

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools, held October 28, 2014.

- Present: A. LaGrange
M. Hollman
L. McNiff
D. MacKay
G. Pelletier
D. Bouchard 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

The meeting was called to order at 7:42 p.m.

Mr. Ledene, Superintendent of Faith Development, lead Trustees in a prayer for All Saints Day.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

14/10/28-16 - LaGrange

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CARRIED.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

14/10/28/17 - Bouchard

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2014, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED

CARRIED.

3. ST. JOSPEH HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE

The Superintendent and Supervisor of Support Services informed Trustees that progress is going well and on time in regards to the start-up of construction. The City has committed to having the services complete by the end of 2014. Partners for the building of the field house continue to be explored and to date the City of Red Deer, Red Deer Royals and Red Deer Royals Alumni remain the financial partners. There remains a shortfall to build the structure and at present administration would like to recommend that the Board allocate capital reserves to cover the shortfall of funds. Administration will then build a business plan to pay back these funds.

14/10/28/17 - Watson

THAT THE BOARD APPROVES A MOTION TO FUND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIELD HOUSE AT ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL OUT OF SCHOOL BOARD RESERVES, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000,000, WHICH WILL BE REPLENISHED THROUGH THE RENTAL OF THE FACILITY AS WELL AS VARIOUS FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

CARRIED.

4. NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL CONCEPT PLAN

The Supervisor of Support Services reviewed the concept plan that the four partners (City of Red Deer, Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools, Red Deer Public School Division and Greater North Central Francophone School Board) have been working on for several months. The plan has been broken out into 3 phases:

1. Red Deer Catholic (St. Joseph) high school site;
2. Red Deer Public high school site; and
3. Greater North Central Francophone high school site.

In association with phase 1 is the outdoor soccer fields for the Red Deer Soccer Association. Red Deer Public have recently voted not to approve the construction plan, however the Francophone School has approved it.

14/10/28/18 - McNiff

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES THE NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL SITE CONCEPT PLAN LOCATED AT 67 ST AND 30 AVE (2700-67 ST) AS PRESENTED.

CARRIED.

5. NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL SITE NAME

The Supervisor of Support Services explained that the name “Agora Campus” has been brought forward by the concept planning committee as a suitable name for the site. The need for a common name of the four parties involved is important as it would then become a common name that would identify the area and each party would continue to have their own private identity within the site. The City of Red Deer has the final say on the name.

14/10/28/19 – LaGrange

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
RECOMMENDS TO THE CITY OF RED DEER
THE NAME OF ‘AGORA CAMPUS’ FOR THE
NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL SITE LOCATED AT
67 ST AND 30 AVE (2700 - 67 ST).**

CARRIED.

6. MODULAR CLASSROOM REQUESTS

The Supervisor of Support Services spoke to the need of modulars at St. Teresa of Avila, Fr. Voisin, and Holy Trinity Schools.

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys School will have four new classrooms when the recent renovations are complete which will provide necessary student space in Innisfail.

14/10/28/20 - MacKay

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES
THE FOLLOWING MODULAR REQUESTS:
FOUR MODULAR CLASSROOMS TO BE
LOCATED AT ST. TERESA OF AVILA SCHOOL;
FOUR MODULAR CLASSROOMS TO BE
LOCATED AT HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL; AND
FOUR MODULAR CLASSROOMS TO BE
LOCATED AT FR. HENRI VOISIN SCHOOL.**

CARRIED.

7. BLACKFALDS K-9 SCHOOL NAME

A public engagement activity will be used in 2015 to help in selecting a name for the new school in Blackfalds.

8. ACCOUNTABILITY PILLAR OVERALL SUMMARY

The Superintendent shared the latest Division report card. He was happy to report that 11/16 measures on this report went up last year. This is very good news for the Division.

9. PAT/DIPLOMA EXAMINATION RESULTS

Mrs. Kathleen Finnigan, and Curriculum Coordinator, Mrs. Brenda MacDonald, presented information on the 2013-2014 Achievement Test and Diploma Exam results released by Alberta Education. Throughout the presentation, Trustees had an opportunity for questions.

Mrs. Finnigan and Mrs. MacDonald reviewed the Overall Achievement and Diploma Analysis, shared successes, areas of growth and next steps, keeping in mind that these charts compare the Division to the province. Division students performed excellence in most areas and above the provincial acceptable level in all subjects in Grade 6 and 9 Achievement Tests.

A robust systematic and strategic work plan has been created to address any concerns. There are some factors that are being closely monitored:

- Changing diversity in all classrooms
- Increased ESL population (approximately 1500 students)
- Request for more support for special need students
- Enrolment growth of 3.5% this year

The Division continues to experience high participation rates in diploma exams and low drop-out rates. Graduation completion rate is 90.2 compared to the provincial average of 74.9%.

The next steps include LIFT focus, addressing the increasing needs of ESL and special needs, focus on data and targeted literacy practices in comprehension and vocabulary.

10. CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO STAFF

After some discussion, Trustees LaGrange and Bouchard volunteered to pursue ideas of a small token of appreciation to staff during the Christmas season.

11. POLICY REVIEW

POLICY 19: BOARD OPERATIONS

Trustees suggested some minor changes and the Secretary Treasurer will revise the policy with those suggestions and bring Policy 19: Board Operations back to the November Regular Board Meeting for Board approval.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

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

- St. Marguerite Bourgeoys School
 - Administration has moved into the completed Admin suite as work continues to progress on the second stage of the renovation. Work completion is estimated for January, 2015.
- Blackfalds K-9 School
 - An RFP has been issued for the architect consultants for this project. The RFP will close on October 30, 2014.
- St. Joseph High School
 - The interview portion of the contractor RFP has been scheduled for November 17, 2014 and the successful team will be announced shortly thereafter.
- St. Francis of Assisi Addition
 - A meeting with Alberta Education and Alberta Infrastructure has taken place to work out the details and the scope of work to the 650 sq. meter addition.
- Ecole Camille J. Lerouge modulars
 - Occupancy is estimated the end of October.

- Ecole Notre Dame High School modulars
-Occupancy is estimated the end of October.

ASBA UPDATE

- Trustee MacKay has been voted in as Zone 4 Chair for a second year.
- At the last meeting, board sharing resulted in questions on mental health and the need to address the needs in all school divisions. These needs will be presented to government officials as well as shared with other zones in the province in order to lobby for common needs.
- The Minister of Education would like to be at the ASBA conference and meet with Trustees as a group if possible.

ACSTA UPDATE

- Trustee LaGrange sent out the draft minutes to Trustees.
- The package is posted for the Annual General meeting with 5 resolutions. Please have a look at the resolutions.

EDUCATION FOUNDATION

- New members are needed for the Education Foundation Board.

CLOSING PRAYER

Trustee McNiff led the group in closing prayer.

MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

14/10/28/20 – McNiff

**THAT THE REGULAR MEETING RECESS
FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE
OF THE WHOLE, THE TIME BEING 9:37
P.M.**

CARRIED.

14/10/28/21 – McNiff

THAT THE REGULAR MEETING RECONVENE

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

14/09/30-22 - Watson

**THAT THE REGULAR MEETING
ADJOURN, THE TIME BEING 10:15 P.M.**

CARRIED.

(CHAIR)

(SECRETARY-TREASURER)