

## Elk Island Catholic Separate School Division

Minutes of the Public Board Meeting  
Held on October 23rd, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.  
St. Patrick’s Catholic School, Camrose, AB

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

Administration Present:   Paul Corrigan, Superintendent  
                                    Tracy Leigh, Secretary-Treasurer  
                                    Brett Cox, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources  
                                    Christina MacKinnon, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Excellence  
                                    Jody Seymour, Director Student and Staff Formation  
                                    Michael Di Massa, Communications Coordinator  
                                    Lisa Wispinski, Recording Secretary

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<b>Call to Order</b>	Chair Ewaskiw called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	<p>St. Patrick Catholic School students Betty and Joe led the Board in opening prayer. Trustee Charchun offered prayers of condolences for those that have lost loved ones.</p> <p>Chair Ewaskiw thanked the staff and students of St. Patrick’s Catholic School for allowing them to have their board meeting at the school, and for making everyone feel so welcome.</p>
<b>Singing of O’Canada</b>	The Board joined in the singing of O’Canada.
<b>Acknowledgement of Land and People</b>	<i>St. Patrick Catholic School students Betty and Joe shared an Acknowledgement of Land and People.</i>

	<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>
<b>Approval of the Agenda</b>	<p><b>087/2024</b> Trustee Makowecki moved that the agenda be adopted as amended, with the addition of Remembrance Day wreaths, and a writing letter to ACSTA regarding the issues around Bill 13 and Board’s land ownership.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b><i>CARRIED</i></b></p>
<b>Approval of the Minutes</b>	<p><b>088/2024</b> Trustee Charchun moved that the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the September 18th, 2024 Public Board Meeting as circulated.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b><i>CARRIED</i></b></p>
<b>Presentations / Delegations</b>	
<b>Faith Formation</b>	<p>Director Seymour led the board in faith formation, focusing on the division theme, <i>"I am the Vine, you are the branches—bear much fruit and become My disciples."</i> John’s Gospel is rich with stories of people transformed by their encounters with Jesus. Over the next eight months, the Board will have an opportunity to reflect on the Gospel and journey deeper into their faith.</p> <p>Chair Ewaskiw thanked Director Seymour for leading the Board in faith formation.</p>
<b>Student and Staff Formation</b>	<p>Director Seymour shared a presentation with the Board about the work her team does supporting students and staff in the areas of faith, curriculum, and wellness.</p> <p>The focus this year will include developing and administering formation and professional learning around our Catholic social teachings. Elk Island Catholic Separate School Division is a leader in the province in literacy and numeracy assessments. The team will continue to support teachers with curriculum implementation, and new assessment implementation throughout the year. Staff continue to vision, plan and implement holistic wellness strategies for students and staff.</p> <p>Superintendent Corrigan thanked Director Seymour for her presentation and for the invaluable work of the Student and Staff Formation team in supporting the</p>

	Division. He is especially appreciative of the efforts made in the areas of wellness, and Indigenous learners and learning.
<b>Unfinished Business</b>	
<b>Policy 7 - Governance Budget</b>	<p>Vice Chair Boisvert assumed the role of Chair for this portion of the meeting.</p> <p><b>089/2024</b> Chair Ewaskiw moved that the Board of Trustees approve amendments to Policy 7 Governance Budget as presented for second reading <i>DELAYED</i></p> <p><b>090/2024</b> Trustee Makowecki moved to amend the motion back to what it was originally at \$0.58 for the first 5000 km, and \$0.48 for over 5000 km, and remove the last sentence referencing the rate set to Canada Revenue Agency. <i>DEFEATED</i></p> <p><b>091/2024</b> Trustee Paszek moved to amend the motion to add 1.4.12 GrACE Summit. <i>DEFEATED</i></p> <p>Trustees discussed the suggested changes to Policy 7 Governance Budget and offered that further review is needed.</p> <p><b>092/2024</b> Trustee Ewaskiw moved to defer second reading of Policy 7 - Governance Budget to the next meeting. <i>CARRIED</i></p> <p>Chair Ewaskiw resumed the role of Board Chair.</p>
<b>New Business</b>	
<b>New School Code for Blessed Carlo Acutis Catholic High School</b>	<p><b>093/2024</b> Vice Chair Boisvert moved that the Board of Trustees approve the procurement of an additional school code for Blessed Carlo Acutis Catholic High School in Camrose to be effective January 1, 2025, to prepare for accepting new student registrations for the 2025/2026 school year. <i>CARRIED</i></p>
<b>Bylaw 01-2024 Electoral Boundaries</b>	<p><b>094/2024</b> Vice Chair Boisvert moved that the Board of Trustees approve the first reading of Bylaw 001-2024. <i>CARRIED</i></p> <p><b>095/2024</b> Trustee Stewart moved that the Board of Trustees approve the second reading of Bylaw 001-2024. <i>CARRIED</i></p>

