East Central Catholic Schools

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Held in Person on Thursday, February 27, 2025, at
Central Office, 1018 1 Ave, Wainwright, AB

ADMINISTRATION IN ATTENDANCE	ATTENDED	TRUSTEES IN ATTENDANCE	ATTENDED
Jim Taplin - Superintendent	In Person	Harry Loonen - Chair	In Person
Kelly Ehalt – Deputy Superintendent	In Person	Derek Collins – Vice Chair	In Person
Michele Revoy – Director of Teaching Quality & Staff Development	In Person	Jim Sanson	In Person
		Malachy Young	In Person
Mary Ann Threinen – Secretary-Treasurer	In Person	Robert Gratton	In Person
Liberty Stafford – Director of Faith & Wellness	In Person	Duane Austin	In Person
		Debra Klein	In Person
Jessica Knight – Board Executive Secretary & PowerSchool Lead	In Person		

1. **OPENING PRAYER**
   Opening Prayer – Trustee D. Austin
   Next meeting (March) – Trustee M. Young

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**
   2025-007:
   Trustee M. Young moved to approve the agenda for the February 27, 2025, board meeting as amended.
   Motion carried.
   Chair H. Loonen would like to add Item C under Business Arising out of Previous minutes CCSTA Convention

   Trustee D. Klein would like to add Item d under New Business Election Info

6. **REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**
   2025-008:
   Trustee D. Klein moved to approve the Minutes of the January 23, 2025; 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

Meeting with MLA Garth Rowswell

The meeting with MLA Garth Rowswell has been scheduled for April 4, 2025 and will be held at the Division office. This meeting is to discuss the changes to the Dual Credit funding and how that affects our division.

Policy 12 – Board Delegation of Authority

2025-009:
Trustee D. Klein moved to rescind motion 2025-003. Motion carried.

2025-010:
Trustee R. Gratton moved to approve the first reading of amended Policy 12 – Board Delegation of Authority. Motion carried.

2025-011:
Trustee D. Austin moved to approve the second reading of amended Policy 12 – Board Delegation of Authority. Motion carried.

CCSTA Conference

2025-012:
Trustee J. Sanson moved to approve R. Gratton representing ECCS at the CCSTA AGM from June 5-7, 2025. Motion carried.

10. BOARD POLICY REVIEW

2025-013:
Trustee D. Klein moved to approve the first reading of amended Policy 13 – Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters. Motion carried.

2025-014:
Trustee M. Young moved to approve the second reading of amended Policy 13 – Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters. Motion carried.

11. IN-CAMERA SESSION

2025-015:
Trustee R. Gratton moved to go in-camera at 5:15 pm. Motion carried.

2025-016:
Trustee D. Klein moved to come out of in-camera at 5:52 pm. Motion carried.

2025-017:
Trustee M. Young moved to go in camera at 6:53 pm. Motion carried.

2025-018:
Trustee J. Sanson moved to come out of camera at 8:39 pm. Motion carried.

2025-019:
Trustee D. Collins moved to implement a technology fee of $25 for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried.

2025-020:
Trustee M. Young moved to implement a Little Steps fee for Blessed Sacrament School and Christ-King School of $120 for the two day program starting in 2025-2026. Motion carried.

2025-021:
Trustee D. Klein moved to implement a transportation fee of $285/student or $570/family for Blessed Sacrament School and $100/ECS student $200/student and $400/family for Christ-King School for 2025-2026. Motion carried.

2025-022:
Trustee R. Gratton moved to accept the quote from Nordic of $58,509 for the PA system installation at Theresetta School. Motion carried.

12. DIRECTOR OF TEACHING QUALITY AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT

The Director provided a report for the trustees to review. The Mental Health in Schools project will come to a conclusion at the end of this school year. There will be some form of continuous funding but we are not sure what that will look like. Alberta Education will provide a virtual session for Vretta training or Intelica is willing to go into the schools and work with the staff. This year Vretta is optional. The division wants all the PAT exams written on Vretta.

13. DIRECTOR OF FAITH AND WELLNESS

The Director provided a report for the trustees to review. Faith coaches presented at the Faith Morning. Grade 9 Growing in Christ training will begin next year.

14. SECRETARY-TREASURERS REPORT

The Secretary-Treasurer provided a report for the trustees to review. The Secretary-Treasurer provided the trustees with a historical financial profile of the division. The Statement of Revenue and Expenses as of January 31, 2025 was also provided.

15. DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Deputy Superintendent provided a report for the trustees to review. The Deputy Superintendent attended the CASS meeting and the McLennon Ross session on February 25, 2025. The career fair was a success. The Deputy Superintendent also attended the Archbishop's assurance meeting.

16. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent provided a report for the trustees to review. The Superintendent met with the Brighter Beginnings board. The division has 90% completion for the cybersecurity program. The Privacy Commissioner is opening an investigation for the PowerSchool Cybersecurity Breach.

17. COMMITTEES

a. ASBA REPRESENTATIVE – TRUSTEE D. AUSTIN

Trustee D. Austin attended the last meeting and provided the trustees with an update. The Superintendent and Chair meeting will take place on March 27.

b. ACSTA DIRECTOR – TRUSTEE R. GRATTON

Trustee R. Gratton the report was provided for the trustees to review. Symposium took place on February 21 and 22.

c. NEGOTIATIONS – TEBA – TRUSTEE D. KLEIN

Trustee D. Klein the next meeting is on March 12.

d. GRACE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE D. COLLINS

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

e. RURAL CAUCUS – TRUSTEE J. SANSON

Trustee J. Sanson nothing to report at this time.

18. NEW BUSINESS

a. **Approval of Auditors and Renewal of Terms of Engagement**

2025-023:

Trustee M. Young moved to appoint King & Company as external auditors for financial statements and Local Authorities Pension Plan audits for an additional 3 years from the end of their current term. Motion carried.

b. **Blueprints**

Blueprints takes place from May 6 to May 9, 2025, at Pomeroy Kananaskis Mountain Lodge. The speaker this year is David Wells.

c. **School Fees**

This was covered in camera.

d. **Election Information**

The Secretary-Treasurer provided information packages for the trustees. The Secretary-Treasurer will provide an information article for the church bulletins.

19. DUAL CREDIT AND INDIGENOUS CULTURE AND PROGRAM FACILITATOR REPORTS

A Dual Credit report was provided for the trustees to review.
An Indigenous Culture and Program Facilitator report was provided for the trustees to review.

20. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Advocacy letter for PUF funding was provided for the trustees to review.

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, March 27, 2025, in person, commencing at 4:00 pm.

18. CLOSING PRAYER

Closing Prayer – Trustee D. Austin
Next Meeting (March) – Trustee M. Young

19. ADJOURNMENT

Chair H. Loonen adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm.

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SIGNATURE OF CHAIR

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SIGNATURE OF BOARD EXECUTIVE SECRETARY & POWERSCHOOL LEAD