

Board Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

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Board of Trustees Murray Hollman - Chair Anne Marie Watson - Vice Chair Sharla Heistad Cynthia Leyson Dorraine Lonsdale Kim Pasula

Trustee Election Process Review:

The Superintendent outlined the Trustee Election Process, which is managed by the city of Red Deer. The Board of Trustees requested a report at the October meeting to explore cost-saving measures and evaluate the potential for the Division to manage the nomination process.

For more information regarding the Trustee Election Process Review, click <u>here</u>.

Home Education Program Growth:

The Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools (RDCRS) Home Education Program has seen continued growth with 968 students enrolled for the 2024-2025 school year, including 57 new kindergarten students from the successful Kindergarten Pilot Project. The program, fully integrated within RDCRS, supports parent-directed education while offering resources, evaluations, and guidance. Challenges remain in fully integrating faith-based elements due to the flexibility of home education curricula.

For more information regarding the Home Education Report, click <u>here</u>.

Stakeholder Engagement Sessions Planned:

The Superintendent proposed two stakeholder engagement sessions, one for School Councils in November and another for the public in April. The Board of Trustees supported the initiative and suggested utilizing a listening circle model to facilitate effective dialogue.

For more information regarding the Stakeholder Engagement Sessions, click <u>here</u>.

Additional Staff Approved for the 2024-2025 School Year:

The Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer reported on class size challenges and staffing complexities. The Board of Trustees carefully examined the budget implications and the financial impact of adding more staff and approved the allocation of additional funds for hiring more teachers and educational assistants, recognizing the importance of addressing school needs while balancing fiscal responsibility.

For more information regarding the Class Size Configuration report, click <u>here</u> and the Secretary-Treasurer report, click <u>here</u>.

The next Board Meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 29, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Murray Hollman, Board Chair

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