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Board of Trustees

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Organizational Meeting:

The Board of Trustees held elections for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair for the 2023-2024 school year. Trustee Watson will serve as Board Chair and Trustee Leyson as Vice-Chair for 2023-2024. Trustees were also appointed to Committees of the Board, and school liaisons were chosen.

Archbishop Dinner:

The Board of Trustees and Senior Administration have received an invitation to attend the Archbishop's Dinner event on October 6, 2023. The Archbishop's Dinner brings together members of the Catholic community including priests, deacons, and parishioners from all parishes across the Edmonton Archdiocese, as well as leaders from healthcare, education, and social services. The Superintendent recommended that in keeping with the Division's Strategic Plan to cultivate partnerships with Catholic agencies, individual Trustees and members of the Senior Administration team are encouraged to attend the Archbishop's Dinner on October 6, 2023 as representatives of the Red Deer Catholic Separate School Division.

Stakeholder Engagement Session:

The Superintendent shared that Board Policy (Policy 19 - Board Operations, articles 7, 7.1, 7.2) has established that on an annual basis, the Board will convene with stakeholders regarding planning and budgeting in alignment with the Board of Trustees' strategic plan. Working in conjunction with the Annual Board Work Plan, the Board will review and plan for stakeholder engagement. Based on this policy, a stakeholder engagement session will be hosted on November 22, 2023, in both an online and in-person format. More details about this event will follow. For more information, please click [here](#).

Board Strategic Imperative Overview and Project Timeline:

The Superintendent shared with the Board of Trustees that the Board Strategic Imperative Overview and Project Timeline was communicated to staff at the annual Division Opening day, as well as through school council agendas and parent letters that are regularly distributed from the Superintendent. To view the Board Strategic Imperative Overview, please click [here](#) and to view the Project Timeline please click [here](#).

Secretary Treasurer Report:

The Secretary Treasurer presented the Report to the Board of Trustees and shared that the 2023 Statement of Operations is on target for meeting the budgeted deficit. Additional highlights include the Maintenance Department's diligent work on many major projects throughout the summer. Some of these projects include new roofing, transitioning to polished concrete in schools, the renovation of the École Secondaire Notre Dame High School Cosmetology lab as well as the installation of rooftop air conditioning units in two of the Division's schools. RDCRS is also very excited for St. Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School's first day of school and welcoming students, parents and staff into their school community and providing them with an exceptional educational experience. For more information about the Secretary Treasurer Report, please click [here](#).

The next Board Meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.



Anne Marie Watson, Board Chair

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