

Elk Island Catholic Separate School Division

Minutes of the Public Board Meeting Held on February 21, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. Elk Island Catholic Schools, Sherwood Park, AB

Board Members Present: Le-Ann Ewaskiw, Board Chair

Ted Paszek, Vice-Chair

Jean Boisvert Shelley Charchun

Teresa Makowecki -by video conference

Dean Sarnecki Al Stewart

Administration Present: Paul Corrigan, Superintendent

Tracy Leigh, Secretary-Treasurer

Thérèse de Champlain-Good, Assistant Superintendent Educational

Excellence

Jody Seymour, Director of Student and Staff Formation

Michael Di Massa, Communications Coordinator

Lisa Wispinski, Recording Secretary

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Call to Order	Chair Ewaskiw called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. Chair Ewaskiw welcomed guests and members of the public.		
Opening Prayer	Chair Ewaskiw opened the meeting with prayer and offered condolences to those who have lost loved ones.		
Singing of O'Canada	The Board joined in the singing of O'Canada.		
Acknowledgement of Land and People	Elk Island Catholic Schools acknowledges that we are, in all the schools and communities of EICS, located within the traditional land of Treaty No.6 and home of the Métis Nation. We also acknowledge the Inuit and other diverse Indigenous peoples whose ancestors have marked their territory since time immemorial, a place that has welcomed many peoples from around the world to make their home here.		

	These traditional territories are a vast area encompassing large portions of		
	central Alberta and central Saskatchewan, an area in which we live, work and play each and every day.		
Approval of the Agenda	013/2024 Trustee Sarnecki moved that the Agenda be adopted as amended, with the addition of New Business: 9.4 National School Food Policy and Program, and 9.5 Education Property Tax - Declaration of Separate School Support. **CARRIED** **CARRIED**		
Approval of the Minutes	014/2024 Trustee Stewart moved that the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the January 24th, 2024 Public Board Meeting as circulated. **CARRIED**		
Presentations / Delega	ntions		
Faith Formation	Director Seymour presented the Daily Examen to the board, and shared how it helps cultivate discernment, foster gratitude, and deepen our relationship with God, influencing every aspect of our lives.		
Transportation	Superintendent Corrigan introduced Transportation Director Michael Hayden. Director Hayden shared the work of the transportation department, which includes administrative coordinators, mechanics, and bus drivers. Trustees were able to ask questions. They thanked transportation staff for the presentation today and for the informative presentation. They also expressed appreciation to our drivers for taking care of our students; they are an important part of our operation, transporting students before and after school.		
Unfinished Business			
Policy 4 - Trustee Code of Conduct	015/2024 Trustee Sarnecki moved that the Board of Trustees approve Policy 4 - Trustee Code of Conduct, as presented for second reading. **CARRIED**		
Policy 5 - Role of the Board Chair and Vice Chair	 016/2024 Trustee Sarnecki moved that the Board of Trustees approve Policy 5 Role of the Board Chair and Vice Chair, as presented for second reading. CARRIED 		
Policy 8 - Board Committees	 017/2024 Trustee Sarnecki moved that the Board of Trustees approve Policy 8 Board Committees, as presented for second reading. CARRIED		
New Business			
Policy 21 - School	018/2024 Trustee Sarnecki moved that the Board of Trustees approve Policy		

Fees and Charges	21 -School Fees and Charges as presented for first reading. **CARRIED (6-1)**	
	The policy committee presented recommendations for Policy 21 which include aligning Policy 21 with School Fee Regulation, Alberta Regulation 95/2019 and with current practice.	
	019/2024 Trustee Boisvert moved that the Board discusses the fee waiver program for clarification at the March Board Meeting. **CARRIED**	
Zone 2/3 MLA Advocacy	The Board of Trustees discussed their support for the Alberta School Board's Association (ASBA) Zone 2/3 Advocacy Meeting with local MLA's.	
Appointment of Auditor	020/2024 Trustee Boisvert moved that the Board of Trustees appoint Metrix Group LLP to perform the Division audits for the years ending August 31, 2024, to August 31, 2028. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**	
CSBA National School Food Policy and Program	021/2024 Trustee Sarnecki moved that the Board of Trustees provide a letter of support for Private Member's Bill C-322 National Framework for a School Food Program Act, to support the concept of a universal national school food policy and program for all children. **CARRIED**	
	Trustees discussed support for drafting the letter from an Elk Island Catholic Separate School Division (EICS) perspective, and to advocate that this program support publicly funded education.	
Education Property Tax - Declaration of Separate School Support.	Trustee Sarnecki moved that the Board of Trustees direct administration to work with the Board Chair on creating and distributing a letter to stakeholders regarding Education Property Tax - Declaration of Separate School Support.	
	022/2024 Trustee Boisvert moved to amend the previous motion with "ratepayers" instead of "stakeholders." **CARRIED**	
	023/2024 Trustee Sarnecki moved that the Board of Trustees direct administration to work with the Board Chair on creating and distributing a letter to ratepayers regarding Education Property Tax - Declaration of Separate School Support.	
	CARRIED	
Superintendent's Rep	oort	

Superintendent Corrigan shared updates on the following:

- Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association (ACSTA) Summit
- Council of Catholic School Superintendents of Alberta (CCSSA) February 23rd, 2024 Meeting.
- Amendment of the Government of Alberta Travel, Meal, and Hospitality Expenses Policy, Appendix A
- Faith and Wellness Day February 16th, 2024. EICS welcomed Elders and Knowledgekeepers to lead the morning. Local priests concelebrated mass. Father Kris Schmidt was the guest speaker
- Congratulations to EICS nominee for the CCSSA Excellence in Catholic Education - Elizabeth Esposito-Maclean, and to EICS Excellence in Catholic Education, Support Staff Award winner - Lisa Wispinski. All nominees will be recoginzed at the April Board Meeting.
- Linking Generations recognizing the impact on students and seniors in our community, over 1,242 EICS students have been impacted by the program.
- Catholic Education Parent Advisory Committee (CEPAC) Meeting -February 22, 2024.

024/2024 Vice Chair Paszek moved that the Board of Trustees receive the Superintendent Report as information.

CARRIED

Secretary Treasurer Report

Secretary Treasurer Tracy Leigh presented the January Financial and Governance Report.

025/2024 Trustee Charchun moved that the Board of Trustees receive the Secretary-Treasurer's Report as information.

CARRIED

Correspondence

Chair Ewaskiw shared a copy of the Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) Annual Education Results Report.

Trustee Reports

Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association (ACSTA)

Trustee Sarnecki shared a verbal report, thanking Trustees for their participation in the ACSTA symposium February 9-10, 2024.

Alberta School

Trustee Boisvert shared a verbal report on ASBA.

Boards Association (ASBA)	026/2024 Trustee Stewart moved to accept the verbal trustee reports as info.	
	CARRIED	
Board Meeting Evaluation	Trustees were encouraged to complete the Board Meeting Evaluation.	
Closing Prayer	Vice Chair Paszek led the closing prayer.	
Adjournment	Chair Ewaskiw declared the meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.	

Secretary Treasurer, Tracy Leigh

Board Chair, Le-Ann Ewaskiw	