

Board and Representatives:

Debra Klein	Board Chair	Presiding
Greg Ibach	Vice Chair	Present
Rob Nichols	Trustee	Present
Duane Ausitn	Trustee	Present
Jim Sanson	Trustee	Present
Alan Rogan	Trustee	Present
Malachy Young	Trustee	Present
Harry Loonen	Trustee	Present

Administrators

Charlie McCormack	Superintendent	Present
Dwayne Zarichny	Deputy Superintendent	Present
Mary Ann Threinen	Secretary-Treasurer	Present
Jessica Channon	Board Executive Secretary & PowerSchool Lead	Present

Presentations

St. Thomas Aquinas Fundraising Committee – Janalee Wotschell, Noel Wirachowsky, Brian Stempfle and Amber Thompson

St. Jerome's School – Allan Chase

St. Thomas Aquinas School – Les Ellchuk

<u>Item</u>	<u>Content</u>	<u>Action</u>
I.	<u>Opening Prayer</u> Opening Prayer –Trustee M. Young Next meeting (April) – Trustee R. Nichols	
II.	<u>Action Item</u> Board Chair D. Klein commenced the meeting at 4:01 pm.	
III.	<u>Presentation</u> <u>St. Thomas Aquinas School Fundraising Committee</u> Janalee Wotschell, Noel Wirachowsky, Brian Stempfle, and Amber Thompson were present from the fundraising committee. Noel Wirachowsky was the spokesperson. The committee made the following statement: Many parents and individuals in the community are not overlooking the new school in the community. The Government agreed to build the school. The Division has a surplus budget. The committee would like the division and government to come together to build a bigger and better school for the community. It was noted in the August minutes that there may be a need for fundraising but was not brought forward to the community until January. The feasibility study was shared but there was no information noting who ordered the feasibility study and the study does not have information for the feasibility of using the old gymnasium. Frustration of the community is that they are not getting what they had before. They believe they will be getting less classroom space, less washrooms, and a smaller gym. Communities like Delia were given two years to fundraise to build a bigger gym. Could there be additional classrooms and space added to the school. Would the board entertain that? They are not sure what they are or could be fundraising for, they have been told to fundraise for \$500,000. Does this provide them with an upgraded gym? Once drawings are drafted and shown to the community could changes be made after? The committee applauds the board on being very fiscally responsible. The Board has accumulated a significant surplus and there doesn't appear to be any projects slated for St. Thomas Aquinas. The school should not require any new projects over the next 20 years. Does it not make sense to invest monies in a lasting project for the division? They have goals of improvement in mind.	

They would like the board to consider further supporting them by matching of funds 2 to one with no matching cap or a minimum of \$500,000.

Trustee H. Loonen asked how the fundraising has come along. They had some substantial donations at the beginning but it has slowed down. They currently have 76% which is \$205,000

Trustee H. Loonen asked when the last time a provincial tournament had been held at the school. The last one was held in 2009.

Chair Klein mentioned that she has shared the schematics of the school with the school council. She also mentioned that it is noted in the November School Council minutes that the school would need to fundraise for the school project.

The committee has stated that there is a lack of communication.

The Superintendent mentioned that the drawings are at the school and have been shared with the staff. For all intents and purposes the school has been designed. The Chair mentioned that the drawings have the smaller gym until the letter for fundraising has been signed off by the board once all the funds have been raised by the school committee. The Superintendent mentioned that there is a multipurpose space in the design for the new school that can be used for art and drama. He said they are building the school over capacity. The school population has not changed over the last 10 years they have had less than 300 students. They will be doing the community meetings in late May. The portrayal of them getting less then what they have is disconcerting. The new school will have more than the basic 13 classrooms. He suggested the fundraising group should visit the school and review the drawings for the new school.

The committee wants the school to have potential.

St. Jerome's School

Principal Allan Chase presented to the board members.

Enrollment at St. Jerome's School as of September 30 was 382. The Principal is predicting the enrollment will remain constant for next year. They held their kindergarten registration last night. They had a good turnout. They have 22 teachers and 23 support staff at the school. They purchased a 3D printer this year and they also have a plotter that makes banners and high definition graphics. They are close to a 1 to 1 ratio with their technology now. Overall they had a good year with standardized testing. Every year the school holds a carnival the leadership students organize and run the carnival. They get over a 1000 students in the school during the carnival and they raised over \$8000 from the carnival this year.

They are happy with where their school sits for the Accountability Pillar Survey. 27% of students are coded in the school. They partner with Lakeland College Trades School. The grade 10 students are able to take Mechanics, carpentry, electrical, and interior design. The students are taught by the college instructors. All grade 10 students participate in this. This year St. Jerome's School focused on the following items for Professional Development: Reading diagnostics E.Y.E & F & P, ELL, autism and other learning challenges, Math for Success and Empowering Writers.

