



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

May 26, 2021

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Next Meeting
June 16,
2021

EICS Board of Trustees Recognizes Outstanding Staff

At the May 26th, 2021 EICS Board of Trustees Public Board Meeting, the nominees and winners of 3 awards were announced.

Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Edwin Parr Teacher Award

Each year ASBA honours six outstanding first year teachers with the Edwin Parr Teacher Award. School boards may nominate any first year K -12 teacher who has taught in an Alberta school jurisdiction that is a member of ASBA.

Congratulations to the EICS 2020-2021 Nominees for the Edwin Parr Teacher Award:

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| Kirstin Prystupa | St. Isidore Learning Centre |
| Shelby Victor | St. André Bessette Catholic School |
| Michelle Bodnarek | St. Theresa Catholic School |
| Tawni Kjenner | St. Mary's Catholic School |

Congratulations to the 2020-2021 Edwin Parr Teacher Award Winner for EICS:

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| Tawni Kjenner | St. Mary's Catholic School |
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Tawni Kjenner will be recognized at the ASBA Zone 2/3 Virtual Edwin Parr Awards Ceremony on June 2, 2021.

Council of Catholic School Superintendents of Alberta (CCSSA) Excellence in Catholic Teaching Award

Each year CCSSA honours one teacher or school administrator from each Catholic jurisdiction in the province who has done an exemplary job in preparing our youth to grow into outstanding Catholic citizens.

Congratulations to the EICS 2020-2021 Nominees for the Excellence in Catholic Education Award:

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| Sinead Taylor | École our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School |
| Tanya Thiessen | Our Lady of Mount Pleasant Catholic School |
| Kristine Willis-Dengler | Holy Redeemer Catholic School |
| Justine Wright | St. Isidore Learning Centre |
| Alyre Morin | École our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School |
| Bonnie-Lynne Boehm | St. John XXIII Catholic School |

Congratulations to the 2020-2021 Excellence in Catholic Education Award Winner for EICS:
Bonnie-Lynne Boehm St. John XXIII Catholic School



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EICS Excellence in Catholic Education Award

This year, EICS decided to add a new award, an EICS Excellence in Catholic Education Award for Support Staff. This award mirrors the CCSSA award, but it recognizes our support staff who are passionate about Catholic education and the students they work with, who inspire their students and demonstrate a commitment to Catholic Education.

Congratulations to the EICS 2020-2021 Nominees for the EICS Excellence in Catholic Education Award for Support Staff:

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| Sue Wolfe | Our Lady of Mount Pleasant Catholic School |
| May-Lee Buban | St. John XXIII Catholic School |
| Callista Baska | St. Patrick Catholic School |
| Ashwini D’Mello | St. John Paul II Catholic School |
| Rae Rees | St. Theresa Catholic School |

Congratulations to the 2020-2021 winner of the EICS Excellence in Catholic Education Award for Support Staff:

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| Callista Baska | St. Patrick Catholic School |
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New Business

Locally Developed Courses

EICS renews course offerings each year based on the needs of schools and their response to student interests. EICS acquires locally developed courses created by other jurisdictions that are approved by Alberta Education.

At the May 26th, 2021 public meeting, the Board moved to approve the presented list of Locally Developed Courses for the 2021-2022 school year.

Approval of the EICS 2021-2020 School Budget and School Fees

At the May 26th, 2021 public meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the Division operating budget and school fees for the 2021-2022 school year.

Elk Island Catholic Schools’ operating budget for 2021-2022 is \$82.6 million. With revenues projected at \$81.0 million, the Division plans to have an operating deficit of \$1.5 million for the 2021-2022 school year. The planned operating deficit will be supported by using the accumulated operating revenues from previous years.

EICS serves over 7,800 students from pre-kindergarten to Grade 12 within 18 schools. EICS continues to maximize resources allocated to classroom teaching and support staff to ensure success for all students. The projected class size averages for 2021-2022 are anticipated to remain stable in kindergarten to grade 9, with a slight increase anticipated in grade 10-12.



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	2021/22	2020/21	2019/20
K to grade 3	20.8	20.6	20.3
Grades 4-6	22.6	23.4	23.7
Grades 7-9	28.5	29.2	27.8
Grades 10-12	29.4	28.6	28.4

EICS receives 95% of its total revenue from the Government of Alberta, with the remaining 5% from other revenue sources such as school fees, school generated funds, and investment income. Total budgeted revenue for 2021/2022 is \$81.0 million. Revenue is projected to decline by \$3.7 million from the estimated total 2020/2021 revenue due to the discontinuation of the one-time revenues sourced from the federal and provincial governments, and other school authorities during the pandemic.

EICS projected expenses for 2021/22 are \$82.5 million. The breakdown based on program is as follows:

Instructional Programs	\$63.0 million
Plant Operations and Maintenance	\$13.1 million
Transportation	\$3.7 million
Board Governance and System Administration	\$2.5 million
External Services	\$123 thousand

EICS Priority Based Budgeting

EICS is committed to continued growth and optimal student learning. The division has developed its assurance plan and set priorities and goals under the direction of the Board of Trustees in accordance with its responsibilities under the Education Act. All schools, departments, and employees engage their stakeholders and align goals and resources to these priorities:

Faith Formation	\$ 784,965
Quality Teaching and Learning	\$ 6,923,271
Wellness	\$ 1,336,195
Engagement and Improvement	\$ 338,718
Classroom and Instructional Support	\$ 36,173,895
Division and School Operations	\$ 17,350,939
School Generated Funds	\$ 2,810,567
Plant Operations and Maintenance	\$ 13,114,028
Transportation	\$ 3,734,570



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Board Meeting Reports

The following reports were shared as information with the Board:

Catholic Education Sunday: May 9 – 14, 2021

Catholic Education week is an opportunity to publicly celebrate our mission, our successes, our students, and our future together in service of the Gospels. The week began with the presentation of the winning entries to our annual GrACE Committee's Celebrating Catholic Education contest. Provincial prayer was celebrated virtually each day with the Bishops of Alberta.

Cambrian Development

The Board moved to direct Chair Paszek and Superintendent Haggarty to explore all options to determine our right to secure a single school site in the Cambrian Subdivision to include but not limited to contacting the Minister of Education, Municipal Affairs and Legal Consultation if required.

ASBA Board Orientation

Transportation Task Force

Trustee Reports

Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association (ACSTA): ACSTA draft budget will be available to the membership in September. ACSTA "re-imagining" process continues with a meeting on May 27, 2021.

Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA): Trustees were referred to ASBA's Budget and Bylaws Bulletin Spring General Meeting. The ASBA virtual Spring General Meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2021.

Audit Committee: The Audit Committee met on May 12, 2021 to review the Division's draft budget report.

Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA): Trustees attended the ASCA annual conference on April 23 – 25, 2021. The virtual conference was engaging, refreshing and well attended.

Long Service Awards Committee: On May 31, 2021 a virtual retirement celebration will commence at 6:00 pm, recognizing retirees from 2019-2020 and 2020-2021, as well as faithful long service award winners from the past 2 years.

Rural Caucus: The Board moved to accept the Rural Caucus Financial Report

Upcoming Public Board Meeting – June 16th, 2021

Parents and members of the public are always welcome to attend the EICS Board of Trustees public board meetings. Meetings begin at 2:30 pm. As meetings continue to be virtual, please email lisaw@eics.ab.ca to register to attend and to receive the virtual meeting link.