



## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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## EICS Board Meeting Highlights April 21, 2021

### Government of Alberta Draft K-6 Curriculum

After a thorough review process that involved teaching staff in each of the seven subject areas, and after surveying parents and stakeholders, the Board voted unanimously to not pilot Alberta's draft K-6 curriculum. EICS will continue to work with administration, teachers and parents to review and provide feedback on the draft curriculum to the Ministry of Education. Trustees and administration thanked parents and staff for reaching out via phone and email with their feedback.

### New Business

#### 2021-2022 Division Fees

The Board approved the 2021-2022 Division School Fees as presented. All fees remain the same with the exception of:

- a new fee for out of province students, who are not resident students of Alberta under the Education Act, and are not eligible for public funding according to the funding manual.
- an increase in fees for Chesterton Academy Online students, adjusted to reflect the base instruction grant as per the funding manual.
- an increase in school rental fees of 1.4% over 2020-2021 school rental fees.

### City of Fort Saskatchewan Task Force

Board of Trustees received correspondence from the City of Fort Saskatchewan, requesting representatives from Elk Island Catholic Schools for their task force on surplus school sites. The Board moved to have 2 trustees represent EICS at any upcoming meetings.

### Unfinished Business

#### 2021-2022 Camrose School Calendars

The Board approved the 2021-2022 school calendars for St. Patrick Catholic School, and Our Lady of Mount Pleasant Catholic School in Camrose. Updated calendars are posted on the EICS website.

### Board Meeting Reports

The following reports were shared with the Board:

- CEPAC Meeting / GrACE Provincial Summit
- Alberta Education Non Primary Funding Reduction Reversal
- Covid Update
  - After the covid update, the Board voted to draft a letter requesting the Alberta Government prioritize in school staff and bus drivers to receive Covid-19 vaccinations.

### NEXT MEETING

May 26,  
2021

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### Next Meeting:

**May 26th, 2021 at  
2:30 pm**

*Board Meetings  
continue to be virtual.  
Public is welcome. To  
request a virtual link to  
attend, please email:  
lisaw@eics.ab.ca*

## Trustee Reports

**ACSTA:** Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association is holding a virtual meeting on April 22, 2021 regarding the draft curriculum. ACSTA's SPICE and Blueprints conference is scheduled for April 29th and 30th.

**Staff Recognition and Long Service Awards:** The Board of Trustees will be recognizing our retirees for 2019-20 and 2020-21 virtually on May 31st, 2021. Long service awards will be handed out during school staff meetings on June 2nd, 2021.

**Rural Caucus:** The agenda for the April 27th, 2021 Rural Caucus Meeting was shared.

## Catholic Education Parents Advisory Committee (CEPAC)

On April 15th, 2021, administration and trustees met with school council chairs to discuss the draft curriculum as well as covid. This meeting was well attended with 22 school council representatives from 14 schools. Board members and administration expressed their sincere appreciation to all attendees for the open conversations.

## Board of Trustees Retreat

Trustees participated in a virtual retreat on April 12th, 2021. Bishop David Motiuk led trustees in liturgy, and facilitated a workshop on the Shroud of Tourin. The workshop also focused on how to mirror the Gospel in the role of Trustee. Dean Sarnecki facilitated an afternoon workshop that allowed trustees to reflect on their term as Board Trustee, visioning how to continue to ensure that advocating for Catholic Education always remains the focus.

## Terry Fox Day Appreciation

The Board shared correspondence from the Terry Fox Foundation recognizing EICS Schools for raising \$14,676.00 for cancer research this year.

## Linking Generations Student Participation at Ecole OLPH

Ecole OLPH has partnered with Linking Generations since 2004, and has recorded 497 student volunteers with their intergenerational programs. This equates to a total of 178,920 volunteer hours. The Board expressed its appreciation to the students and to Linking Generations for their continued support of this great program.

## EICS Board of Trustees Community Advocacy

- EICS Board of Trustees continue to attend regular school council meetings.
- Trustees participated in the following events in April:
  - Trustees attended Stations of the Cross at St. Theresa Catholic School on March 22, 2021.
  - Trustees attended a virtual meeting with Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) and Minister LaGrange on March 26th, 2021.
  - Virtual celebration of EICS / Catholic Social Services Partnership Re-Launch on April 7th, 2021.
  - Virtually attended the 2nd Provincial GrACE Summit on April 19th, 2021.
  - Alberta School Council Association (ASCA) Conference and AGM April 23 - 25, 2021.

## Upcoming Public Board Meeting - May 26th, 2021

The Board would like to thank parents and members of the public for attending the April Public Board Meeting. Parents and members of the public are always welcome to attend public meeting. As meetings continue to be virtual, please email lisaw@eics.ab.ca to register to attend and receive the virtual meeting link.