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Next Meeting January 19, 2022

December 15th, 2021



Presentations to the Board

Faith Formation

Assistant Superintendent of Faith and Wellness Paul Corrigan led the Board in Faith Formation. Mr. Corrigan spoke on the season of Advent being a season of devout and joyful preparation for the coming of Jesus

Educational Excellence

Assistant Superintendent of Educational Excellence Thérèse deChamplain-Good gave a presentation to the Board of the work that Student Learning Services provides for the Division.

Student Learning Services provides support to students and staff in the areas of Literacy, Mathematics and Numeracy, Curriculum Development, Educational Technology, English as an Additional Language, Assessment and Reporting, Assurance and Data Analysis, French Immersion, and Ukrainian Bilingual Programming, Leadership Formation.

Student Learning Services team members continually and regularly support staff at every school to analyze and respond to data. This has resulted in teachers and administrators reflecting on and refining their teaching practices to support all students.

The Board thanked Assistant Superintendent Thérèse deChamplain-Good and her staff for their hard work, supporting all students and staff in the division.



2020 – 2021 EICS Jurisdiction Results Report

The Board of Trustees and staff of Elk Island Catholic School Division work together towards continuous improvement that strives to provide learning as unique as every student. Our Division Assurance Education Plan and Annual Education Results Report highlight our dedication to student success and communicate our goals and strategies to all stakeholders.

The Elk Island Catholic School Division's annual Jurisdiction Results Report provides a summary of results for the 2020-2021 school year. The 2018-2022 Division Education Assurance Plan sets out how we are going to move forward in realizing our goals and those of the province. The Division Education Assurance Dashboard provides ongoing real-time results of each of the goals.

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.

Highlights from 2020-2021

The division faith theme for 2020-2021, "Choose Joy", was a catalyst for a positive mindset for staff, students and parents.

Faith Formation

- Faith integration was able to continue during this time with our EICS Parish Priests taking an active online role in our community.
- Infusing our Catholic world views into curriculum in all subject areas through our High School Humanities Faith integration project
- Staff Faith Formation sessions held on Sunday afternoons were well attended.

Quality Teaching and Learning

- **Building the capacity** of administrators and teachers with targeted professional learning supports to support literacy, math, and numeracy ALL students.
- Implementation of the EICS Kindergarten Early Learning Screener. The screener aligns key attributes within the learner areas of Early Literacy, Numeracy, Personal and Social Responsibility, and Physical Skills and Well Being to provide valuable information for teachers as they assess, plan, and respond to the needs of their students.
- **Engagement** with Elders and Knowledge Keepers to strengthen awareness of Indigenous perspectives and enhance instructional practices.



Wellness

- Loose Parts Play program and our partnership with Ever Active Schools continued to support physical literacy goals.
- Partnership initiated with University of Calgary to update our nutrition administrative procedure.
- Staff and student mental health continues to be a priority supported by increased FTE of our family wellness workers, access to outside service providers, and health champions and wellness teams.

Engagement

- Overall parents, staff and students are 89.53% satisfied with a safe, clean, and effective school facilities. This result has been trending up over the past three years.
- Overall parents, staff and students are 92.18% satisfied with transportation services.
- Increased attendance at school parent, teacher, student conferences due to online delivery.

Trustees thanked Assistant Superintendent deChamplain-Good for the information presented, and for the work her department does to support students and staff in the division.

The Board of Trustees moved to approve the 2020-2021 Jurisdiction Results Report for public release. The complete report can be viewed <u>here</u>.

Board Meeting Reports

2022 – 2026 EICS Division Education Assurance Plan

• EICS is beginning the process of building public assurance by engaging with our education partners in the Division's planning and reporting cycle. The parent, student, and EICS community voices are integral to building this plan and help create a culture of continuous improvement. This will be the starting point for the ongoing analysis by the EICS Board of Trustees and EICS leadership in creating the 2022-2026 Division Education Assurance plan.

Secretary Treasurer's Report

• The November Division and Governance Reports were received as information by the Board.

Trustee Reports

Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA):

• Information was shared about the ASBA 2022 Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Award Nomination Packages, nominations are due February 1, 2022. Information has been shared with our school communities.



Trustee Community Advocacy

- Trustees continue to attend school council meetings in their communities.
- The Ukrainian Bilingual program had a Liturgy (Panakhyda Service) on November 30th, 2021 to commemorate Holodomor. Trustees were in attendance in person and virtually.
- Trustees attended Bishop David's Armchair Gala on December 9th, 2021.

Upcoming Public Board Meeting – January 19th, 2022

EICS Public Board meetings will continue to be available virtually in 2022. Parents and members of the public are always welcome to attend the EICS Board of Trustee public board meetings. Please email <u>lisaw@eics.ab.ca</u> or call 780-449-6469 to request the link to the virtual meeting before 9:00 am the day of the meeting.

The January 19th, 2022, public board meeting will begin at 2:30 pm.

Please watch our <u>website</u> for agendas and minutes for upcoming meetings.