



Board of Trustees

Public Board Meeting Minutes 2021-2022: #5

Date: November 24, 2021
 Time: 3:00 p.m.
 Location: Conducted by Microsoft Teams
 Phone: 780 441-6002
 Web: www.ecsd.net

1. Call to Order

1.1 Board Chair Palazzo called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
Father McDonald began the meeting with the Opening Prayer.

1.2 Land Acknowledgement

Trustee Palazzo acknowledged that we are on the traditional land of Treaty 6 and home of the Metis Nation of Alberta Region 4. We also acknowledge the Inuit and other diverse Indigenous peoples whose ancestors have marked this territory for centuries, a place that has welcomed many peoples from around the world to make their home here.

We, at Edmonton Catholic Schools, commit to restoring and honouring the Truth and Reconciliation calls to action; we strongly believe the truth must be acknowledged to move forward to reconciliation. Together we call upon all our collective communities to build a stronger understanding of all peoples who dwell on this land we call home.

1.3 Roll Call

Sandra Palazzo, Board Chair
 Lisa Turchansky, Vice-Chair
 Debbie Engel
 Terry Harris
 Alene Mutala
 Laura Thibert

1.4 Approval of the Agenda

Trustee Harris moved that item 2.3 **St. Basil Catholic Elementary/ Junior High School - School Closure Proposal** be removed from the agenda.

DEFEATED

Trustee Mutala moved that the agenda of the November 24, 2021 Public Meeting of the Board be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

1.5 Minutes

1.5.1 Minutes of the October 27, 2021 Organizational Board Meeting

Trustee Thibert moved that the minutes of the October 27, 2021 Organizational Public Meeting of the Board be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

1.5.2 Minutes of the October 27, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

Trustee Thibert moved that the minutes of the October 27, 2021 Regular Public Meeting of the Board be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

1.5.2 Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

1.6 ASBA Long Service Awards

The Board of Trustees recognized and celebrated Trustee Debbie Engel and Trustee Laura Thibert for receiving the Alberta School Boards Association Long Service Award.

2.	Business of the Meeting
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2.1 Audited Financial Statements 2020-2021

Trustee Harris moved that the Board of Trustees of The Edmonton Catholic Separate School Division receives the Audited Financial Statements dated August 31, 2021 as information and approves their release to the public and to Alberta Education.

CARRIED

Trustee Harris moved that based on the evidence provided in the Audited Financial Statements and Auditor's Report the Board of Trustees determines that following Quality Indicators have been met, as per Board Policy 12 - Appendix B, relative to the current evaluation period:

- QI 4.1 Ensures accepted accounting principles are being followed.
- QI 4.2 Ensures all deficiencies identified in the previous audit report and management letter have been remediated to the satisfaction of the auditor.
- QI 4.3 Ensures adequate internal financial controls exist and are being followed.
- QI 4.5 Ensures school-based funds are monitored to ensure appropriate expenditures, reserves and accounting processes.
- QI 4.6 Ensures the Board is informed annually about incurred liabilities.
- QI 4.8 Monitors and reviews expenditures to ensure continuous improvement in terms of value for money.

CARRIED

2.2 Appointment of External Auditor

Trustee Harris moved that the Board of Trustees appoints Grant Thornton LLP as the Division's external auditor for the fiscal year 2021-22.

CARRIED

2.3 St. Basil Catholic Elementary/Junior High School - School Closure Proposal

Trustee Turchansky moved that the Board of Trustees hereby provides notice that a motion regarding the closure of St. Basil Catholic Elementary /Junior High effective June 30, 2022, be considered at the Board of Trustee's public meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 23, 2022.

CARRIED

Trustee Turchansky moved that based on the evidence provided in the report **St. Basil Catholic Elementary/Junior High School - School Closure Proposal**, the Board of Trustees determines that the following Quality Indicators have been met, as per Board Policy 12 – Appendix B, relative to the current evaluation period:

- QI 8.3 Develops short- and long-range plans to meet the needs of the Division and provide for continuous improvement.
- QI 8.4 Ensures key results identified by the Board are achieved.

CARRIED

**2.4 Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary/Junior High School
Junior High Program, School Closure Proposal**

Trustee Turchansky moved that the Board of Trustees hereby provides notice that a motion regarding the closure of the Grade 7, 8 and 9 (the junior high program) located at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary/ Junior High School, effective June 30, 2022, be considered at the Board of Trustee's public meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 23, 2022.