They have lots of Extra-Curricular activities such as cross-country, golf, volleyball, basketball, etc. They have a very active student leadership. Trustee A. Rogan asked with all of the extra-curricular activities does it help with the students that are coded. The Principal said that yes it does help those students. If you have reluctant learners and you give them something to look forward to it does help with their learning. The Grade 10, 11 and 12 students have their own retreats which are faith driven. The school raises money for multiple charities.

They will have staff retiring over the years and it is getting difficult to hire teachers to replace those that retire. Their budget surplus is very strong due to a combination of increased enrollment and less expensive staff hired. CIF money has made a big difference over the last 2 years. On May 10, St. Jerome's School is hosting a day celebrating Indigenous culture, music, dance art and history. This is a major undertaking that will involve all students all day. Students attend mass on a monthly basis. Father Roger visits classrooms on a weekly basis. Religious

education is mandatory for all students in every grade. The principal requested that he would like to see the division hire a psychologist for the division.

St. Thomas Aquinas School

Principal Les Ellchuk presented to the board members.

The enrollment at St. Thomas Aquinas School consists of 256 students. They have 17 teachers and 11 support staff. Programming taught at the school includes K-12 curriculum, Dual Credit, Green Certificate, Work Experience, Alberta Distance Learning, Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) and online learning through School of Hope. All students are required to participate in the religion program at the school. Every Friday morning at 9:00 am they have mass that is attended by elementary students. Father Jean-Claude is interested in participating in different activities with the students. Activities the students participate in include the Christmas Concert, Terry Fox Run, Face 2 Face, Breakfast Program, Student Retreats, etc.. The principal marvels at the parent participation at the school. They have an active Student Union group. The Bazaar is a big event that takes place at the school that is for the community.

Vice Chair G. Ibach commented on the good working relationship between the Principal of the public school and St. Thomas Aquinas School.

IV. Faith Formation

The Trustees reviewed and discussed Chapters 7&8 from Redeeming Administration by Ann M. Garrido.

V. Consideration of the Agenda

Motion 2019-020:

Vice Chair G. Ibach moved to approve the agenda for the March 28, 2019 Regular Board meeting as presented. Motion carried.

VI. Review of Previous Minutes

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion 2019-021:

Trustee H. Loonen moved to approve the Minutes of the February 28, 2019 Regular Board Meeting as circulated. Motion carried.

VII. Business Arising Out of Previous Minutes

There was no business arising out of the previous minutes.

VII. Inclusive Education/Dual Credit/Religion/Technology Reports

- An Inclusive Education report was provided for the Board Members to review.
- A Religion report was provided for the Board Members to review.
- A Dual Credit report was provided for the Board Members to review.
- Trustee A. Rogan asked about the enrollment for Dual Credit, does it fluctuate? The Superintendent mentioned that the program started out with three students and it has grown every year since and currently has an enrollment of 123 students. Funding decisions made by the government do have negative implications for dual credit enrolment. The cap on CEU's was one of the items that affected Dual Credit enrollment. That cap has now been lifted for this year and next.

IX. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

The trustees requested a more detailed financial report for the April 11, 2019 board meeting.

The Secretary-Treasurer provided a statement of operations report for the trustees to review. The Secretary-Treasurer is concerned about having a deficit at the end of this year. Trustee M. Young asked how the deficit we currently have compares to previous years. The Secretary-Treasurer said that last year we actually had a surplus this time of year and not a deficit. Trustee

M. Young asked about a more detailed breakout for the statement of operations for the next board meeting. The Superintendent said that for next year they will have a balanced budget for the school budgets and they will be tighter on how they report finances. Trustee M. Young commented that it will be important for the schools to manage their budgets and manage their spending over the next couple of years.

The statistics for KEV have gone up. Buffalo Trail Driver Training School allows ECCS to use their instructor to teach the S-Endorsement on April 8 & 9. All yellow school bus drivers need to complete their S-Endorsement.

The Board accepts the Secretary-Treasurer's report as presented.

X. Deputy Superintendent's Report

The President of Lakeland College presented to the principals at the Administrator Meeting on March 13. We have reviewed and finalized the Wellness Procedure. It will be brought forward for the board to view. The Deputy Superintendent attended the CASS Conference last week. He completed the training for the Leadership Quality Standard (LQS). The meeting with the parish priests was held on March 14 it was a very good meeting, students from each school presented to the priests on what they were working on in their schools.

