



Elk Island Catholic Separate School Division

Minutes of the Public Board Meeting

Held on January 24, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

Our Lady of the Angels Catholic School, Fort Saskatchewan, AB

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

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 of Student and Staff Formation
 Michael Di Massa, Communications Coordinator
 Lisa Wispinski, Recording Secretary

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Call to Order	Chair Ewaskiw called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m
Opening Prayer	Students from Our Lady of the Angels Catholic School led the Board in opening prayer. Chair Ewaskiw offered condolences to those who have lost loved ones. Chair Ewaskiw thanked the students and staff at Our Lady of the Angels Catholic School for welcoming them into their school.
Singing of O'Canada	The Board joined students from Our Lady of the Angels Catholic School in the singing of O'Canada.
Acknowledgement of Land and People	Students from Our Lady of the Angels Catholic School sung an Acknowledgement of Land and People.

	<p>Elk Island Catholic Schools acknowledges that we are, in all the schools and communities of EICS, located within the traditional land of Treaty No.6 and home of the Métis Nation. 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.</p> <p>These traditional territories are a vast area encompassing large portions of central Alberta and central Saskatchewan, an area in which we live, work and play each and every day.</p>
Approval of the Agenda	<p>001/2024 Trustee Paszek moved that the Agenda be adopted as amended, with the addition of: 9.2 - New Business: Approval of sponsorship for CCSTA AGM.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>CARRIED</i></p>
Approval of the Minutes	<p>002/2024 Trustee Stewart moved That the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the December 20th, 2023 Public Board Meeting as circulated.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>CARRIED</i></p>
Presentations / Delegations	
Faith Formation	<p>Director Seymour led the Board in Faith Formation, focussing on discipleship, discernment, and how to use our faith as leaders in the community.</p> <p>Chair Ewaskiw thanked Director Seymour for her presentation.</p>
Unfinished Business	
2024-2025 School Calendars	<p>003/2024 Trustee Charchun moved that the Board of Trustees give final approval of the 2024 – 2025 Strathcona / Fort Saskatchewan / Vegreville calendar, as well as the 2024-2025 St. Patrick and Our Lady of Mount Pleasant calendars as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>CARRIED</i></p> <p>Chair Ewaskiw expressed appreciation to administration and school administration for their work in engaging staff and parent council for their feedback before final approval of the 2024-2025 school year calendars.</p>
New Business	
Policy Committee	

<p>Policy 4 - Trustee Code of Conduct</p>	<p>004/2024 Trustee Sarnecki moved that the Board of Trustees approve amendments to Policy 4 - Trustee Code of Conduct, as presented for first reading.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>CARRIED</i></p> <p>Changes to the policy were grammatical in nature and sought to align policy for consistency and accuracy. Trustees were able to discuss the amendments and offer suggestions.</p>
<p>Policy 5 - Role of the Board Chair and Vice Chair</p>	<p>005/2025 Trustee Sarnecki moved that the Board of Trustees approve amendments to Policy 5 - Role of the Board Chair and Vice Chair, as presented for first reading.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>CARRIED</i></p> <p>Changes were made to clean up the language throughout the policy. Trustees were able to discuss the amendments and offer suggestions.</p> <p>006/2025 Trustee Sarnecki moved that the board move into camera at 2:46 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>CARRIED.</i></p> <p>007/2024 Trustee Boisvert moved that the board come out of camera at 2:54 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>CARRIED</i></p>
<p>Policy 8 - Board Committees</p>	<p>008/2024 Trustee Sarnecki moved that the Board of Trustees approve amendments to Policy 8 - Board Committees, as presented for first reading.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>CARRIED</i></p> <p>Changes were grammatical in nature. Trustees were able to discuss the amendments and offer suggestions.</p>
<p>Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association (CCSTA) AGM Convention</p>	<p>009/2024 Trustee Sarnecki moved that the Board of Trustees sponsor \$1,000 to the Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association (CCSTA) for the 2024 AGM Convention.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>CARRIED</i></p>
<p>Superintendent's Report</p>	
	<p>Superintendent Corrigan shared updates on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association Symposium on February 9th, 2024 ● Online Diploma Exam Update ● Administrative Procedure 491 - Volunteer Coaches and Supervisors in the School

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Education Assurance Update ● Council of Catholic School Superintendents of Alberta (CCSSA_ Update ● REAL Foundation Impact on Elk Island Catholic Schools ● 2024-2025 Enrolment Projections ● Value Scoping in Fort Saskatchewan <p>010/2024 Trustee Sarnecki moved that the Board of Trustees receive the Superintendent Report as information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>CARRIED</i></p>
Secretary Treasurer Report	
	<p>Secretary Treasurer Tracy Leigh presented the December Financial and Governance Report.</p> <p>011/2024 Trustee Makowecki moved that the Board of Trustees receive the Secretary-Treasurer’s Report as information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>CARRIED</i></p>
Correspondence	
	<p>The Board shared the December GrACE Newsletter.</p>
Trustee Reports	
Alberta Catholic School Trustees’ Association (ACSTA)	<p>None at this time.</p>
Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA)	<p>Trustee Boisvert gave a verbal report on ASBA, highlighting that nominations are open for the ASBA Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Awards, and asked that this be shared with schools.</p> <p>012/2024 Trustee Stewart moved to accept the trustee report as info.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>CARRIED</i></p>
Board Meeting Evaluation	<p>Trustees were encouraged to complete the Board Meeting Evaluation.</p>
Closing Prayer	<p>Trustee Makowecki led the closing prayer.</p>
Adjournment	<p>Chair Ewaskiw declared the meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.</p>

Board Chair, Le-Ann Ewaskiw

Secretary Treasurer, Tracy Leigh