

**ELK ISLAND CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL DIVISION**  
**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC BOARD MEETING**  
**HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021 AT 2:32 P.M.**  
**CENTRAL LEARNING SERVICES, SHERWOOD PARK, ALBERTA**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Mr. Ted Paszek – Chair</b> <b>Mrs. Le-Ann Ewaskiw – Vice-Chair – via video-conference</b> <b>Mr. Ron Baier – Trustee – via video-conference</b> <b>Mr. Jean Boisvert – Trustee</b> <b>Mrs. Teresa Makowecki – Trustee – via video-conference</b> <b>Mr. Al Stewart – Trustee</b> <b>Mrs. Michelle Szott – Trustee – via video-conference</b> <b>Mr. Shawn Haggarty – Superintendent</b> <b>Ms. Cindy Wang – Secretary Treasurer</b> <b>Mr. Brett Cox – Assistant Superintendent, Human Resource Services</b>
<b>Absent</b>	0
<b>Also present</b>	Mrs. Marie Frederick – Recording Secretary Mrs. Susan Johnson – Director, Communications Mrs. Lisa Wispinski – Executive Assistant Mrs. Lynne Lambert – Director of Transportation Services École Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School Grade 5 class – via video-conference
<b>Public</b>	0
<b>Call to Order</b>	Chair Ted Paszek called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Trustee Al Stewart 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.
<b>Singing of O’ Canada</b>	Chair Ted Paszek welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone joined together in the singing of O’Canada.
<b>Treaty Acknowledgement</b>	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.
<b>Approval of the Agenda</b>	<b>019/2021</b> <b>Trustee Ron Baier</b> moved that the Board adopt the Agenda as circulated.

**CARRIED**

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**Approval of the Minutes 020/2021** Trustee **Michelle Szott** moved that the minutes of the Public Board Meeting of February 24, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**PRESENTATION & DELEGATIONS:**

**ASTAC Student Presentations**

Director of Transportation Services, Lynne Lambert welcomed the grade 5 class from École Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School and referred everyone to the ASTAC Student presentations from Elk Island Catholic Schools. Mrs. Lambert was accompanied by Elk Island Catholic Schools transportation mascot, Rider.

The Alberta Student Transportation Advisory Council (ASTAC) sponsors a provincial poster contest to promote School Bus Safety Week in October of each year. This year's theme was 'My Driver, My Hero'. Entries were accepted from all students K-6.

Out of 600 entries, seven winners were chosen and of those seven, two are from Elk Island Catholic Schools; London Tuininga, a student from St. Luke Catholic School and Ceann Besanes, a student from École Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School. The prizes London and Ceann have won include: a gift card from Chapters, a framed original of their poster, an engraved plaque and \$100 for each of their classrooms.

London Tuininga has already been presented with his prizes at the school. Trustees passed on their congratulations to London.

Ceann Besanes was presented with his prizes (virtually) and was congratulated by his fellow classmates, school Principal and Trustees. Ceann thanked everyone.

**Faith Formation**

There is no presentation today. Assistant Superintendent, Faith and Wellness Paul Corrigan was drawn away on an emergent issue.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Policy 10 – Policy Making**

Trustee Teresa Makowecki referred Trustees to her attached revised Policy 10 – Policy Making. The Policy Committee and the Superintendent undertook an extensive review of this policy.

Trustees discussed the policy.

**021/2021** Trustee Teresa Makowecki moved that the Board give first reading to revised Policy 10 – Policy Making.

**CARRIED**

**Three Year Capital Plan**

Secretary Treasurer Cindy Wang presented the Division’s 2022-2025 Three Year Capital Plan.

Trustees asked questions and the Secretary Treasurer provided clarification.

**022/2021** Trustee Al Stewart moved that the Board of Trustees approve the Division’s 2022-2025 Three Year Capital Plan for submission to the Government of Alberta.

**CARRIED**

**Superintendent’s Report:**

Superintendent Shawn Haggarty highlighted his report:

- New School Announcement - Camrose
- COVID Update
- Provincial Budget – hold harmless funding
- Faith and Wellness Day
- CASS Professional Organization

**023/2021** Vice-Chair Le-Ann Ewaskiw moved that the Board accept the Superintendent’s Report for information.

**CARRIED**

**Secretary Treasurer’s Report:**

Secretary Treasurer Cindy Wang highlighted her report:

1. February Division Financial Report
2. February Governance Financial Report

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3. Critical Workers Benefit Report

**024/2021** Trustee **Michelle Szott** moved that the Board accept the Secretary Treasurer's Report for information.

**CARRIED**

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:**

**Correspondence:**

Chair Ted Paszek referred Trustees to the correspondence from the Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA) regarding the Government of Manitoba's consideration of removing trusteeship and replacing Trustees with a provincial board.

**Trustee Reports:**

**Board Retreat**

Vice-Chair Le-Ann Ewaskiw briefed Trustees on the Board Retreat. The retreat will be held virtually on April 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bishop David will lead Trustees in faith formation in the morning and Mr. Dean Sarnecki will facilitate the afternoon portion of the day.

**Audit Committee Report**

Trustee Michelle Szott indicated the Audit Committee met on Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at which Secretary Treasurer Cindy Wang presented the preliminary 2021-2022 Budget Assumptions.

Secretary Treasurer Cindy Wang gave a brief overview of her presentation to the Board.

**025/2021** Trustee **Al Stewart** moved that the Trustee Reports be accepted for information.

**CARRIED**

**026/2021** Trustee **Jean Boisvert** moved that Elk Island Catholic Schools send condolence and mass cards to St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School Division (STAR) for what happened on Monday.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Superintendent Shawn Haggarty noted that Elk Island Catholic Schools Central Office and all schools are flying their flags at

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half-mast in remembrance of the loss of life of the student from STAR Catholic.

**Board Meeting  
Evaluation**

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

**Closing Prayer**

Chair Ted Paszek ended the meeting with a prayer.

**Adjournment**

Chair Ted Paszek declared the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

**BOARD CHAIR**

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**SECRETARY TREASURER**

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