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EICS Board of Trustees Advocacy

On Wednesday, October 7th, members of the Elk Island Catholic School (EICS) Board of Trustees and colleagues from Strathcona County Council toured the modernization of École Père Kenneth Kearns Catholic School and then had a 2 hour meeting at the Central Learning Services building. Staff members from Strathcona County Recreation and Facilities were also present on the tour - as the gymnasium and change rooms will be a shared facility in the community between EICS and Strathcona County.

After the tour, the Mayor, Councillors and senior Strathcona County staff met with Board Chair Ted Paszek and a number of EICS trustees to discuss common issues between the two governance boards.



NEXT MEETING
November 25, 2020

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Next Meeting:
Wednesday,
November 25
2:30 PM CLS
Board Room

EICS Enrolment Numbers and Class Sizings

At the September 16, 2020 public meeting, the Elk Island Catholic Schools (EICS) Board of Trustees received a draft report with the Division's September 2020 enrolment summary. Final numbers are provided to Alberta Education by the end of September each year. This was a unique school start-up for EICS with the pandemic and the expansion of St. Isidore Catholic Learning Centre to provide online learning options for Grades 1-12.

The school re-entry plan for EICS this September was to ensure that our schools and classrooms were a safe and welcoming place for our students and staff. However, we understood the reality that not all parents were ready to send their children back to in-class learning and the need for St. Isidore Learning Centre to expand to meet this demand became an emerging priority in late August/early September. From a staffing of 6 teachers that focused only on Grades 7-12, St. Isidore Learning Centre has grown to over 20 staff and is providing online support to Grades 1-12 for over 525 EICS students, which is approximately 8.08% of the total population of 6,348 students.

As well, at this meeting, the board received information on class sizings throughout the district. This was the first year that the EICS administration provided a detailed summary of specific schools/individual classes with the class sizing. The majority of elementary school classes ranged from 17-23 and middle and high school classes ranging from 20-30 with the the larger classes being physical education and other option courses.

To read the entire news release and see the district school enrolment and class sizings by school/class, please visit eics.ab.ca and click on the EICS Enrolment Numbers news release of October 15, 2020.

Alberta School Bus Safety Week

The Elk Island Catholic Schools (EICS) Board of Trustees salutes the amazing work that our divisional bus drivers do every day in transporting approximately 4,074 students across the EICS division. Alberta Student Transportation Advisory Council's (ASTAC) annual School Bus Safety Week runs from October 18-24, 2020. Some highlights of the EICS Transportation system are:

- 4,074 students transported on EICS buses
- A service area of 699.8 square miles
- Yearly distance of combined routes: 939,170 km
- EICS owned and operated buses: 38 buses with EICS staff

Next EICS Board of Trustees Meeting

The next EICS Board of Trustees meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 25th at 2:30 pm in the CLS Boardroom at 310 Broadview Road.