

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Held in Person on Thursday, December 13, 2024 at
Central Office, 1018 1 Ave, Wainwright, AB

ADMINISTRATION IN ATTENDANCE

Jim Taplin - Superintendent
Kelly Ehalt – Deputy Superintendent
Michele Revoy – Director of Teaching
Quality & Staff Development
Mary Ann Threinen – Secretary-Treasurer
Liberty Stafford – Director of Faith &
Wellness
Jessica Knight – Board Executive Secretary
& PowerSchool Lead

ATTENDED

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TRUSTEES IN ATTENDANCE

Harry Loonen - Chair
Derek Collins – Vice Chair
Jim Sanson
Malachy Young
Robert Gratton
Duane Austin
Debra Klein

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1. OPENING PRAYER

Opening Prayer – Trustee J. Sanson
Next meeting (January) – Trustee D. Klein

2. TREATY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chair H. Loonen

3. ACTION ITEM

Chair H. Loonen commenced the meeting at 4:01 pm.

4. PRESENTATION

There will no presentation this month.

5. CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA

2024-111:

*Trustee R. Gratton moved to approve the agenda for the December 13, 2024, board meeting as circulated.
Motion carried.*

6. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2024-112:

Trustee D. Klein moved to approve the Minutes of the November 28, 2024; Regular Board Meeting as circulated. Motion carried.

7. BOARD FAITH PLAN

Director of Faith and Wellness, Liberty Stafford, lead the trustees in the faith reflection this month.

8. REVIEW BOARD ANNUAL WORK PLAN

If there are any items, the trustees would like to add they are able to add them.

9. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Elections Bylaw:

2024-113:

By-Law No 1/2024, A By-Law of the Board of Trustees of the East Central Alberta Catholic Separate School Division to Provide for the Election of Trustees by Ward was brought to the Board of Trustees the third time

by the Secretary-Treasurer Mary Ann Threinen. Trustee J. Sanson moved to accept the third reading of the By-Law as amended. Motion carried.

Clearview Meeting

The Superintendent for Clearview will bring it forward to the Clearview board at their December meeting. The Superintendent for Clearview thought February would be a good time to meet.

10. BOARD POLICY REVIEW

2024-114:

Trustee M. Young moved to approve Policy 11 – Role of the Superintendent as presented. Motion carried.

11. IN-CAMERA SESSION

2024-115:

Trustee J. Sanson moved to go in-camera at 5:16 pm. Motion carried.

2024-116:

Trustee D. Austin moved to come out of in-camera at 5:57 pm. Motion carried.

12. DIRECTOR OF TEACHING QUALITY AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT

The Director provided a report for the trustees to review. The Director shared with the Principals and the LST's information about the Alberta Education Assistant Collaborative Communities so they could share the information with the staff at their schools. The Literacy and Numeracy funding the division received was based on the June data that was submitted to Alberta Education. Alberta Education increased our dollar amount for the funding because we didn't meet the threshold they had. The funding has been distributed amongst the schools.

13. DIRECTOR OF FAITH AND WELLNESS

The Director provided a report for the trustees to review. The director was looking into the budgeting for rolling out the Blessed and Beloved Family Life Program. ECCS will implement Grade 1 Blessed and Beloved in September 2027 and will follow with each grade each year after. The Director went to Blessed Sacrament Outreach to work with the students on connecting with God through prayer. The Jubilee Year will officially begin on December 24, 2024, with the opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican.

14. SECRETARY-TREASURERS REPORT

The Secretary-Treasurer provided a report for the trustees to review. Reviewed enrolments with the trustees. Attended the ASBOA meeting today. Provided an insurance update for the trustees. Discussed an issue with the St. Thomas Aquinas School solar credits.

15. DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Deputy Superintendent provided a report for the trustees to review. The Deputy Superintendent will be meeting with BTPS Assistant Superintendent James Trodden to discuss the Collegiate Models and trades he will report back at the January meeting. The Deputy Superintendent has set up the 988 Suicide Hotline at the Blessed Sacrament Outreach school. The paging for Hour zero has been set up at Theresetta School through their phones.

16. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent provided a report for the trustees to review. The Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent met with School of Hope administration to discuss strategies to close the gap between school awarded marks and diploma marks. The Superintendent suggested the teachers mirror their final exams to match the diplomas at 30%. Reviewing what other school divisions do. Connected with Elk Island to see what tools they are using. The Superintendent was asked to represent ECCS at the ministry engagement session on the Home Education Regulation that is about to expire. The Superintendent has received two quotes from

NORDIC security system at Blessed Sacrament School and security system at the School of Hope office in Sherwood Park. Still investigating the cost to replace the PA system at Theresetta School.

17. COMMITTEES

a. ASBA REPRESENTATIVE – TRUSTEE D. AUSTIN

Trustee D. Austin attended the Municipal affairs meeting earlier in the month and discussed the Bill 21 implementation. Bylaws can be passed at one meeting if everyone agrees with the bylaw.

b. ACSTA DIRECTOR – TRUSTEE R. GRATTON

Trustee R. Gratton reminder of the Catholic Ed Talks that are available to everyone.

c. NEGOTIATIONS – TEBA – TRUSTEE D. KLEIN

Trustee D. Klein this was discussed in camera.

d. GRACE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE D. COLLINS

Vice Chair D. Collins had nothing to report at this time.

e. RURAL CAUCUS – TRUSTEE J. SANSON

Trustee J. Sanson had nothing to report at this time.

18. NEW BUSINESS

a. Blessed Sacrament School Quebec Trip February 9-13, 2026

Motion 2024-117:

Vice Chair D. Collins moved to approve in principle the Blessed Sacrament School's Quebec National field trip request for February 9-13, 2026, provided that all field trip procedure requirements for national field trips have been met. Motion carried.

b. St. Thomas Aquinas School Table Mountain Ski Trip March 12, 2025

Motion 2024-118:

Trustee R. Gratton moved to approve in principle the St. Thomas Aquinas School Ski trip request for Table Mountain on March 12, 2025, provided that all national field trip procedure requirements have been met. Motion carried.

19. DUAL CREDIT AND INDIGENOUS CULTURE AND PROGRAM FACILITATOR REPORTS

A Dual Credit report was not provided for the trustees to review.

An Indigenous Culture and Program Facilitator report was not provided for the trustees to review.

20. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence this month.

b. TRUSTEE ROUND TABLE

The trustees provided an update of events for their area.

17. FUTURE BUSINESS

The date of the next Regular Board Meeting will be Thursday, January 23, 2025, in person, commencing at 4:00 pm.

18. CLOSING PRAYER

Closing Prayer – Trustee J. Sanson

Next Meeting (January) – Trustee D. Klein

19. ADJOURNMENT

Chair H. Loonen adjourned the meeting at 6:00 pm.

SIGNATURE OF CHAIR

**SIGNATURE OF BOARD EXECUTIVE SECRETARY &
POWERSCHOOL LEAD**