



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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September 22nd, 2021

Engagement on Cambrian Area Structure Plan

At the June 16th, 2021 public board meeting, the Board moved that the Superintendent develop a communication plan to inform the community of the ramifications of the Cambrian Area Structure Plan.

In August, a Thought Exchange was launched for parents/stakeholders to share their thoughts and suggestions on what the Elk Island Catholic School Board should be advocating for as it relates to the proposed school sites in the Cambrian Area Structure Plan.

207 people participated in the exchange, sharing over 100 thoughts on the proposed school sites. The collective response from participants was support for 2 school sites as originally proposed, allowing each site space for sport fields, outdoor activities, growth, and ample parking which in turn would help reduce traffic flow and keep students safe.

Further feedback indicated 80% of respondents showed support for two school sites of 10 hectares over one shared school site of 6.1 hectares.

The EICS Board of Trustees moved to accept the engagement data and will use this feedback to advocate with Strathcona County in future meetings.

Presentations to the Board

Claude Valcourt, Director of Facilities, shared a presentation with the Board outlining some of the renovation, maintenance, and repair projects that were completed throughout the district over the summer.

New Business

Policy 2 – Appendix B: Board Annual Work Plan

The board approved the annual work plan for the 2021-2022 school year, with the addition of resuming school site visits once covid protocols allow.

Next Meeting
October 27,
2021



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Board Meeting Reports

- **New Camrose High School P3 Approval**
- **Learning Loss Grant**
- **Covid-19 Updates**
 - The Board moved to direct the Board Chair to write a letter to the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health to reinstate contact tracing and quarantine measures in our schools to address the rising number of covid cases in our schools.
- **Secretary Treasurer Report**
 - The Board welcomed Secretary Treasurer Tracy Leigh to the Elk Island Catholic Schools' family. August 2021 division and governance financial reports were shared with the Board.

Trustee Reports

Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association (ACSTA): Information was shared about the upcoming special general meeting on October 14, 2021, and the Annual General Meeting on November 13th, 2021. ACSTA meetings will continue to be virtual.

REAL Foundation: The REAL Foundation Annual Golf Tournament was held on September 15th 2021. More details regarding the funds raised will be provided at the next meeting.

Professional Development: The Board attended two professional learning sessions with McLennan Ross on OH&S Safety Law for School Authorities.

Trustee Community Advocacy

Trustees continued their work in the community over the summer and into September, attending events such as:

- Virtual conversation with Minister Shandro and MLA Lovely in July.
- Sherwood Park Chamber of Commerce luncheon with Premier Jason Kenney in August.
- EICS Opening Day Mass, gathering in prayer to celebrate the beginning of a new school year.
- Advocacy meeting with community parish priests on September 14, 2021.
- REAL Foundation Golf Tournament on September 15, 2021.
- School council meetings in September.
- Catholic Education Parents Advisory Committee Meeting (CEPAC) with parent council chairs on September 23, 2021.



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Special Board Meeting – September 9th, 2021

The Board approved the recommendation to accept the 2021-2022 Amended Final-Approval calendars for St. Patrick Catholic School and Our Lady of Mount Pleasant Catholic School and Strathcona County, Vegreville and Fort Saskatchewan, to recognize National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, making September 30th a school closure day.

Upcoming Public Board Meeting – October 27, 2021

EICS Public Board meetings will continue to be virtual in 2021. Parents and members of the public are always welcome to attend the EICS Board of Trustees public board meetings. Please email lisaw@eics.ab.ca or call 780-449-6469 to request the link to the virtual meeting.

Please note that the October 27th, 2021 public board meeting will begin at 3:30 pm.

Please watch our [website](#) for agendas and minutes for upcoming meetings.

Municipal Election – Monday October 18th, 2021

The Municipal Election is Monday October 18th, 2021. Information about the 2021 School Board Trustee Election is posted on our [website](#).