



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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EICS BOARD OF TRUSTEE ADVOCACY REPORT

BOARD BUSINESS - POLICY DISCUSSION

Policy 12

At the January 20th, 2021 Elk Island Catholic Schools (EICS) Board of Trustees monthly public meeting, the Board discussed wording changes to *Policy 12: Role of the Superintendent*. Wording changes were made in the following sections:

- Section 7: Superintendent and Board Relations
- Appendix A: Superintendent/CEO Evaluation Process, Criteria and Timelines

The Board voted in favour of /passing second and third reading of the changes to Policy 12 and the changes will be reflected in the final version of the policy which is available on the EICS website under Trustees/Policies.

Policy 21

During the public meeting, the EICS Board of Trustees also discussed *Policy 21 - School Fees and Charges*. The Education Act allows for the Board to charge fees to Parents provided:

1. They are used for the purpose for which they were collected;
2. They are the types of fees that are allowable under the School Fees and Costs Regulation.

Changes to Policy 21 were administrative in nature as the references to legislation (the *Education Act*;) needed to be updated with section changes in order to adhere to the revised Act.

The Board voted in favour of the changes to Policy 21 and the revised version of the policy is available on the EICS website under Trustees/Policies.

NEXT MEETING

**WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 24
2:30 PM**

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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EICS Superintendent Shawn Haggarty spoke to the board on three topics during the January 20th, 2021 public meeting;

- EICS Covid update:** Superintendent Haggarty provided the Board with a monthly update on the EICS COVID situation. Highlights included:
 - Feelings of resilience and pride as to how staff, students and parents have navigated the past couple of months.
 - All students are back in class as of January 11th. Increased emphasis on masking protocols, cleaning, cohorts and screening.
 - Feedback from online learning for grade 7-12 students in December, and all students the first week back after Christmas has been very positive. Student attendance was high and synchronous learning went really well.
- Accountability Pillar and EICS Assurance Surveys:** Superintendent Haggarty provided a detailed briefing on the timelines/plans for the upcoming Alberta Education Accountability Pillar and EICS Assurance Plan Surveys.
 - Accountability Pillar Surveys: Alberta Education will be sending surveys to students and parents in Grades 4,7,10 in the coming weeks. More information will follow.
 - EICS Assurance Plan Surveys: Will be provided to students in Grades 4-12, all staff and parents in EICS. The survey will be open from January 25th until February 18th, 2021.
- CEPAC Meeting:** The CEPAC meeting took place virtually on January 14th, 2021 and was very well attended by parent council representatives, EICS staff and EICS Board members. Superintendent Haggarty chaired the meeting and discussion items centered on:
 - COVID Update
 - Alberta School Council Association Update
 - 2021/2022 EICS School Calendar Consultation
 - Best practice sharing

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- Feb. 3, 2021: Fort Saskatchewan Mayor State of the City Address
Feb. 4, 2021: ATA Partners in Education Virtual Luncheon
Feb. 10, 2021: Advocacy Meeting with Archbishop Smith
Feb. 11, 2021: Vegreville Chamber of Commerce AGM
Feb. 17, 2021: Ash Wednesday
Feb. 24, 2021: EICS Board of Trustees Monthly Public Meeting