The next round of bargaining with CUPE will be May 8 & 9. Pictures of the CTS trailer were shared with the board members. The trailer might be ready by June. Chair D. Klein asked about the glow forge printers that the district ordered for schools. The Secretary-Treasurer said they are expected to ship by May 31. The Deputy Superintendent did a review of the service agreement for the phone system. It is costing more to have it so we are going to cancel the service agreement. Next week the Deputy Superintendent will be attending the Digital Threat Assessment session.

The Board accepts the Deputy Superintendent's report as presented.

XI. Superintendent's Report

Given the time constraint, the Superintendent suggested that trustees read his report in their own time. He highlighted the following:

The Superintendent attended the CASS meeting and attended the Superintendent Leadership Quality Standard (SLQS) training. The Superintendent sent out a message for International Women's day, and sent out Tim Horton's cards out to all of our substitute teachers for Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week. The Superintendent is in the process of writing a letter to the minister to request permanent construction at Blessed Sacrament School for 4 more classrooms. The Superintendent reviewed the plans for the new school for Provost.

The Board accepts the Superintendent's report as presented.

XII. Committees

ASBA Representative - Trustee D. Klein

Chair D. Klein sent out the ASBA information that she has received. She attended the March 15 meeting, which had a PD session on unpacking the new curriculum with Michelle Jones. There is a request for students to attend the Spring General Meeting, there will be a Mental Health Session for students to attend. ASBA has an election package for trustees.

ACSTA Director – Trustee G. Ibach

There has not been a decision made for the Theadore case out of Saskatchewan yet. There is an election package on the website. Vice-Chair G. Ibach will share it with the trustees.

Negotiations

Nothing to report at this time.

GrACE Committee

Trustee H. Loonen chaired the meeting on March 26, 2019. Board members have attended the School Council meetings to present the GrACE information to the school council members. There was a resolution made by the Alberta School Council Association about a single school board. There will be some follow up with Christ-King and School of Hope School Council. There was discussion on getting the message out about Catholic Education there is information that could be sent out in our newsletter. They thought the Religious Education Committee students could spearhead the project in the schools.

XIII. New Business

Blessed Sacrament School Grade 5 Field Trip Request

Motion 2019-022:

Trustee H. Loonen moved to approve the Blessed Sacrament School field trip request for the Grade 5 students to go to the Lloydminster Cultural and Science Centre on June 13, 2019 provided all field trip requirements have been met. Motion carried.

Cross Jurisdiction Boundary Exemption Request

Motion 2019-023:

Vice Chair G. Ibach moved to approve upon Prairie Land's approval, a transportation agreement with Buffalo Trail for the 2019/2020 school year for cross jurisdiction boundary exemption requesting bus pick up at NW-05-36-02-W4. ECACS agrees to pay any transportation shortfall should there be a shortfall incurred while transporting the students to St. Thomas Aquinas School in Provost, AB. This request is to be reviewed and approved annually. Motion carried.

Policy Review

The board members read and reviewed the following policies:

Policy 9 – Board Committees

Policy 10 – Conflict of Interest

Policy 11 – Role of the Superintendent

Policy 12 – Board Delegation of Authority

Trustee A. Rogan asked if staff sign a conflict of interest form. The Superintendent stated the conflict of interest is in the contracts. The Superintendent will see what other boards do for this.

This will be tabled until April board meeting.

XIV. In Camera Sessions

Motion 2019-024:

Trustee R. Nichols moved to go in camera at 9:01 pm. Motion carried.

Motion 2019-025:

Trustee J. Sanson moved to come out of camera at 10:19 pm. Motion carried.

Motion 2019-026:

Trustee H. Loonen moved to extend the meeting past 9:30 pm. Motion carried.

The board agreed to discuss the requests from the St. Thomas Aquinas Fundraising committee at the April Board Meeting.

XV. Information Items

Correspondence

The letter sent to the Clearview School Division was shared with the trustees.

The email from M. Ganser was shared with the trustees.

Trustee Round Table

Trustee J. Sanson wanted to commend Principal Allan Chase for the indigenous day.

Trustee R. Nichols would like to thank the Chair and Vice-Chair for the work with the Provost School project.

XVI.	<u>Future Business</u> Date of the next regular Board Meeting will be held Thursday April 11, 2019 at Central Office, commencing at 4:00 pm.	
XVII.	<u>Closing Prayer</u> Closing Prayer – Trustee M. Young Next Meeting (April) – Trustee R. Nichols	
XVIII.	<u>Adjournment</u> Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 pm.	

Respectfully submitted:

Jessica Channon, Board Executive Secretary
& PowerSchool Lead

Date

Approved:

Debra Klein, Board Chair

Date