

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Held in Person on Thursday, January 23, 2025 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

In Person
Absent
In Person
In Person
Absent
In Person

TRUSTEES IN ATTENDANCE

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

ATTENDED

In Person
In Person
Absent
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1. OPENING PRAYER

Opening Prayer – Trustee D. Klein
Next meeting (February) – Trustee D. Austin

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

2025-001:

Trustee D. Klein moved to approve the agenda for the January 23, 2025, board meeting as circulated. Motion carried.

6. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2025-002:

Trustee R. Gratton moved to approve the Minutes of the December 13, 2024; Regular Board Meeting as circulated. Motion carried.

7. BOARD FAITH PLAN

Director of Faith and Wellness, Liberty Stafford, will lead the trustees in the faith reflection next 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

Clearview Meeting

Board Supper with Clearview School Division will take place on February 19, 2025, in Stettler at the Clearview Board Office. The trustees discussed agenda items for the meeting.

10. BOARD POLICY REVIEW

2025-003:

Trustee D. Collins moved to approve Policy 12 – Board Delegation of Authority as presented. Motion carried.

11. IN-CAMERA SESSION

2025-004:

Trustee D. Klein moved to go in-camera at 6:24 pm. Motion carried.

2025-005:

Trustee D. Collins moved to come out of in-camera at 7:39 pm. Motion carried.

12. DIRECTOR OF TEACHING QUALITY AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT

The Director provided a report for the trustees to review. Vretta will be used for Diploma exams by June of this year. Michele is working on a tutorial that will be used to assist teachers with utilizing this program. The Principal at Blessed Sacrament School is assisting with this and has previous experience using Vretta and Solut is assisting as well. At the end of February all Principals and Vice Principals will be in the platform and using it. Grade 6 and Grade 9 PAT are all digital. There are free resources available for Autism and ADHD. There is an instructional coach that is available for schools to access to assist with FASD. These resources were shared with the principals and LST's. The Director of Teaching Quality is reviewing a literacy screener for the schools to use called Acadience K-6. Currently schools are using the government provided literacy and numeracy screeners. Acadience is government approved and is free right now.

13. DIRECTOR OF FAITH AND WELLNESS

The Director provided a report for the trustees to review.

14. SECRETARY-TREASURERS REPORT

The Secretary-Treasurer provided a report for the trustees to review. The Secretary Treasurer reviewed the Statement of Operations with the trustees.

15. DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Deputy Superintendent provided a report for the trustees to review.

16. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent provided a report for the trustees to review. The Superintendent has written 21 appreciation letters this month and one Principal appreciation letter. The Superintendent has been reviewing preparation time for consistency across the division and has met with all the principals to discuss this. The Superintendent has completed pre-evaluation meetings with Principals. The Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, and Director of Teaching Quality met with division's education manager to discuss the AERR. The Superintendent attended the Métis Ways of Wellness in Education miyomahcihowin – Wellness and the Métis Student workshop which was about how to support your Métis students.

17. COMMITTEES

a. ASBA REPRESENTATIVE – TRUSTEE D. AUSTIN

Trustee D. Austin attended the meeting earlier in the month. There was an ASEBP rep that provided an update on rates to the ASBA members.

b. ACSTA DIRECTOR – TRUSTEE R. GRATTON

Trustee R. Gratton next meeting is on February 3-4, 2025.

c. NEGOTIATIONS – TEBA – TRUSTEE D. KLEIN

Trustee D. Klein the meeting for January was cancelled and the next meeting is February 11, 2025.

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 was not present at the meeting this month.

18. NEW BUSINESS

a. Policy 15 Retirement Incentive Plan

2025-006:

Trustee D. Austin moved to suspend the implementation of Policy 15 Retirement Incentive Plan for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried.

b. PowerSchool Cybersecurity issue

PowerSchool records were accessed by a threat actor. We are waiting to get a report from PowerSchool. There has been minimal communication from PowerSchool since the attack. PowerSchool will be contacting the privacy commissioner for each province.

c. Mental Health Classroom

The Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, Director of Teaching Quality and Director of Faith and Wellness met with Buffalo Trail Public Schools to discuss the Mental Health Classroom that was announced last fall. ECACS does not have the space to host the classroom. They discussed different scenarios on how to run the classroom. ECACS would nominate the students to join the classroom but CASA House will determine if they are eligible to attend.

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

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

18. CLOSING PRAYER

Closing Prayer – Trustee D. Klein

Next Meeting (February) – Trustee D. Austin

19. ADJOURNMENT

Chair H. Loonen adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm.

SIGNATURE OF CHAIR

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