CARRIED

Trustee Turchansky moved that based on the evidence provided in the report **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary/Junior High School - Junior High Program, School Closure Proposal**, the Board of Trustees determines that the following Quality Indicators have been met, as per Board Policy 12 – Appendix B, relative to the current evaluation period:

- QI 8.3 Develops short- and long-range plans to meet the needs of the Division and provide for continuous improvement.
- QI 8.4 Ensures key results identified by the Board are achieved.

CARRIED

3.	Presentation and Review of Accountability Report
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3.1 Alternative Education Report

Trustee Mutala moved that the Board of Trustees approves the Annual Education Results Report 2020-2021 "God Calls Us Each by Name" and that based on the evidence provided in the Annual Education Results Report 2020-2021 "God Calls Us Each by Name", the Board determines that the following Quality Indicators have been met as per Board Policy 12- Appendix B, relative to the current evaluation period:

- QI 1.1 Ensures that all school leaders actively promote education in a Catholic context.
- QI 2.1 Conducts an analysis of student success and ensures school principals develop action plans to address concerns.
- QI 2.2 Identifies trends and issues related to student achievement to inform the Three-year Planning process, including recommendations for innovative means to improve measurable student achievement.
- QI 2.3 Ensures parents and students are satisfied with levels of achievement.
- QI 2.4 Ensures there is measurable improved student achievement over time.
- QI 2.5 Meets Alberta Education's expectations re: AERR format, process and content.
- QI 2.6 Meets all timelines with provision for appropriate Board input relative to the Combined AERR / Three Year Education Plan.
- QI 2.7 Ensures the Division's academic results are published.
- QI 3.1 Develops measurements and monitors progress relative to providing a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment.
- QI 5.3 Fosters high standards of instruction and professional improvement (Teaching Quality Standard).
- QI 8.1 Ensures the three-year planning process involves appropriate stakeholder input and results in high stakeholder satisfaction.
- QI 8.3 Develops short- and long-range plans to meet the needs of the Division and provide for continuous improvement.
- QI 8.5 Ensures the budget and three-year plan are developed according to a timeline which ensures the Board's ability to provide direction and revise priorities and is approved within Alberta Education deadlines.
- QI 9.1 Ensures Division compliance with all Alberta Education and Board mandates (timelines and quality).

- QI 10.3 Ensures information is disseminated to inform appropriate publics.
 QI 10.5 Promotes positive public engagement in the Division.

CARRIED

3.2 Annual Education Results Report

Trustee Engel moved that the Board of Trustees approves the Annual Education Results Report 2020-2021 "God Calls Us Each by Name" and that based on the evidence provided in the Annual Education Results Report 2020-2021 "God Calls Us Each by Name", the Board determines that the following Quality Indicators have been met as per Board Policy 12-Appendix B, relative to the current evaluation period:

- QI 1.1 Ensures that all school leaders actively promote education in a Catholic context.
- QI 2.1 Conducts an analysis of student success and ensures school principals develop action plans to address concerns.
- QI 2.2 Identifies trends and issues related to student achievement to inform the Three-year Planning process, including recommendations for innovative means to improve measurable student achievement.
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- QI 2.4 Ensures there is measurable improved student achievement over time.
- QI 2.5 Meets Alberta Education's expectations re: AERR format, process and content.
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- QI 2.7 Ensures the Division's academic results are published.
- QI 3.1 Develops measurements and monitors progress relative to providing a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment.
- QI 5.3 Fosters high standards of instruction and professional improvement (Teaching Quality Standard).
- QI 8.1 Ensures the three-year planning process involves appropriate stakeholder input and results in high stakeholder satisfaction.
- QI 8.3 Develops short- and long-range plans to meet the needs of the Division and provide for continuous improvement.
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- QI 9.1 Ensures Division compliance with all Alberta Education and Board mandates (timelines and quality).
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- QI 10.5 Promotes positive public engagement in the Division.

CARRIED

4.	Celebration of #ECSDfaithinspires:
4.1	Board Chair Report The Board of Trustees acknowledged receipt of the Board Chair Report on #ECSDfaithinspires – October 22, 2021 – November 18, 2021.
4.2	Chief Superintendent Report The Board of Trustees acknowledged receipt of the Chief Superintendent's Report on #ECSDfaithinspires: October 2021 for information purposes.
5.	Adjournment
5.1	Father McDonald said the closing prayer.
5.2	Trustee Engel moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

CARRIED