

Archbishop Jordan High School  
Parent Advisory Council Meeting  
Via Zoom

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Monday, May 31, 2021  
6:30-8:00 p.m.

**Attendees**

**Executive for the 2020-2021 Parent Advisory Council**

Shelley Borowski - Chair  
Margareth Mauro - Regrets

**Archbishop Jordan High School Parents**

Marie L.  
Susan D.  
Pam C.

**Archbishop Jordan High School Staff**

Greg Lakeman – Principal  
Ruth Bernadas-Tymko-Assistant Principal

**Elk Island Catholic Schools Board of Trustee Member**

Ted Paszek

**Archbishop Jordan High School Student Council**

Cassidi P.  
Danielle C.

**1. Welcome & Introductions**

Shelley Borowski called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

**2. Opening Prayer**

Shelley led the opening prayer.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented.  
Moved by Susan.  
Seconded by Ruth.  
Motion carried.

#### **4. Minutes from February 24, 2021 Meeting**

Motion: To adopt the February 24, 2021 meeting minutes as presented.

Moved by Pam

Seconded by Marie.

Motion carried.

#### **5. Highlights from the Elk Island Catholic Schools Board of Trustees, Ted Paszek**

- At the May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 public meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the Division operating budget and school fees for the 2021-2022 school year.

Elk Island Catholic Schools' operating budget for 2021-2022 is \$82.6 million. With revenues projected at \$81.0 million, the Division plans to have an operating deficit of \$1.5 million for the 2021-2022 school year. The planned operating deficit will be supported by using the accumulated operating revenues from previous years.

- EICS serves over 7,800 students from pre-kindergarten to Grade 12 within 18 schools.

The projected class size averages for 2021-2022 are anticipated to remain stable in kindergarten to grade 9, with a slight increase anticipated in grade 10-12.

- At the May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 EICS Board of Trustees Public Board Meeting, the nominees and winners of 3 awards were announced.

#### **Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Edwin Parr Teacher Award**

Each year ASBA honours six outstanding first year teachers with the Edwin Parr Teacher Award. School boards may nominate any first year K -12 teacher who has taught in an Alberta school jurisdiction that is a member of ASBA.

Congratulations to the EICS 2020-2021 Nominees for the Edwin Parr Teacher Award:  
Kirstin Prystupa, Shelby Victor, Michelle Bodnarek and Tawni Kjenner

Tawni Kjenner will be recognized at the ASBA Zone 2/3 Virtual Edwin Parr Awards Ceremony on June 2, 2021

#### **Council of Catholic School Superintendents of Alberta (CCSSA) Excellence in Catholic Teaching Award**

Congratulations to the Award Nominees:

Sinead Taylor, Tanya Thiessen, Kristine Willis-Dengler, Justine Wright, Alyre Morin and Bonnie-Lynne Boehm

Congratulations to the Excellence in Catholic Education Award Winner for EICS:  
Bonnie-Lynne Boehm

#### **EICS Excellence in Catholic Education Award**

Congratulations to the EICS 2020-2021 Nominees for the EICS Excellence in Catholic Education Award for Support Staff:

Sue Wolfe, May-Lee Buban, Callista Baska, Ashwini D'Mello and Rae Rees

Congratulations to the 2020-2021 winner of the EICS Excellence in Catholic Education Award for Support Staff: Callista Baska

Long service and retiring teachers will also be celebrated.

- **Catholic Education Sunday: May 9 – 14, 2021**

Catholic Education week is an opportunity to publicly celebrate our mission, our successes, our students, and our future together in service of the Gospels. The week began with the presentation of the winning entries to our annual GrACE Committee's Celebrating Catholic Education contest. Provincial prayer was celebrated virtually each day with the Bishops of Alberta.

## **6. Student Council Activities**

Cassidi P. and Danielle C.. presented information about what Student Council is doing to engage students in a fun and safe way.

- Students were engaged in a writing contest for the month of May. There will two more prompts with a summer theme for the month of June.
- Daily Instagram posts and messages of positivity were sent out in recognition of Mental Health Day. In addition kindness grams were also sent and very well received.
- Ultimate scavenger Hunt was very successful. 12 out of 20 classes participated!
- Jeopardy and Trivia events were also very successful given the current restrictions.
- Coming up will be Spirit Days where students are invited to dress up to a particular theme each day of the week.
- All current and upcoming Student Council activities are COVID friendly.

Mr. Lakeman recognized the student council for their excellent engagement with students throughout the year. Bravo and thank you for your amazing work this year!

Shelley thanked the Cassidi and Danielle for attending the meeting and thanked the Student Council at large for sharing their updates throughout the year.

## **7. Administration Report, Greg Lakeman**

- In person instruction has been going well so far. No COVID-19 cases have been identified - students and teachers seem to be transitioning well once again. We are continuing with our cohorts and all other COVID protocols until the end of the school year.
- Last instructional day is June 17th before we head into exams.

- ABJ Color Awards will be held - These awards are to honor students involved in athletics, CTS and fine arts classes. We will be focusing on our graduating seniors in these areas even though there were no athletics held at ABJ over the past year.
- Today school flags were at half-mast for the burial site of 215 children discovered at Kamloops Residential School. Staff wore orange today to commemorate.
- Lance Cardinal presentation and celebration of mural took place in the front foyer of the school during the week of May 1-7, 2021.
- The Ukrainian bilingual program graduation/celebration is June 7, 2021. It will be a drive-through event at St Sophia's Ukrainian Catholic parish parking lot. A link to the pre-recorded Moleben (prayer service) will be sent to the families.
- The Indigenous Grad will take place on June 11, 2021.
- Indigenous Day is June 21, last day for students is June 25 and last staff day is June 28, 2021.
- ABJ French graduating students will be receiving a gift and there will be a video shared with all the students.
- I am pleased to welcome to Ruth Bernadas-Tymko who will be ABJ's Principal for 2021-2022
- ABJ will be welcoming a new Assistant Principal: Fiona Wimmer
- Kristie Phelan will be moving to Madonna
- Faith speaker Mike Chiasson – will give a virtual presentation to all grades on June 2, 2021.

#### **Grad Update -Ruth Bernadas-Tymko**

- The convocation ceremony will be held during home room classes both in the morning and afternoon. A link will be sent to parents so that they may watch the event.
- Graduation mass will be live-streamed on June 25, 2021.
- Three photos backgrounds will be available to grads who would like to take formal pictures on June 23, 24 and 25, 2021.

**8. PAC Activity Update, Shelley Borowski**

- Shelley participated in the Alberta School Council Association's (ASCA) satisfaction survey. The intent of the survey is to identify information, resources and workshops relevant to school councils in the upcoming school year.
- Shelley represented ABJ at ASCA's Annual General Meeting that was held virtually on May 25, 2021. A link to the minutes will be shared when released by ASCA.

**9. Upcoming Meeting Date:**

September 20, 2021

**10. Closing Prayer**

Shelley Borowski led the closing prayer.

**11. Adjournment**

Shelley Borowski adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.