

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL DIVISION**

Held via Videoconference on September 10, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

Administration in Attendance

Scott Morrison (Superintendent)
Mariette Moss (Associate Superintendent)
Michael Kilcommons (Associate Superintendent)
Vincent Behm (Associate Superintendent)
Cheryl Kuemper (Director of Learning)
Aileen Brunette (Executive Assistant)

Attended

Via Videoconference
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Trustees in Attendance

Andrea Keenan (Chair)
Vijay Domingo
Harry Salm
Joanne Van Donzel
Michelle Rude-Volk
Mark Chung
John de Jong

Attended

Via Videoconference
Via Videoconference
Via Videoconference
Absent with Regrets
Via Videoconference
Via Videoconference
Via Videoconference

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OPENING

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| 1.01 | Call to Order | Chair Keenan (Foothills County) called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. Notice of the Special Meeting had been given in accordance with the Education Act and Regulations. |
| 1.02 | Litany of CTR Catholic | Chair Keenan (Foothills County) led the Board in reciting the Litany of CTR Catholic. |
| 1.03 | Board Prayer, Vocation Prayer, Vision of the Board, and Consecration to Mary | Chair Keenan (Foothills County) led the Board in reciting the Board Prayer, the Vocations Prayer, and stated the Vision of the Board. Vice Chair Keenan (Foothills County) stated that the division has been consecrated to the saving grace of Mary and led the Board in reciting a Hail Mary. |
| 1.04 | Land Acknowledgement | <p>Chair Keenan (Foothills County) recited a land acknowledgement that the Board meeting is taking place on Treaty 7 land as follows:</p> <p>“We would like to acknowledge the traditional territories and oral practices of the Blackfoot Nations, which includes the Siksika, the Pikani, and the Kainai. We also acknowledge the Tsuut’ina and Stoney Nakoda First Nations, the Métis Nation (Region 3) and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta. We are making this acknowledgement to further demonstrate our commitment to work together as a community in laying the foundation for reconciliation through education.”</p> |

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SCHOOL CALENDAR ISSUE

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| 2.01 | Discussion on School Calendar | <p>Superintendent Morrison stated that CTR Catholic’s goal is to mark September 30th, National Truth and Reconciliation Day, in an honourable way, whether in or out of school. Senior administration of CTR Catholic decided to have consultations with Indigenous leaders, parents, and staff to determine how best to honour the day.</p> <p>Superintendent Morrison invited Director of Learning Kuemper to report on the findings from the consultations. Director Kuemper stated that almost every stakeholder supported teaching meaningful lessons during school to ensure all students are engaged in learning. Teaching and learning should happen before and after September 30th, and throughout the year, with September 30th being a non instructional day to symbolize the meaning and purpose of the national holiday, demonstrate support for</p> |
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Indigenous communities as a Catholic district, and to provide stakeholders with the opportunity to honour the day in a meaningful way

Superintendent Morrison reported on a host of reasons for why commemorating the day out of school is the best way to honour Truth and Reconciliation. As a result, Dr. Morrison and his senior team strongly recommend that CTR Catholic commemorates the day with a day out of school.

Discussion followed and trustees were supportive of National Truth and Reconciliation Day being a day out of school.

Harry Salm (Strathmore) moved:

that the Board of Trustees of Christ the Redeemer Catholic Separate School Division approves September 30, 2021, being a day out of school in recognition of the National Truth and Reconciliation Day, to “honour the survivors of residential schools, their families and communities and ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process”.

Motion #114-21

Carried

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NOMINATIONS FOR VICE CHAIR

- 3.01 Discussion of Board Policy #05, Role of the Board Chair

Superintendent Morrison referred to paragraph 8, of Board Policy #05, Role of the Board Chair, that states: “If the Chair, through illness or other cause, is unable to perform the duties of the Chair’s office or is absent, the Vice-Chair has all the powers and shall perform all the duties of the Chair during the Chair’s inability to act or absence”.

Discussion followed on the interpretation of this statement, and it was determined that Vice Chair Keenan (Foothills County) would act as Chair of the Board until the Board’s organizational meeting in October.

- 3.02 First Call for Vice Chair

Chair Keenan (Foothills County) opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair. Chair Keenan (Foothills County) nominated Trustee Salm (Strathmore) for the position of Vice Chair. Trustee Salm (Strathmore) accepted the nomination.

- 3.03 Second Call for Vice Chair

Chair Keenan (Foothills County) called for further nominations a second time. There were none.

- 3.04 Third Call for Vice Chair

Chair Keenan (Foothills County) called for nominations for a third and final time. There were none.

- 3.05 Motion that Nominations Cease

John de Jong (Brooks) moved:

that nominations cease.

Motion #115-21

Carried

- 3.06 Election of Vice Chair

Chair Keenan (Foothills County) announced that Trustee Salm (Strathmore) was acclaimed Vice Chair. Vice Chair Salm (Strathmore) stated he would be there to support Chair Keenan (Foothills County) as needed.

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CLOSING

- 4.01 Closing Prayer

Chair Keenan (Foothills County) led the group in a Closing Prayer.

4.02 Adjournment

Michelle Rude Volk (Oyen) moved:

that the meeting adjourns. The meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

Motion #116-21

Carried

SIGNATURE OF CHAIR:

SIGNATURE OF ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT,
CORPORATE SERVICES:
