



EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Public Board Meeting Minutes 2024-2025

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Date: February 19, 2025
Time: 3:00 PM
Location: Public Board Room, Lumen Christi Catholic Education Centre
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1. Call to Order

- 1.1 **Board Chair Palazzo** called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.
Father Glenn began the meeting with the Opening Prayer.

1.2 **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Trustee Thibert acknowledged that we are on the traditional land of Treaty 6 and homeland of the Métis. 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 that 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 – joined virtually
Alene Mutala
Laura Thibert

1.4 **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Trustee Mutala moved that the agenda of the February 19, 2025 Public Meeting of the Board be approved as circulated.

1.4.1 Consent Items

The consent items and the recommendations therein were approved by the Board with the approval of the agenda.

1.4.1.1

2025-2026 Division School Year and Year-Round School Year Calendar Update

The Board of Trustees acknowledged receipt of the **2025-2026 Division School Year and Year-Round School Year Calendar Update** for information purposes.

CARRIED

1.5 MINUTES

1.5.1 Minutes of the January 29, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

Trustee Engel moved that the minutes of the January 29, 2025 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 Edmonton Catholic School Division Dreambuilders Challenge

The Board of Trustees acknowledged and celebrated the collective efforts of our schools and departments in supporting the **ECSD Dreambuilders Challenge** to raise funds for the Edmonton Catholic Schools Foundation.

1.7 Recognition of Thomas Kelm

The Board of Trustees acknowledged and celebrated the quick thinking and heroic response of Thomas Kelm.

2. Business of the Meeting

2.1 Celebrating the Jubilee Year

Trustee Mutala moved that based on the evidence provided in the **Jubilee 2025 Year Plan**, 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 1.1 Ensures that all school leaders actively promote education in a Catholic context.
- QI 1.2 Provides staff with a program of activities which reinforces and forms personal faith development and professional growth in effectively teaching religious education programs.
- QI 1.3 Ensures religious celebrations and social justice are organized by schools and departments.
- QI 1.4 Facilitates cooperative religious initiatives involving school, home and parish.
- QI 10.1 Facilitates effective home-school relations.
- QI 10.5 Promotes positive public engagement in the Division.

CARRIED

3. Presentation and Review of Accountability Report(s)

3.1 Supporting Diverse Learning Needs

Trustee Engel moved that based on the **Supporting Diverse Learning Needs Report, 2025** 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 2.1 Conducts an analysis of student success and ensures school principals develop action plans to address concerns.
- 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.

CARRIED

4. Celebration of #ECSDfaithinspires:

4.1 Board Chair Report

The Board of Trustees acknowledged receipt of the Board Chair Report on #ECSDfaithinspires – **January 24, 2025 – February 13, 2025** for information purposes.

4.2 Chief Superintendent Report

The Board of Trustees acknowledged receipt of the Chief Superintendent's Report on #ECSDfaithinspires: **February 2025** for information purposes.

5. Adjournment

- 5.1 **Trustee Harris** said the closing prayer.
- 5.2 **Trustee Engel** moved the meeting be adjourned at 4:45 PM.

CARRIED