

Elk Island Catholic Separate School Division

Minutes of the Public Board Meeting

Held on December 18th, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

Elk Island Catholic Separate School Division, Sherwood Park, AB

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

Board Members Absent: Teresa Makowecki, Trustee

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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Call to Order	Chair Ewaskiw called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.
Opening Prayer	Vice Chair Boisvert led the Board in opening prayer and offered prayers of condolences for those that have lost loved ones.
Singing of O'Canada	The Board joined in the singing of O'Canada.
Acknowledgement of Land and People	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. 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.
Approval of the Agenda	115/2024 Trustee Charchun moved that the agenda be adopted as amended, with the following additions under New Business: the addition of the formation of an ad hoc committee, and a letter of support for New Horizons School. CARRIED
Approval of the Minutes	116/2024 Trustee Paszek moved that the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the November 27th, 2024 Public Board Meeting as circulated. CARRIED
Presentations / Delegations	
Faith Formation	Director Seymour led the Board in Faith Formation, focusing on encountering Christ in a manner that transforms our lives. Trustees reflected on their own personal encounters with Christ, reminding them to embrace the light of truth, love, and discipleship.
Educational Excellence	Superintendent Corrigan introduced Assistant Superintendent MacKinnon, who presented a report outlining the activities and responsibilities of her department, Educational Excellence. The department works collaboratively to enhance student learning and support students, families, and staff in the areas of faith formation, student achievement, and staff and student wellness.
New Business	
2023-2024 EICS Jurisdiction Results Report	Superintendent Corrigan introduced Assistant Superintendent MacKinnon to present the 2023-2024 Jurisdiction Results Report. This report represents the results of our work in the areas of faith formation, quality teaching and learning, wellness and engagement and communication to impact organizational effectiveness and strategic allocation of resources to support students' needs and the continued development of our employees. Superintendent Corrigan expressed sincere gratitude to Assistant Superintendent MacKinnon and her team for their hard work in preparing the annual report. 117/2024 Vice Chair Boisvert moved that the Board of Trustees approve the 2023-2024 EICS Jurisdiction Results Report for public release. CARRIED
History of Elk	018/2024 Trustee Sarnecki moved that the Board of Trustees form an ad-hoc

Island Catholic Schools Committee	committee to compile and document the history of Elk Island Catholic Schools CARRIED
Letter of Support for New Horizons Expansion and Modernization	019/2024 Trustee Sarnecki moved that the Board of Trustees prepare and send a letter to New Horizons Charter School in support of the expansion and modernization of the Board’s old St. Theresa Catholic School, located at 4-23-52-28-NE in Strathcona County. CARRIED
Superintendent’s Report	
	<p>Superintendent Corrigan provided updates on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting with the Bishop’s of Alberta to review the Archbishops Assurance Process. ● Catholic Roundtable: CCSSA, ACSTA GrACE, and the Alberta bishops meet three times a year to touch base on Catholic Education. ● Catholic School Review: École Our Lady of Perpetual Help <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Archdiocese staff and the Archbishop were able to join us for various parts of the two and a half day Catholic School review as part of the ongoing Archbishops Assurance pilot process. ● Wellness Initiative Update ● Attendance at the Bishop’s gala on December 5th, 2024, alongside Trustees. ● Advent Initiatives: Baskets of Joy, Baskets of Blessings with Catholic Social Services to support Lurana Shelter ● Camrose School Leadership Update <p>120/2024 Trustee Charchun moved that the Board of Trustees receive the Superintendent Report as information. CARRIED</p>
Secretary Treasurer Report	
Governance and Financial Reports	<p>Secretary Treasurer Leigh presented the Financial and Governance Report for November 2024.</p> <p>121/2024 Trustee Sarnecki moved that the Board of Trustees receive the Secretary-Treasurer’s Report as information. CARRIED</p>
Correspondence	
	No correspondence at this time.

Trustee Reports	
Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association (ACSTA)	No report at this time.
Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA)	Trustee Boisvert provided a verbal report on information shared from the Alberta School Board Association.
ATA Liaison Committee	Chair Ewaskiw shared that Superintendent Corrigan will be meeting with the ATA Executive on December 18th, 2024. The ATA Liaison Committee looks forward to engaging with the ATA Executive in the new year.
	122/2024 Trustee Stewart moved that the Board of Trustees receive the Trustee Reports as information. <p style="text-align: right;"><i>CARRIED</i></p>
Board Meeting Evaluation	Trustees were encouraged to complete the Board Meeting Evaluation.
Closing Prayer	Trustee Sarnecki led the closing prayer.
Adjournment	Chair Ewaskiw declared the meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Le-Ann Ewaskiw

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Board Chair, Le-Ann Ewaskiw

Tracy Leigh

Secretary Treasurer, Tracy Leigh