	<p><b>096/2024</b> Vice Chair Boisvert moved that the Board proceed with the third reading.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b><i>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</i></b></p> <p><b>097/2024</b> Trustee Makowecki moved that the Board of Trustees approve the third reading of Bylaw 001-2024.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b><i>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</i></b></p>
<b>Remembrance Day Wreaths -</b>	<p><b>098/2024</b> Trustee Charchun moved that the Board of Trustees purchase wreaths for Remembrance Day ceremonies in each of our communities.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b><i>CARRIED</i></b></p>
<b>Bill 13 Letter to ACSTA</b>	<p><b>099/2024</b> Vice Chair Boisvert moved that the Board of Trustees direct the Board Chair to send a letter to ACSTA regarding the issues around Bill 13 and Board's land ownership.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b><i>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</i></b></p>
<b>Superintendent's Report</b>	
	<p>Superintendent Corrigan shared updates on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Archbishop's Assurance Update:</b> Elk Island Catholic is excited to be the pilot board for the Archdiocese of Edmonton's School Board Assurance process. We have had several meetings with Archbishop Smith and members of his Senior Team, who have been able to join us at several events in the last few weeks.</li> <li>● <b>Archbishop's Advisory Council:</b> We are excited to have submitted two names to the new Archbishop's Student Advisory Council.</li> <li>● <b>Holy Spirit Catholic School Review</b></li> <li>● <b>September Enrolment:</b> Enrolment is up in all communities, in each grade level with the exception of Sherwood Park proper. School administration and staff have continued to work hard to create thriving Catholic communities, and provide innovative programming for students.</li> <li>● <b>Catholic Education Week Activities</b></li> <li>● <b>Blessed Carlo Acutis Update:</b> We are excited by the progress made on Blessed Carlo Acutis Catholic High School in Camrose. Internal construction should be complete in the next few months. We are still working with the City of Camrose, the developer and Alberta Infrastructure regarding access to utilities and the school site. There will be a parent engagement evening at Our Lady of Mount Pleasant Catholic School on November 5th, 2024. Information will be shared with our communities.</li> <li>● <b>Capital Plan Accelerator Program</b></li> </ul>

	<p><b>100/2024</b> Trustee Paszek moved that the Board of Trustees receive the Superintendent Report as information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b><i>CARRIED</i></b></p>
<b>Secretary Treasurer Report</b>	
<b>Governance and Financial Reports</b>	<p>Secretary Treasurer Tracy Leigh presented the Financial and Governance Report for September.</p> <p><b>101/2024</b> Vice Chair Boisvert moved that the Board of Trustees receive the Secretary-Treasurer's Report as information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b><i>CARRIED</i></b></p>
<b>Correspondence</b>	
	None at this time.
<b>Trustee Reports</b>	
<b>Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association (ACSTA)</b>	No reports at this time.
<b>Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA)</b>	<p>Vice Chair Boisvert provided an update on ASBA, reporting that ASBA learning programs are working. The Zone 2 / 3 meeting will be Friday October 25, 2024.</p> <p><b>102/2024</b> Trustee Charchun moved to accept verbal trustee reports as information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b><i>CARRIED</i></b></p>
<b>Board Meeting Evaluation</b>	Trustees were encouraged to complete the Board Meeting Evaluation.
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Trustee Paszek led the closing prayer.
<b>Adjournment</b>	Chair Ewaskiw declared the meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

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Board Chair, Le-Ann Ewaskiw

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Secretary Treasurer, Tracy Leigh