

Elk Island Catholic Separate School Division

Minutes of the Public Board Meeting Held on May 28, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. Elk Island Catholic Schools, Sherwood Park, AB

Board Members Present: Le-Ann Ewaskiw, Board Chair

Jean Boisvert, Vice-Chair

Ted Paszek, Trustee

Shelley Charchun, Trustee Teresa Makowecki, Trustee

Al Stewart, Trustee

Board Members Absent: Dean Sarnecki, Trustee

Administration Present: Paul Corrigan, Superintendent

Tracy Leigh, Secretary-Treasurer

Brett Cox, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

Christina MacKinnon, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Excellence

Stefan Johnson, Director of Student and Staff Formation

Lisa Wispinski, Recording Secretary

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Call to Order	Chair Ewaskiw called the meeting to order at 12:59 p.m.	
Opening Prayer	Trustee Charchun opened the meeting in prayer, and offered condolences for those that lost loved ones.	
Singing of O'Canada	The Board joined in the singing of O'Canada.	
Acknowledgement of Land and People	Elk Island Catholic Schools acknowledges that we are, in all the schools and communities of EICS, located within the traditional land of Treaty No.6 and home of the Métis Nation. 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.	



	These traditional territories are a vast area encompassing large portions of central Alberta and central Saskatchewan, an area in which we live, work and play each and every day.	
Approval of the Agenda	045/2025 Trustee Charchun moved that the agenda be adopted as circulated with the following amendments: the addition of the draft public board meeting schedule for 2025-2026, and moving the ASBA Friends of Education Award a ASBA Zone 2/3 Edwin Parr Awards to Trustee reports under 13.2 - ASBA **CARRITATION OF TRUST CONTROL OF TRUST CARRITATION OF TRUST CARRITATION OF TRUST CARRITATION OF TRUST CARRITATION OF TRUST CARRIED OF	
Approval of the Minutes	046/2025 Trustee Stewart moved that the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the April 23rd, 2025 Public Board Meeting as circulated. **CARRIEL** **CARRIEL**	
Presentations / Deleg	gations	
Faith Formation	Superintendent Corrigan introduced Director of Student and Staff Formation Director Stefan Johnson, who led the Board in Faith Formation. Trustees were asked to reflect on the two faces of humility: the humility of serving others and of being served. Chair Ewaskiw expressed her thanks to Director Johnson for his presentation, noting how it resonated with trustees. Chair Ewaskiw also expressed gratitude to Jody Seymour, former Director of Student and Staff Formation who served faithfully in the role over the past few years. The Board of Trustees wished Jody success in her new role, sharing that she will be missed at Elk Island Catholic Schools.	
Unfinished Business		
New Business	No unfinished business at this time.	
2025-2026 Budget Presentation	 Secretary Treasurer Leigh presented the 2025-26 Budget Report. Budget Summary: EICS has prepared a \$93.7 million operating budget, drawing \$1.2M from operating reserves. Accumulated operating reserves (net of school generated funds) are projected to be \$3.5M at the end of 2025/26 which is 4.2% of budgeted 	

operating expenditures.



Budget Principles:

The 2025-2026 budget has been developed with the following principles:

- Distributed decision making in resource allocations and budget decisions.
- Equitable distribution of funds to schools and programs.
- Allocated funds directed to Division's Assurance Priorities.

Budget Report:

- Provincial funding is based on projected enrollment of 9,024 FTE students (including 2,253 home education students).
- Budgeted revenue of \$93.7 million includes provincial funding of \$86.7 million.
- Increase of \$2.8M in provincial operational funding.
- ASEBP benefit premiums increased 4.1% for extended health and 5.1% for dental.
- Salary and benefit cost increases are budgeted for all employee groups.
- Assumption that ATA negotiated salary increases will be funded.
- Projected increase of 11.5 Certificated FTE and 1.2 Non-Certificated FTE.

Trustees were able to ask questions.

