

ELK ISLAND CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL DIVISION
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021 AT 2:39 P.M.
CENTRAL LEARNING SERVICES, SHERWOOD PARK, ALBERTA

Present	Mr. Ted Paszek – Chair Mrs. Le-Ann Ewaskiw – Vice-Chair – via video-conference Mr. Ron Baier – Trustee Mr. Jean Boisvert – Trustee Mrs. Teresa Makowecki – Trustee – via video-conference Mr. Al Stewart – Trustee Mrs. Michelle Szott – Trustee – via video-conference Mr. Shawn Haggarty – Superintendent Ms. Cindy Wang – Secretary Treasurer Mr. Paul Corrigan – Assistant Superintendent, Faith & Wellness
Absent	0
Also present	Mrs. Marie Frederick – Recording Secretary Mrs. Susan Johnson – Director, Communications Mrs. Lisa Wispinski – Executive Assistant Mrs. Lynne Lambert – Director of Transportation Services
Public	0
Call to Order	Chair Ted Paszek called the meeting to order at 2:39 p.m.
Opening Prayer	Trustee Jean Boisvert led everyone in prayer and asked everyone to remember those who have lost loved ones and to remember all students, parents and staff during this difficult time.
Singing of O' Canada	Chair Ted Paszek welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone joined together in the singing of O'Canada.
Treaty Acknowledgement	We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of Treaty No. 6, and home of Métis Nation of Alberta Zone 4. 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.
Approval of the Agenda	Trustees asked that the following be added to the Agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff Recognition and Long Service Award Committee Report under New Business• Funding Reduction under Superintendent's Report

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008/2021 **Vice-Chair Le-Ann Ewaskiw** moved that the Board adopt the Agenda as amended.

CARRIED

Approval of the Minutes **009/2021** **Trustee Michelle Szott** moved that the minutes of the Public Board Meeting of January 20, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

PRESENTATION & DELEGATIONS:

Faith Formation

Assistant Superintendent Faith & Wellness, Paul Corrigan led Trustees in faith formation. Mr. Corrigan spoke on Lent and the Year of St. Joseph.

Mr. Corrigan referred Trustees to the ASEBP Wellness website and their poster on mental health for information.

Transportation Services

Director of Transportation Services, Lynne Lambert, gave a presentation on the work of Transportation Services.

Trustees thanked Mrs. Lambert for her update and thanked and congratulated her and team for all the work they do.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**2021 – 2022 School
Calendars**

Superintendent Shawn Haggarty briefed Trustees on the ‘Final-Approval’ Fort Saskatchewan/Vegreville/Sherwood Park 2021-2022 School Calendar and the ‘In-Principle’ St. Patrick Catholic School and Our Lady of Mount Pleasant Catholic School 2021-2022 School Calendars.

010/2021 **Trustee Ron Baier** moved that the Board of Trustees formally accept the ‘Final-Approval’ Fort Saskatchewan/Vegreville/Sherwood Park 2021-2022 School Calendar as presented.

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011/2021 **Trustee Ron Baier** moved that the Board of Trustees formally give ‘In-Principle Approval’ for the St. Patrick Catholic School and Our Lady of Mount Pleasant School 2021-2022 School Calendar as presented.

CARRIED

It was noted that consultation on the Camrose calendars will take place next month with staff, school councils and the ATA. The plan is to bring forward the Camrose calendars to the Board for ‘Final Approval’ at the March Board meeting.

Vice-Chair Le-Ann Ewaskiw thanked the Superintendent for Elk Island Catholic Schools’ calendar approval process.

NEW BUSINESS:

Staff Recognition and Long Service Award Committee Report

Trustee Michelle Szott referred Trustees to her attached Staff Recognition Proposal – February 24, 2021 for information.

This year Elk Island Catholic Schools will include recognition of long service and retiree awards for a two-year period, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years.

Trustee Teresa Makowecki joined the meeting at 3:32 p.m.

012/2021 **Trustee Ron Baier** moved that the Board approve the staff recognition program as presented for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school year.

CARRIED

Superintendent’s Report:

Superintendent Shawn Haggarty highlighted his report:

- COVID Update
 - Extracurricular
 - Re-Entry Handbook (Draft) February 23, 2021
 - Rapid Testing for Staff
- École Pere Kenneth Kearns Modernization Update
- CEPAC Meeting
- GrACE Committee
- PUF – RCSD – AHS Cuts – EICS allocation and

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supports

- ASBA Mental Health Promotion
- Provincial Budget Announcement
- Funding Reduction

013/2021 **Trustee Ron Baier** moved that the Board approve the changes of the extra-curricular to reflect recent government guidelines and the intermural components of the 2020-2021 Re-Entry Handbook for Staff dated February 23, 2021.

CARRIED

014/2021 **Trustee Jean Boisvert** moved that the Board request a meeting with the Minister of Education, including the Chair, Vice-Chair, Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer to get clarification and seek reversal on the reduction of the basic instruction non primary on-line student funding.

015/2021 **Trustee Teresa Makowecki** moved that the Board make an amendment to motion 014/2021 to remove the words “get clarification and”.

CARRIED

Called to question motion 014/2021 as amended.

CARRIED

016/2021 **Trustee Jean Boisvert** moved that the Board accept the Superintendent’s Report for information.

CARRIED

Secretary Treasurer’s Report:

Secretary Treasurer Cindy Wang highlighted her report:

1. January Division Financial Report
2. January Governance Financial Report
3. Critical Worker Benefit

017/2021 **Trustee Al Stewart** moved that the Board accept the Secretary Treasurer’s Report for information.

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ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:

- Correspondence:** Chair Ted Paszek referred Trustees to the letter sent by Catholic Social Services dated January 29, 2021.
- Trustee Reports:**
- ACSTA Reports** Trustee Michelle Szott referred Trustees to the attached ACSTA Director’s Report and Board of Trustees – Meeting Report for information. Trustees were encouraged to register for the SPICE and Blueprints Conference.
- Audit Committee Report** Trustee Michelle Szott referred Trustees to the Audit Committee Report for information. Secretary-Treasurer Cindy Wang presented the report.
- Rural Caucus Report** Trustee Teresa Makowecki referred Trustees to the attached February 2021 edition of the Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards’ Report for information.
- ASBA Zone 2/3 Meeting Minutes** Trustee Jean Boisvert referred Trustees to the Alberta School Boards’ Association’s Zone 2/3 meeting minutes of January 29, 2021 for information.
- 018/2021** **Trustee Al Stewart** moved that the Trustee Reports be accepted for information.

CARRIED

- Board Meeting Evaluation** Chair Ted Paszek asked Trustees to complete the Board Meeting Evaluation.
- Closing Prayer** Vice-Chair Le-Ann Ewaskiw ended the meeting with a prayer.
- Adjournment** Chair Ted Paszek declared the meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

BOARD CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER
