



## January 2023 Board Highlights

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The Elk Island Catholic School (EICS) Board of Trustees would like to thank the school community of St. John Paul II Catholic School for hosting the January 18th, 2023 board meeting. Special thanks to Principal Robert Stecyk and Assistant Principal Dustin Maloney for their hospitality and making us feel welcome.



Trustees were able to tour the school and begin their meeting with prayer in the school chapel.

Thank-you to the wonderful staff at St. John Paul II for welcoming us into your classrooms, and to the amazing students for your welcome smiles and friendly greetings.

Thank-you to the entire St. John Paul II community for making us welcome and allowing us to be a part of the St. John Paul II community for the day.

## Division News

### Cogito Academy

EICS is exploring offering this program in the fall at Madonna Catholic School for grades K-4, and would run alongside regular K-4 programs. More information will be shared in the coming days. Information is available on the [Madonna Catholic School website](#)

**Next Public Board Meeting: February 15, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.**  
EICS Central Learning Services, Sherwood Park



## Lurana Shelter Basket of Blessings

- A huge thank you to all EICS schools and staff for their work in supporting and raising funds for Lurana Shelter through our Baskets of Blessings during Advent. Elk Island Catholic School Division as a whole raised \$16,319.55 for the shelter, which supports women and children who are escaping abusive relationships and require shelter.

## 2023/24 School Calendars

- The “approved in principle” calendars have been distributed for feedback from staff, parents and the local ATA. In order to give time for schools to engage parents, we will bring the calendars back to the board for final approval at the February board meeting.

## Assurance Surveys

Over the next month we will be conducting the 2022-2023 EICS Division Assurance Survey. The purpose of this process is to check in with stakeholders on our strategic direction - what we are doing well and what we can do to make our schools and division even better. Our goal is to continuously improve how we support faith formation, impact student learning, provide support to our students and staff, and engage with all stakeholders. Watch your emails for links to the surveys starting January 25th, 2023.

To view the 2022 - 2026 EICS Division Assurance Plan, please click here: [2022-2026 Division Assurance Plan](#)

## Registration Opens February 1st.

- Registration opens for the 23/24 school year on Feb. 1st. We are excited at the possibility of the new school year and the opportunities it brings to our communities. Elk Island Catholic has worked hard this year to add central support to our Pre-K programs in our various communities which serve as a gateway to our K-12 programming. For more information, please see our website: [School Registration | Elk Island Catholic Schools](#)

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**2023 SUMMER SCHOOL**  
**REGISTRATION IS OPEN**  
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## **Policy Committee**

### *Policy 12 - Role of the Superintendent*

The Board of Trustees gave second and third reading to the amended Policy 12, Role of the Superintendent. Changes made were to align the Superintendent evaluation with the Superintendent Leadership Quality Standards.

## **Division Financial Update**

The following information was received as information by the Board of Trustees:

- December Division Financial Report
- December Governance Financial Report
- 2023/24 Enrolment Projections

Supporting documentation regarding changes to Policy 12, Role of the Superintendent and the December Financial and Governance Report were included in the [January 18th, 2023 Public Meeting Agenda](#).

## **Board of Trustee Community Engagement and Advocacy**

### **School Council Meetings**

Trustees continue to attend school council meetings in their communities. These meetings are a valued opportunity to learn about each community's unique needs and approach to Catholic education.

### **EICS Board of Trustees Meeting with Local MLA's**

The Board of Trustees met with local MLA's, Honourable Nate Glubish, Honourable Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk, MLA Jackie Lovely on November 25th, 2022. Trustees shared the engagement process in naming the new high school in Camrose, Blessed Carlo Acutis. A discussion was had regarding feedback/status on Grant Funding requests, and the Board shared concerns regarding the current funding manual and how it is impacting the division.

### **EICS Board of Trustees Meeting with The City of Camrose**

EICS Trustees are looking forward to meeting with The City of Camrose Mayor and Council on January 31st, 2023. This will be an opportunity to discuss the new high school in Camrose, possible partnership opportunities, the Joint Use Agreement, and planning for growth.