

Board Meeting Highlights

February 23, 2016

Trustees: Guy Pelletier (Chairperson), Anne Marie Watson (Vice-Chairperson), David Bouchard, Murray Hollman, Adriana LaGrange, Diane MacKay, and Liam McNiff

Cooperative Bussing

We are pleased to announce that the Board of Trustees at Chinook's Edge School Division and Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools have approved a cooperative bussing agreement, effective September 2016. The structure of this agreement will be similar to the one we currently have with Wild Rose School Division in Rocky Mountain House. We plan to announce the details of this agreement to parents in May.

Joint School Council Meeting Survey Feedback

Results of the Joint School Council Meeting survey were shared and discussed. Results indicated that the meetings should take place biannually and include a professional development session.

The next Joint School Council meeting will be held at Montfort Centre on March 15, 2016. Representatives from the Alberta School Councils' Association will present on the purpose and roles of school councils. Additional topics for discussion will include:

- Provincial guidelines for best practice
 - school division response
- School fees
- Eliminate early closure Mondays for more full-day PD days; and
- Sharing of school council best practices

Safe and Caring Learning Environments for Students Policy Review

Administrative Procedure No. 103, Safe and Caring Learning Environments for Students was revised and approved by the Board of Trustees. This policy addresses our current practices of maintaining and enhancing safe and caring and inclusive environments for all students. This policy will be submitted to Alberta Education on March 31, 2016.

Capital Project Updates

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic School in Innisfail

Tenders for this project closed in January and the contract has been awarded to Vectus Inc. A start-up meeting was scheduled for February 16.

St. Gregory the Great Catholic School in Blackfalds

Construction will begin in the spring.

St. Joseph High School in Red Deer

Work is continuing in the gym and field house. The structural steel is now complete to the remainder of the school. Work on exterior insulation, vapor barrier and siding continues.

St. Francis of Assisi Middle School Addition in Red Deer

Work is progressing on the construction with most of the structure getting close to being completed.

Father Henri Voisin School in Red Deer

One modular classroom has been approved and information has been provided to ABC Schools to begin the scheduling of this unit to arrive.

St. Elizabeth Seton School in Red Deer

Two modular classrooms and a link have been approved. We have begun to develop plans to apply for a development permit. Paperwork for these units have been submitted to Alberta Infrastructure.

St. Gabriel Learning Centre

The school has expanded into the renovated space next door. The new space was turned over on February 1.

The next board meeting is on March 22, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.



Guy Pelletier, Board Chair