

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools, held September 30, 2014.

Present: A. LaGrange
M. Hollman
L. McNiff
D. MacKay and
A. Watson, Trustees
V. P. Mason, Superintendent of Schools
K. R. Ledene, Assoc. Sup't – Faith Development
K. Finnigan, Assoc. Sup't – Inclusive Learning
J. P. Stewart, Assoc. Sup't - Personnel
K. Jaeger, Supervisor of Support Services
D. Khatib, Division Principal
R. Steeves, Secretary-Treasurer
J. Heidt, Executive Assistant
Absent: G. Pelletier, Chair
D. Bouchard, Trustee

The meeting was called to order at 6:48 p.m.

ENCOUNTERING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD: Mr. Ledene, Superintendent of Faith Development, lead Trustees in opening scripture, meditation and prayer.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was amended as follows:

#9 Friendship meal

#10 Meeting with St. Thomas Aquinas School Division

14/09/30-09 - Watson

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED

CARRIED.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

14/09/30/10 - Hollman

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUG 26, 2014, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED

CARRIED.

3. 2014-2015 STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Mr. Rod Steeves, Secretary-Treasurer, reported to Trustees the student enrolment numbers as of September 30. The Division experienced an increase of 4.12% over last year's enrolment with a total of 8377 FTE students (which includes home education students). Enrolment has increased by 352 students since last year for a total number of 8887 students compared to 8535 last year.

Overall it was noted that within the Red Deer city limits, the school utilization rate is at 109% using the Alberta Education utilization formula.

4. BOARD MINI RETREAT OCTOBER 17, 2014

The Board will hold its first of three mini retreats on October 17th following Mass at St. Mary's at 9:00 A.M.

5. ST. MARY'S PARISH 50th ANNIVERSARY DETAILS

Several Trustees and Senior Administrators will be attending the celebration which will be held on October 4th.

6. CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUNDAY- NOVEMBER 9, 2014

November 9th is Catholic Education Sunday and one Trustee will speak at each Mass within the Divisions' parishes. A schedule will be generated for Trustees to attend local Masses.

7. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AS PER POLICY 19

Discussion on remuneration took place with the Secretary-Treasurer supplying Trustees with comparative data from other boards. The Board has taken a 0% increase for the last three years and it was suggested to take a small increase to keep up with neighboring boards.

Remuneration for the Chair would increase by \$903/year, Vice-chair by \$586/year and Trustee honoraria by \$185/year. The per diem rate would increase from \$188/day to \$190/day.

14/09/30-11 - McNiff

THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT THE CHANGES PRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY-TREASURER.

CARRIED.

8. JOINT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING – OCTOBER 29th

The Board will hold two Joint School Council meetings this school year. The meeting on October 29th will be a supper meeting with all parent council chairs invited (or parent representatives from the school). The Trustees felt that these were valuable meetings and invite the feedback from parent representatives. There will be another Joint School Council meeting held on March 24, 2015.

9. FRIENDSHIP MEAL – OCTOBER 26th

The Board and Central Office staff will host the friendship meal at Sacred Heart on October 26th.

10. MEETING WITH ST. THOMAS AQUINAS ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD

Trustees have arranged to have a meeting with the STAR Catholic School Board while attending the ACSTA convention in November.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

The Supervisor of Support Services provided updates on the following capital projects:

- St. Marguerite Bourgeoys School
Phase I (Administration area) is not quite complete and there will be a site meeting on October 1 to re-evaluate the completion. Phase II is scheduled to be completed by Christmas.

- Notre Dame High School
The new modulars are on site and currently being worked on. It is expected that they will be ready for student use on October 14.
- Camille
The new modulars are scheduled to arrive the evening of September 30. The earliest date for student usage is October 14.
- Fr. Henri Voisin School
The school opened to students the beginning of the school year as planned.
- St. Joseph High School
No new update to report.

ASBA UPDATE

- Trustees were asked for feedback on the Taskforce for Strengthening the Provincial Voice of School Boards. It was a general consensus of the Board that this Task Force of Chairs could be beneficial.
- Trustees were presented with a proposal to use the ASBA flexibility fund to support the Cappies proposal. General consensus was to not support it at this time.

ACSTA UPDATE

- Vice-Chair LaGrange is now a Director.
- Fall Conference – November 14-16.
- Spring Conference - March 6-8.

EDUCATION FOUNDATION

- October 20 is the Annual General Meeting

CLOSING PRAYER

Trustee McNiff led the group in closing prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

14/09/30-12 - Hollman

**THAT THE REGULAR MEETING
ADJOURN, THE TIME BEING 8:45 P.M.**

CARRIED.

(CHAIR)

(SECRETARY-TREASURER)