

EDMONTON CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 7

Board of Trustees

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting

2006-2007: #18

May 28, 2007
8:30 P.M.

Board Room
Catholic Education Services

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Engel called the meeting to order at 8:38 P.M. **Trustee McDonald** began the meeting with the opening prayer.

Roll Call

Present

D. Engel, Chairperson
J. Buddle
D. Cavaliere
P. McDonald
M. Razzolini
J. Sarich
J. Urlacher

Agenda

Trustee Razzolini moved that the agenda for the May 28, 2007 Special Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

No minutes were brought forward for consideration.

2. Business of the Meeting

2.1 Locally Developed Courses

A. Ukrainian Religious Studies 15/25/35

Dr. B. Willis and Dr. H. Jamieson presented to the Board, information relating to the Ukrainian Religious Studies 15/25/35. The Ukrainian Religious Studies Courses recognize the unique history of the Ukrainian Catholic Church and looks at the common roots shared by the Abrahamic religions. Both the individuality of the Ukrainian Catholic Faith and its communion with the Roman Catholic Church are explored throughout the three courses offered.

Trustees raised a number of questions and provided comments. As a result of these comments and a specific suggestion from **Trustee Sarich**, Dr. Jamieson will correspond with Bishop Motiuk advising him of these courses.

Trustee Sarich moved that the Board of Trustees of the Edmonton Catholic Separate School District No. 7 approve the following new locally developed course to be implemented in September 2007:

Ukrainian Religious Studies 15 – 3 or 5 credit value

Ukrainian Religious Studies 25 – 3 or 5 credit value

Ukrainian Religious Studies 35 – 3 or 5 credit value

CARRIED

B. Film Studies 15/25/35

Dr. B. Willis presented to the Board, information relating to Film Studies 15/25/35. Film Studies 15/25/35 will engage students in a comprehensive analysis of the history and evolution of the technical and artistic aspects of filmmaking. The course is designed for students who wish to develop an advanced understanding of filmmaking to enhance their critical appreciation of films and for those who are contemplating post-secondary studies or a career in filmmaking. This course is designed to facilitate students' understanding of film as a distinct form of art, technology and visual media.

This course has been acquired from the Calgary Board of Education for a period of three years, beginning September 2007.

Trustees raised a number of questions and provided comments and concerns.

Trustee Cavaliere moved that the Board of Trustees of the Edmonton Catholic Separate School District No. 7 approve the following newly acquired locally developed course to be implemented in September 2007:

Film Studies 15 – 5 credit value

Film Studies 25 – 5 credit value

Film Studies 35 – 5 credit value

CARRIED

C. Learning Strategies 15/25/35

Dr. B. Willis presented to the Board, information relating to Learning Strategies 15/25/35. The Learning Strategies courses of study have been designed to assist high school students in developing an in depth understanding of strategies they can use to be successful learners. Through explicit instruction, guided practice and ongoing feedback, students will have the opportunity to apply a broader scope of strategies to maximize their learning and achievement. In a rapidly changing technological, information based society, students will need to acquire the knowledge, skills and attitudes to meet the increased demands of high school, to make the transition from school to post-secondary education or the world of work, and to meet the challenges of changing career choices and requirements.

This course has been acquired from the Calgary Catholic Schools for a period of three years beginning September 2007.

Trustees raised a number of questions and provided comments and concerns.

Trustee Buddle moved that the Board of Trustees of the Edmonton Catholic Separate School District No. 7 approve the following renewal of an acquired locally developed course to be implemented in September 2007:

Learning Strategies 15 – 5 credit value
Learning Strategies 25 – 5 credit value
Learning Strategies 35 – 5 credit value

CARRIED

D. T.E.A.M. Leadership 15/25/35

Dr. B. Willis presented to the Board, information relating to T.E.A.M. Leadership 15/25/35. The T.E.A.M. Leadership program encourages students to practice the key elements of servant leadership through peer and mentorship learning opportunities. The program is student driven. Students learn from one another. They are given the opportunity and encouraged to develop their own leadership skills and to take risks and grow in positive, productive ways. It is experiential learning. Students identify, develop and refine their own positive leadership style.

This course has been acquired from the Calgary Board of Education for a period of two years beginning September 2007.

Trustees raised a number of questions and provided comments and concerns. As a result of suggestions by **Trustees Sarich** and **Razzolini**, Dr. Willis will include details of resources available to teachers in future presentations on Locally Developed Courses.

Trustee Urlacher moved that the Board of Trustees of the Edmonton Catholic Separate School District No. 7 approve the following newly acquired locally developed course to be implemented in September 2007:

T.E.A.M. Leadership 15 – 3 or 5 credit value
T.E.A.M. Leadership 25 – 5 credit value
T.E.A.M. Leadership 35 – 5 credit value

CARRIED

E. Content Literacy 15/25

Dr. B. Willis presented to the Board, information relating to Content Literacy 15/25. Content Literacy offers students concentrated practice in the strategies and skills necessary to strengthen reading skills for success in schools. Although English Language Arts programs for high school effectively deal with teaching reading, this course focuses on teaching strategies for reading materials outside the parameters of language arts. The skills that will develop because of the intense application of these strategies will enable content area readers who need support to be more successful in other subject areas.

Trustees raised a number of questions and provided comments and concerns.

Trustee McDonald moved that the Board of Trustees of the Edmonton Catholic Separate School District No. 7 approve the following renewal of a locally developed course to be implemented in September 2007 for a three year period ending August 2010:

Content Literacy 15 – 3 or 5 credit value
Content Literacy 25 – 5 credit value

CARRIED

3. Adjournment

3.1 Closing Prayer

Trustee McDonald said the closing prayer.

3.2 Motion to Adjourn

Trustee Sarich moved that the meeting adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

CARRIED

Chairperson

Corporate Secretary