

Elk Island Catholic Separate School Division

Minutes of the Public Board Meeting

Held on March 15, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

Elk Island Catholic Schools Central Learning Services

Board Members Present:	<p>Le-Ann Ewaskiw, Board Chair Ted Paszek, Vice-Chair Jean Boisvert Shelley Charchun Teresa Makowecki - via video conference Dean Sarnecki Al Stewart</p>
Board Members Absent:	<p>0</p>
Administration Present:	<p>Paul Corrigan, Superintendent Tracy Leigh, Secretary-Treasurer Brett Cox, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources Thérèse deChamplain-Good, Assistant Superintendent Educational Excellence Jody Seymour, Director Student and Staff Formation Ryan Arndt, Director Business Services Michael Di Massa, Communications Coordinator Lisa Wispinski, Recording Secretary</p>
Public:	<p>2</p>

Call to Order	Chair Ewaskiw called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm	
Opening Prayer	Trustee Charchun led everyone in prayer and offered condolences to those who have lost loved ones.	
Singing of O'Canada	Chair Ewaskiw welcomed everyone to the meeting, and everyone joined together in the singing of O'Canada.	
Land Acknowledgement	The Land Acknowledgement was presented via a video recording from Holy Spirit Catholic School students.	
Approval of the Agenda	012/2023 Trustee Stewart moved to adopt the agenda as circulated.	CARRIED

Approval of the Minutes

013/2023

Trustee Sarnecki moved to approve the minutes of the February 15th, 2023 Public Board Meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

Presentations and Delegations

Faith Formation

Director Seymour led the Board in faith formation, sharing our mission as disciples of Christ and in Catholic Education is to serve the Lord by serving others.

Business Services

Superintendent Corrigan introduced Director of Business Services Ryan Arndt, who gave a presentation on the work of the Business Services team, and introduced the team to the Board.

The Board expressed thanks to Ryan for his service to Elk Island Catholic Schools. Secretary Treasurer Leigh also thanked Ryan for his support and assistance over the years and wished him well in his new endeavour.

Secretary Treasurer Leigh introduced Heather Whyte who is taking over as Finance Manager.

Unfinished Business

New Business

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Trustee Makowecki moved to accept Policy 1, Division Foundation Statements for first reading as presented.

CARRIED

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Corrigan presented the Superintendent report with updates on:

- External Organizational Activities:
 - MCI meeting on March 7th
 - CASS Spring Conference (Edmonton) March 22-24
 - GrACE Summit (Edmonton) April 12
- Information Items

- EICS Division Assurance Survey
- Faith and Wellness day
- Catholic School review of St. Martin
- Strathcona County School Site Allocation Meeting - February 23, 2023
- Facility Site Review of all schools in EICS is ongoing
- Community Engagement
 - Superintendent Student Advisory Committee
 - CEPAC Meeting
 - Ash Wednesday Mass
 - Ukrainian Newcomer Gym Afternoon

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Trustee Charchun moved to receive the Superintendent’s report for information.

CARRIED

Secretary Treasurer Report

Provincial Budget Update

Secretary Treasurer Leigh presented an overview of the 2023/24 provincial budget to the board. Administration is reviewing the provincial budget and determining the direct impact it will have on the division. A balanced budget for 2023/24 will be presented in May for board review and approval.

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Vice Chair Paszek moved that the Board Chair write a letter to the Minister of Education, and copy our local MLAs regarding our concerns about the impact of the provincial education budget on Elk Island Catholic Schools.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2023 Audit Fee Estimate

Secretary Treasurer Leigh presented as information, a letter from MNP LLP, contracted auditors for the Elk Island Catholic Separate Schools, indicating a 24 % increase in audit fees for 2023.

February Division Financial and Governance Report

Secretary Treasurer Leigh presented as information the February Division and Governance Financial Reports

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Trustee Boisvert moved to receive the Secretary Treasurer Report for information.

CARRIED

Correspondence

Trustee Reports

Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association (ACSTA)

Trustee Sarnecki highlighted the upcoming ACSTA MLA Reception event on March 21, 2023.

Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association (CCSTA)

Trustee Sarnecki shared information on the upcoming CCSTA AGM and Convention, June 1 - 3, 2023 in Saskatoon.

Board Meeting Evaluation

Chair Ewaskiw thanked the members of the public for attending today.

Trustees completed the Board Meeting Evaluation form.

Closing Prayer

Chair Ewaskiw closed the meeting with a prayer.

Adjournment

Chair Ewaskiw declared the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Board Chair, Le-Ann Ewaskiw

Secretary Treasurer, Tracy Leigh