



Elk Island Catholic Separate School Division

Minutes of the Public Board Meeting

Held on November 23rd, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Central Learning Services, Sherwood Park, Alberta

Board Members Present: Le-Ann Ewaskiw, Board Chair
Ted Paszek, Vice-Chair
Jean Boisvert
Shelley Charchun
Teresa Makowecki
Dean Sarnecki
Al Stewart

Board Members Absent: 0

Administration Present: Paul Corrigan, Superintendent
Tracy Leigh, Secretary-Treasurer
Thérèse deChamplain-Good, Assistant Superintendent
Jody Seymour, Director Student and Staff Formation
Bonnie-Lynne Boehm, Director Inclusive Learning Services
Lisa Wispinski, Executive Services Coordinator/Recording Secretary

Public: Benji Waser - MNP LLP joined via video conference at 2:45 p.m.

Call to Order Board Chair Le-Ann Ewaskiw called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm

Opening Prayer Vice Chair Ted Paszek led everyone in prayer and offered condolences to those who have lost loved ones.

Singing of O'Canada Board Chair Le-Ann Ewaskiw welcomed everyone to the meeting, and everyone joined together in the singing of O'Canada.

Land 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 **082/2022** **Trustee Dean Sarnecki** moved to approve the agenda as presented. **CARRIED**

Approval of the Minutes **083/2022** **Trustee Al Stewart** moved to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2022 Public Board Meeting as presented. **CARRIED**

Presentations and Delegations

Faith Formation

Board Chair Le-Ann Ewaskiw welcomed Director of Student and Staff Formation, Jody Seymour.

Director of Student and Staff Formation, Jody Seymour led the Board in Faith Formation. The Board engaged in an activity about spiritual surrender, and how to be a cornerstone for strength, guidance, and direction.

Trustees thanked Jody Seymour for her moving presentation.

Inclusive Learning Services

Board Chair Le-Ann Ewaskiw welcomed Director of Inclusive Learning Services, Bonnie-Lynne Boehm. Bonnie-Lynne Boehm gave a presentation to the Board about her team and the support they provide to students and staff across the division. The Inclusive Learning Services team serves every child in EICS. Our foundational beliefs guide us to embrace the dignity of all and recognize and celebrate the gifts and talents of every child, every person who we encounter.

Superintendent Paul Corrigan thanked Director Bonnie-Lynne Boehm, acknowledging that there have been many changes in senior leadership over the past year, thanking Assistant Superintendent Thérèse deChamplain-Good, and Directors Jody Seymour and Bonnie-Lynne Boehm for their collaborative approach to working together.

Trustees thanked Bonnie-Lynne Boehm for her presentation, and for the hard work that her team is undertaking.

Unfinished Business

Policy Committee Updates **084/2022** **Trustee Teresa Makowecki** moved to accept revised Policy 7 - Governance Budget as presented for second reading. **CARRIED**

New Business

Audited Financial Statements

Secretary Treasurer Tracy Leigh presented the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended August 31, 2022.

Revenue: \$ 82,045,948

Expenses: \$ 84,165,380

Deficit: (\$ 2,119,432)

The Division's Auditor Mr. Benji Wasner, MNP LLP reviewed the 2021/2022 Auditor's Report, and reported that Elk Island Catholic Separate School Division received a clean audit opinion. No incidents of fraud or suspected fraud were reported.

Mr. Wasner presented the Management letter and indicated that all concerns expressed in the Management letter have been addressed by the school division.

Mr. Wasner expressed appreciation for the co-operation and assistance from the Business Services team throughout the course of the audit.

On behalf of the Audit Committee, Trustee Jean Boisvet indicated that the Audit Committee met on November 17, 2022 and reviewed the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended August 31, 2022.

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Trustee Jean Boisvert moved that the Board of Trustees receive the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended August 31, 2022 as information and approve their release to the public and to Alberta Education.

CARRIED

Trustee Jean Boisvert thanked Secretary Treasurer and her team for all the work done on preparing these statements.

Superintendent's Report

Respiratory Virus Update

Schools are continuing to follow the AHS guidelines in the Guide for Outbreak Prevention and Control in Schools in reporting respiratory related student absences over 10%. Currently, there are no schools on outbreak status.

Thank-you to St. Nicholas Catholic School

Superintendent Paul Corrigan thanked the staff at St. Nicholas Catholic School for hosting the Premier, Minister of Education, and local MLA's for the recent press conference and

announcement regarding funding for new students from Ukraine.

St. Mary's 1A Provincial Volleyball Tournament in Vegreville
St. Mary's Catholic High School will be hosting the 1A Provincial Volleyball Tournament on November 24-26, 2022.

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Trustee Al Stewart moved to accept the Superintendent's report as presented.

CARRIED

Secretary Treasurer Report

October Division Financial and Governance Report

Secretary Treasurer Tracy Leigh shared the October Financial and Governance Reports with the Board.

Secretary Treasurer Tracy Leigh provided the Board with information on the additional funding for Ukrainian Students

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Trustee Shelley Charchun moved to accept the Secretary Treasurer Report as presented.

CARRIED

Correspondence

- Letter from Minister LaGrange, November 15, 2022

Trustee Reports

None at this time.

Board Meeting Evaluation

Trustees completed the Board Meeting Evaluation form.

Closing Prayer

Trustee Jean Boisvert closed the meeting with a prayer

Adjournment

Board Chair Le-Ann Ewaskiw declared the meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Board Chair, Le-Ann Ewaskiw

Secretary Treasurer, Tracy Leigh