

ELK ISLAND CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL DIVISION
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2020 AT 2:39 P.M.
CENTRAL LEARNING SERVICES, SHERWOOD PARK, ALBERTA

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| Present | Mr. Ted Paszek – Chair Mrs. Le-Ann Ewaskiw – Vice-Chair – via video-conference Mr. Ron Baier – Trustee Mr. Jean Boisvert – Trustee Mrs. Teresa Makowecki – Trustee Mr. Al Stewart – Trustee Mrs. Michelle Szott – Trustee – via video-conference Mr. Shawn Haggarty – Superintendent Mrs. Cindy Wang - Secretary-Treasurer Mr. Paul Corrigan – Assistant Superintendent, Faith & Wellness Mr. Brett Cox – Assistant Superintendent, Human Resource Services |
| Absent | 0 |
| Also present | Mrs. Marie Frederick – Recording Secretary Mrs. Susan Johnson – Director, Communications Mrs. Lisa Wispinski – Executive Assistant Mrs. Andrea Haston – Religious Education Consultant |
| Public | 0 |
| Call to Order | Chair Ted Paszek called the meeting to order at 2:39 p.m. |
| Prayer | Chair Ron Baier led everyone in prayer and asked everyone to remember those who have lost loved ones and to remember all students, parents and staff during this difficult time. |
| O' Canada | Chair Ted Paszek welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone joined together in the singing of O'Canada. |
| 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. |
| Additions to the Agenda | 089/2020 Trustee Ron Baier moved to adopt the Agenda as circulated. |

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Minutes of Public Board Meeting of September 16, 2020

Trustee Michelle Szott asked that the Service Award Report be changed to the Long Service Award Report in the Additions to the Agenda.

090/2020 Trustee Michelle Szott moved that the minutes of the Public Board Meeting of September 16, 2020 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

FAITH FORMATION

See Presentation & Delegations.

PRESENTATION & DELEGATIONS:

Assistant Superintendent Faith & Wellness, Paul Corrigan and Religious Education Consultant, Andrea Haston highlighted the work of the Faith and Wellness department.

Trustees asked questions and thanked Mr. Corrigan and Ms. Haston for their presentation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Modular Approval

Secretary-Treasurer Cindy Wang briefed Trustees on the 2020/2021 Modular Plan and asked the Board for their approval of the plan.

Trustees asked questions.

091/2020 Trustee Ron Baier moved that the Board approve Elk Island Catholic Schools' 2020/2021 Modular Plan.

CARRIED

Policy 14 – Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters

092/2020 Trustee Teresa Makowecki moved that the Board give first reading to Policy 14 – Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters.

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Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Shawn Haggarty highlighted his report:

- September 30th Enrollment – Secretary-Treasurer Cindy Wang presented
- Catholic Education Sunday
- Covid Update
- Class Size Report – Class Size raw data

Superintendent Shawn Haggarty informed Trustees that the Deputy-Minister has communicated that diploma exams are now optional for any student in Alberta.

Also, it has come to light that 91% of Boards are not writing the Provincial Achievement Exams (PAT exams). The Superintendent indicated that administratively, it is their recommendation that Elk Island Catholic Schools' students not write the PATs.

Trustees asked questions of the Superintendent and the Secretary-Treasurer.

093/2020 **Trustee Al Stewart** moved that the Board accept the Superintendent's report for information.

CARRIED

Secretary-Treasurer's Report:

Secretary-Treasurer Cindy Wang highlighted her report:

1. September Financial Report
2. September Governance Finance Report

094/2020 **Trustee Teresa Makowecki** moved that the Board accept the Secretary-Treasurer's report for information.

CARRIED

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:

Correspondence:

Chair Ted Paszek briefed Trustees on the correspondence that the Board received:

- Edmonton Public School's Letter dated October 1, 2020;
- 1535

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- St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Schools' Letter dated September 29, 2020;
- Letter from the Minister of Education – October 1, 2020.

Trustee Reports:

ASBA Zone 2/3

Trustee Jean Boisvert referred Trustees to the Alberta School Boards' Association Zone 2/3 Report and the Executive list for information.

ACSTA

Trustee Michelle Szott referred Trustees to her submitted report on the Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association Board of Directors ZOOM meeting held on October 6th, 2020 for information.

It was agreed that Trustees will meet regarding the ACSTA FGM package and ASBA resolutions on November 2nd, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. This meeting may be done virtually.

095/2020 Trustee Jean Boisvert moved to go in camera.

CARRIED

The Board moved to go in camera at 4:40 p.m.

096/2020 Trustee Jean Boisvert moved to come out of camera.

CARRIED

The Board came out of camera at 5:09 p.m.

097/2020 Trustee Jean Boisvert moved to accept the Trustee reports for information.

CARRIED

**Board Meeting
Evaluation Form**

Chair Ted Paszek asked Trustees to complete the Board Meeting Evaluation Form.

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Closing Prayer

Trustee Jean Boisvert ended the meeting with a prayer.

Adjournment

Chair Ted Paszek declared the meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

BOARD CHAIR

SECRETARY-TREASURER
