the budget will be balanced by the end of the year.

5.3 Division Fiscal Profile

- A written report was provided by the Secretary Treasurer indicating that the Division is status quo in our funding from the prior year.

5.4 Trustee Reports and Updates

- Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA)
 - Trustee Leyson shared the highlights from the April, 2022 ASBA Zone 4 meeting.
- Alberta Catholic School Trustees Association (ACSTA)
 - Chair Pasula shared that a new executive director was hired for ACSTA.
- Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards
 - Trustee Heistad shared that the Rural Caucus met in person on March 31, 2022 and included discussions around transportation fees, bus sizes and school bus ride times.

- Catholic Education Foundation
 - Superintendent Finnigan shared that the deadline for scholarships and upcoming events are posted on the Division website.

5.5 Upcoming Events:

- May 12, 2022 - Rosary Celebration
- May 18, 2022 - Raise Your Glass (Education Foundation)
- May 30, 2022 - Edwin Parr Awards Banquet
- June 2, 2022 - Celebration of Excellence

Trustee Leyson led the group in closing prayer.

22/04/26-06-Heistad

**THAT THE REGULAR MEETING RECESS
TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, THE
TIME BEING 8:00 PM.**

CARRIED.

Trustee Hollman left the meeting at 9:04 PM

22/04/26-07-Lagrange

**THAT THE REGULAR MEETING
RECONVENE.**

CARRIED.

22/04/26-08-Heistad

**THAT THE REGULAR MEETING ADJOURN,
THE TIME BEING 9:53 PM.**

CARRIED.

CHAIR

SECRETARY-TREASURER