

# **BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

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# NEXT MEETING

March 17, 2021

# EICS Board Meeting Highlights February 24, 2021

### 2021-2022 School Calendars

The Board of Trustees moved to formally accept the 'Final-Approval' Fort Saskatchewan / Vegreville / Sherwood Park 2021 – 2022 School Calendar as presented.

The Board of Trustees moved to formally give 'In-Principle Approval' for the St. Patrick Catholic School and Our Lady of Mount Pleasant Catholic School 2021 – 2022 Calendar as presented. The "In-Principle" calendars for Camrose will be brought back to the March 17, 2021 Board Meeting after consultation with the Camrose school communities.

## **Board Committee Reports**

The Board received the following committee reports as information:

#### ACSTA

- ACSTA Directors Report
- ACSTA Board Meeting Report February 11-12, 2021

Audit Committee

• Review of Auditor recommendations from January 27, 2021

#### **Rural Caucus Committee**

• Message from Rural Caucus Chair

ASBA Zone 2/3 Meeting Minutes

• Minutes from January 29th, 2021 meeting.

Staff Recognition / Long Service Award Committee

• Proposal was presented to the Board regarding virtual celebration for all 19/20 and 20/21 school year recipients. More information will be forthcoming.

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#### Next Meeting:

#### March 17th, 2021 at 2:30 pm

**Board Meetings** continue to be virtual. Public is welcome. To request a virtual link to attend, please email: lisaw@eics.ab.ca



# **Board Meeting Reports**

The following reports were shared as information with the Board:

- Update on Covid-19 in EICS schools
- École Pere Kenneth Kearns Modernization Update
- GrACE Committee Meeting
- Special Education Funding and Services
- Information on the Provincial Budget Announcement
- Online Programming Funding Reduction
  - Following the information presented, the Board moved to request a meeting with the Minister of Education, including the Board Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary-Treasurer and Superintendent to seek reversal on the reduction of the basic instruction non primary on-line student funding.

# **EICS Board of Trustees Advocacy**

EICS Board of Trustees continued with virtual advocacy meetings this month:

- Vegreville Town Council and Administration February 3, 2021
- Archbishop Richard Smith February 10th, 2021
- Bishop David Motiuk March 1, 2021
- Local Community MLA's March 12, 2021
  - Confirmed Minister Nate Glubish, MLA Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk

# **EICS Board of Trustees Community Advocacy**

- Trustees regularly attend school council meetings in their community.
- Trustees celebrated Ash Wednesday mass virtually with school communities on February 17, 2021.
- A number of Trustees attended local Chamber Sponsored Events:
  - Fort Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce Meeting Mayor's State of the City Address.
  - Telephone Town Hall with MLA Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk.
  - o Vegreville Chamber of Commerce AGM.
- Trustees attended the virtual ASBA Leadership Academy on February 8, 2021.
- Trustees participated virtually in the LA RECongress February 18-21, 2021.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Advocacy Meeting with Bishop David - March 1, 2021 Advocacy Meeting with Local MLA's - March 12, 2021 CASS First Nation, Metis and Inuit Education Gathering - March 15-17, 2021 Public Board Meeting - March 17th, 2021 Palm Sunday - March 28, 2021