047/2025 Vice Chair Boisvert moved that the Board of Trustees approve the 2025/2026 Budget and direct Administration to submit the Budget Report to the Minister of Education by May 31, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Ewaskiw expressed appreciation to Secretary-Treasurer Leigh and her team for their hard work in preparing the annual budget. She also acknowledged the importance of the conservative approach taken and recognized school administration for their continued fiscal responsibility.

Superintendent Corrigan voiced his support for the 2025–2026 Budget and thanked Secretary-Treasurer Leigh for her efforts, noting that the Board is in a strong financial position heading into the upcoming school year.

EICS Division Assurance Plan

Assistant Superintendent MacKinnon introduced the 2025-2026 Division Education Plan, highlighting division outcomes that support the four division strategies of:

- 1. Faith Integration
- 2. Learners and Learning



	3. Systemic Wellness 4. Community Engagement 048/2025 Trustee Charchun moved that the Board of Trustees approves the 2025/26 Division Education Assurance Plan as presented. **CARRIED** Superintendent Corrigan shared that viewing the assurance plan through a lens of spiritual hope had a significant impact on school administration. It helped create
	a clear connection between the assurance plan and its direct effect on students—what it truly means for each learner. He expressed his excitement for next year's assurance plan, which offers an opportunity to start fresh and move forward with renewed purpose.
CUPE MOA	049/2025 Trustee Paszek moved that the Board of Trustees approves and ratifies the Memorandum of Agreement between Elk Island Catholic Separate School Division and CUPE - Local 1961 for the period September 1, 2024 - August 31, 2028. **CARRIED**
UNIFOR MOA	050/2025 Trustee Stewart moved that the Board of Trustees approves and ratifies the Memorandum of Agreement between Elk Island Catholic Separate School Division and UNIFOR - Local 71 for the period September 1, 2024 - August 31, 2028. **CARRIED** **CARRIED**
	Trustee Paszek and Trustee Stewart shared that negotiations went very well with both union groups.
Bylaw 04-2024 - Special Ballots	051/2025 Vice Chair Boisvert moved that the Board of Trustees approve Bylaw 04-2024 for first reading. **CARRIED**
	052/2025 Trustee Charchun moved that the Board of Trustees approve Bylaw 04-2024 for second reading. **CARRIED**
	053/2025 Trustee Paszek moved that the Board of Trustees proceed to the third reading of Bylaw 04-2024. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
	054/2025 Trustee Stewart moved that the Board of Trustees approve Bylaw



