

“Prayer for Uncertain Times” – Dwayne Vodden

Attendees

Special Guest: Debbie Engel
 Theresa Volk, Dwayne Vodden, Aman Rana, Richard Carr, Andrea Padovani, Ty B, Alicia Fenton, Andrea Olivieri, Karen Germaine, Michelle Comeau, Abigail Williams, Anthony Fok, Cohen Williams, Veronica Arquitola-Panergro, Jenn Krawchuk, Angela Yung, Paul Tokar

Last Meetings Minutes Adopted as read.

Webinar: Relationship between School Counsel and Trustee. Attended by D. Vodden & Trustee Debbie Engel.

Great workshop. What school counsel does. Role to play in Alberta Education Hierarchy. School counsel having a say at a higher level is reassuring and comforting to know concerns are addressed at a higher level.
 Slide Show available if interested. (Ask Dwayne for link)



Debbie Engel

We are grateful that Debbie joined us and discussed some of the following topics:

- School Counsels received Grant decrease to \$125K (80% cut)
- Grateful for kind relationship with BDM and T. Volk over the years, thankful for support and dedication.
- Advises there will be a spending decrease as currently the division is 19M over budget.
- Administration keeping great records of spending.
- Lobbying
- Complications with Substitute teachers due to isolation pay for subbing, costs add up, Resources are largest chunk of budget.
- Class sizes are too large.
- Districts biggest concern: Alberta Health Services not timely in contact tracing.

Transportation

- 2M spent on Bus cleaning between routes.
- No calls from BDM ref bussing issues
- Some schools are having bussing issues

New Superintendent Robert Martin

- Ensures meetings are held to maintain initiatives and ensures everyone is kept informed.

- Modular request was denied.
 - BDMS is already outside capacity Max of 16, currently have 18.
- Looking to place Mod’s at other schools where they could be approved
- People are very interested in BDM - compliments.
- Interested to return with a more prepared presentation tailored to the interests of the school.
- Interested to do another webinar, what topic are we interested in?
- *New Funding Formula hasn’t decreased funding, but doesn’t have growth inclusive.*
- *Per unit funding (PUF) Cancelled 52 of 90 classes (ie. 100 Voices)*

- *High school students are having concentration issues with online learning, may need extra year of education*
- 19M shortfall has no influence on getting Secord School.
- Attempt to organize school meeting with superintendent & Kaycee Madu MLA.
- Secord is 1 of top priorities
- Castle Downs needs High school.

Q&A

Q1 – Glad the Mental Health webinar went so well, maybe we should do a second one of same variety?

A1 – *Great idea and have Father Glenn do a series of webinars for young people. Guest Speakers from AHS*

Q2 – How can we support the graduating students with deficiencies due to COVID?

A2 – Good Point. Students are potentially struggling, some kids are just not online learners. Looking into conversations and solutions.

Q3 – When will the high school (High School Completion Center) in Lewis Estates be built?

A3 – Waiting on decisions and funding from City.

Q4 – What is on the ECSD wish list for the school builds for the next 5 year plan?

A4 – A) High school Northside B) Secord School ... Will return a more informative answer.

Calendar of Events

Karen Germaine & Alicia Fenton

- Ella & Elmer (elves on shelves)
- 12 days of Christmas Activity list
- Food Drive
- Advent Masses
- Christmas Dance

2020-2024 Enrolment Projections Edmonton Catholic Schools

Grade	Actual Five Year Enrolment					Projected Enrolment				
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Total Enrolment										
Pre Kindergarten			39	44	37					
Kindergarten			101	92	117	132	119	126	139	129
Grade 1			89	99	102	117	132	119	126	139
Grade 2			75	98	118	102	117	132	119	126
Grade 3			71	92	111	118	102	117	132	119
Grade 4			66	76	100	111	118	102	117	132
Grade 5			61	72	94	100	111	118	102	117
Grade 6			66	66	85	94	100	111	118	102
Grade 7			57	74	69	85	89	94	104	109
Grade 8			45	66	75	69	85	89	94	104
Grade 9			25	47	67	75	69	85	89	94
Total	0	0	695	826	975	1,003	1,042	1,093	1,140	1,171

Enrolment Projections

These projections are low. Already at 2021-2022 projections. Area continues to grow.

Admin Report

T.Volk

- Keeping kids in Cohorts, Kids love being at school.
- Trying to keep informed on cases of COVID.
- Open house scheduled for Feb 10th, not in person, teams live meeting.
- Our own Author available on Amazon and Chapters:
Princess Akoto: The Story of the Golden Stool and the Ashanti Kingdom
Isabella Evangeline Ofori & Benjamin Ofori (Father)

Q- What is the schools max capacity?

900, push for Secord as community grows.

Q- Who is the contact for students with learning disabilities that can do “in school learning” during the first week of January?

Call school and the office will take care of it.

Q- How are kids managed on playground?

1 class at a time.

IB REPORT

Andrea Olivieri

Evaluators were impressed and happy. They noticed the excitement around the program.
 Parent volunteers thank you very much! Evaluators spoke highly of all the meetings. We appreciate your time and efforts.
 2.5 months till we find out about Authorization, information will be released as we anticipate this date.
 Good job to all the staff and parents, it has taken the whole community to make this happen this fast.

Adjourn – January 20th 6pm

Fundraising

Jenn Krawchuk, Angela Yung, & Richard Carr

- **Angela Yung** is to be added as signing authority to the LF Fundraising Association’s bank account.

- Casino will likely be cancelled and pushed to April – Sept 2021 (Casino Advisor)
 Families who have volunteered will be contacted.

+ \$62 Mables Labels

Balance: > **\$4700**

Bank fees monthly **\$3.75**