

Elk Island Catholic Separate School Division

Minutes of the Public Board Meeting

Held on October 18th, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Mount Pleasant Catholic School, Camrose

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

Board Members Absent: Dean Sarnecki, with regrets

Administration Present: 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
Claude Valcourt, Director of Facilities
Michael Di Massa, Communications Coordinator
Lisa Wispinski, Recording Secretary

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Call to Order Chair Ewaskiw called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Opening Prayer Our Lady of Mount Pleasant Catholic School student, Quinn led everyone in prayer. Board Chair Ewaskiw offered condolences to those who have lost loved ones.

Singing of O'Canada Chair Ewaskiw welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone joined in the singing of O'Canada.

Land Acknowledgement Our Lady of Mount Pleasant Catholic School student, Sophia led the 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 **060/2023**

Trustee Makowecki moved to adopt the agenda as amended, with the addition of purchasing wreaths for Remembrance Day as requested by Trustee Boisvert.

CARRIED

Approval of the Minutes **061/2023**

Vice Chair Paszek moved to approve the minutes of the September 20th, 2023 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Presentations and Delegations

Faith Formation

Director Seymour led the Board in faith formation, reflecting on what it means to be Catholic leaders and good stewards of God's creation, while walking in truth and reconciliation with Indigenous people and respectfully integrating Indigenous ways of knowing in our Catholic schools.

Facilities

Director of Facilities Claude Valcourt presented an update to the Board on the work done by the Facilities Department.

Chair Ewaskiw thanked Director Valcourt for his presentation, and his department for the work they are doing to maintain our schools.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Locally Developed Course Approval - Speech and Debate **062/2023**

Trustee Stewart moved that the board approve the following new courses:

Speech and Debate 15 3 Credits (2022-2026) LDC1209
2023-11-01 2025-2026

Speech and Debate 25 3 Credits (2020-2024) LDC2244
2023-11-01 2023-2024

Speech and Debate 35 3 Credits (2020-2024) LDC3244
2023-11-01 2023-2024

CARRIED

ATA Memorandum of Agreement	063/2023	Trustee Paszek moved that the Board of Trustees approves and ratifies the Memorandum of Agreement between Elk Island Catholic Separate School Division and The Alberta Teacher’s Association for the period September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2024.	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Policy Committee		The Policy Committee recommended no changes to Policy 6 Board Operations, Policy 7 Board Governance, Policy 12 Role of the Superintendent.	
Policy 6: Board Operations	064/2023	Trustee Boisvert moved that the Board accept the Policy Committee recommendations, and accept the review of Policy 6 Board Operations as presented.	CARRIED
Policy 7: Board Governance	065/2023	Trustee Boisvert moved that the Board accept the Policy Committee recommendations, and accept the review of Policy 7 Board Governance as presented.	CARRIED
Policy 12: Role of the Superintendent	066/2023	Trustee Boisvert moved that the Board accept the Policy Committee recommendations, and accept the review of Policy 12 Role of the Superintendent as presented.	CARRIED
Remembrance Day Wreaths	067/2023	Trustee Boisvert moved that Elk Island Catholic Schools purchase wreaths for Remembrance Day in each of our communities.	CARRIED

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Corrigan presented the Superintendent report with updates on:

- Information:
 - Enrollment as of September 29th, 2023
 - Enrolment numbers as of September 29, 2023 show a 5.7% increase in our overall enrollment, with substantial increases in numbers in Vegreville, Rural Strathcona

County and our Alternative Programming.

- St. Patrick Catholic School Review
- Here Comes the Sun Retreats
- Catholic Education Sunday - November 5th, 2023
- Community Engagement
 - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Council
 - Superintendent Corrigan attended a recent OLPH Parish Council Meeting.
 - Catholic Education Parents Advisory Committee (CEPAC) Meeting
 - Parent council chairs meet with administration and trustees on October 12th, 2023.

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

CARRIED

Secretary Treasurer Report

Secretary Treasurer Leigh presented the Secretary Treasurer report with updates on:

- September Financial Report
- September Governance Report

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

CARRIED

Correspondence

Chair Ewaskiw referred Trustees to correspondence from:

- Letter from Catholic Bishops of Alberta and NorthWest Territories
- Minister's Youth Council

Trustee Reports

Alberta Catholic School Trustees'

No reports at this time.

**Association
(ACSTA)**

**Alberta School
Board Association
(ASBA)**

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**Board Meeting
Evaluation**

Closing Prayer

Adjournment

Trustee Boisvert presented a verbal report on ASBA.

Trustee Stewart moved to accept the Trustee reports as presented.

Trustees completed the Board Meeting Evaluation form.

Trustee Makowecki closed the meeting with a prayer.

Chair Ewaskiw declared the meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Board Chair, Le-Ann Ewaskiw

Secretary Treasurer, Tracy Leigh