	04-2024 for third reading	g		CARRIE
Policy 18 - Student Transportation	Vice Chair Boisvert assumed the role of Chair as Chair Ewaskiw stepped into her role as Policy Committee Chair to introduce the following motion:			
	055/2025 Board Chair Ewaskiw moved that the Board of Trustees approve Policy 18 - Student Transportation Services for first reading. **CARRIED** **CARRIED**			
	Policy Committee Chair Ewaskiw introduced Policy 18 – Student Transportation for approval on first reading, noting that further revisions will be required in consultation with the Director of Transportation.			
	Chair Ewaskiw then resu	umed her role as Board Ch	air.	
LDC Course Approval	056/2025 Vice Chair Boisvert moved that the Board of Trustees approve the following locally developed courses for use in our division schools starting August 28, 2025:			
	Course Name	Credits	Course Code	Start Date
	Ceramics 15	5 Credits (2023-2027)	LDC1867	August 28, 202
	Ceramics 25	5 Credits (2023-2027)	LDC2867	August 28, 202
	Ceramics 35	5 Credits (2023-2027)	LDC3867	August 28, 202
	Chamber Ensemble 15	3 Credits (2025-2029)	LDC1417	August 28, 202
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	Chamber Ensemble 25	3 Credits (2025-2029)	LDC2417	August 28, 202
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	Chamber Ensemble 35	5 Credits (2025-2029)	LDC3417	August 28, 202
	Chamber Ensemble 35	3 Credits (2025-2029)	LDC3417	August 28, 202
	Choir 15	5 Credits (2025-2029)	LDC1414	August 28, 202
	Choir 15	3 Credits (2025-2029)	LDC1414	August 28, 202
	Choir 25	5 Credits (2025-2029)	LDC2414	August 28, 202
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Choir 35	5 Credits (2025-	-2029)	LDC3414	August 28, 2025
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Design Thinking for Innovation 1	5 3 Credits (2025-	2029)	LDC1131	August 28, 2025
Film and Media Art 15	3 Credits (2025-	-2029)	LDC1092	August 28, 2025
Film and Media Art 25	3 Credits (2025-	-2029)	LDC2092	August 28, 2025
Film and Media Art 35	3 Credits (2025-	-2029)	LDC3092	August 28, 2025
Forensic Studies 25	3 Credits (2025-	-2029)	LDC2256	August 28, 2025
Forensic Studies 35	3 Credits (2025-	-2029)	LDC3256	August 28, 2025
Forensic Studies 35	5 Credits (2025-	-2029)	LDC3256	August 28, 2025
Guitar 15	3 Credits (2022-	-2026)	LDC1568	August 28, 2025
Guitar 15	5 Credits (2022-	-2026)	LDC1568	August 28, 2025
Guitar 25	3 Credits (2022-	-2026)	LDC2568	August 28, 2025
Guitar 35	3 Credits (2022-	-2026)	LDC3568	August 28, 2025
Improvisational Theatre 15	3 Credits (2024-	-2028)	LDC1551	August 28, 2025
Improvisational Theatre 25	3 Credits (2024-	-2028)	LDC2551	August 28, 2025
Improvisational Theatre 35	3 Credits (2024-	-2028)	LDC3551	August 28, 2025
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	Paleontology 15	3 Credits (2025-2029)	LDC1293	August 28, 2025
	Religions of the World 35	3 Credits (2025-2029)	LDC3450	August 28, 2025
	Ukulele/Guitar 15	3 Credits (2025-2029)	LDC1080	August 28, 2025
	Vocal Jazz 15	3 Credits (2025-2029)	LDC1433	August 28, 2025
	Vocal Jazz 25	3 Credits (2025-2029)	LDC2433	August 28, 2025
	Vocal Jazz 35	3 Credits (2025-2029)	LDC3433	August 28, 2025
				CARRIED
2025-2025 EICS	057/2025 Trustee Makowe		ard approve the	EICS Board
Board Meeting Schedule - Draft	Meeting Schedule - Draft fo	r 2025-2026.		CARRIED

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Corrigan shared updated on the following:

- 1. Catholic Education Parent Advisory Committee (CEPAC) Meeting on May 13, 2025.
- 2. MCI Summit on May 30, 2025
- 3. Catholic School Review École Père Kenneth Kearns Catholic Elementary School
- 4. Assessment Updates
- 5. Provincial Priorities Act Implementation and Intake Process
- 6. ATA Labour Update
- 7. Education Amendment Act 2024
- 8. Library Collection Engagement: Alberta Education
- 9. Student Superintendent Advisory Committee

058/2025 Vice Chair Boisvert moved that the Board of Trustees receive the Superintendent Report as information.

CARRIED

Secretary Treasurer Report

Governance and Financial Reports

Secretary Treasurer Leigh presented the Financial and Governance Reports for April 2025.

059/2025 Trustee Makowecki moved that the Board of Trustees receive the Secretary-Treasurer's Report as information.

CARRIED



Correspondence		
	No correspondence at this time.	
Trustee Reports		
Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association (ACSTA)	Trustee Paszek provided a verbal update on ACSTA.	
Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA)	Vice Chair Boisvert provided an update on ASBA, specifically recognizing Debbie Sinclair of Linking Generations for receiving the Friends of Education Award. Vice Chair Boisvert also recognized Kristin Seiferman, a first-year teacher at Holy Spirit Catholic School, for being selected as the division's representative for the Edwin Parr Award in Zone 2/3. 060/2025 Trustee Stewart moved to accept the trustees report as information. CARRIED	
Board Meeting Evaluation	Trustees were encouraged to complete the Board Meeting Evaluation.	
Closing Prayer	Trustee Stewart led the closing prayer.	
Adjournment	Chair Ewaskiw declared the meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.	

Board Chair, Le-Ann Ewaskiw Secretary Treasurer, Tracy Leigh