

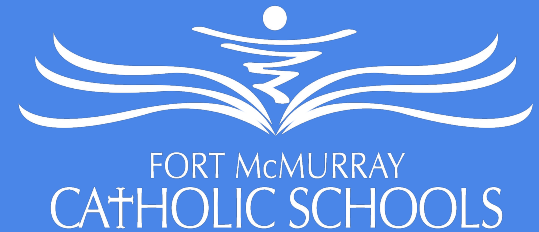
Fort McMurray Catholic School Division

Trustee Election Engagement Session

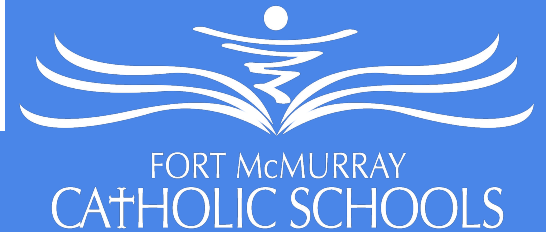
June 17, 2025

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Father Mercredi HS Cafeteria



Election Day
October 20, 2025



Who Gets Elected in This Election?

- Municipal and School Board elections run concurrently every four years.
- Fort McMurray Catholic School Board has five (5) positions for Catholic trustees

What are the New Rules for 2025?

Bill 54 received Royal Assent May 15, 2025

This Bill includes, among other items:

- Updated election financing regulations
- Updated candidate nomination process
- Updated use of special ballots and polling place regulations
- Updated rules regarding advertising and election signage

**It is the candidate's responsibility to read and understand all legislation concerning elections and to seek legal and accounting advice from professionals or to contact Municipal Affairs regarding requirements under provincial legislation.*



Important Dates/Timelines

Date(s)	Event
Jan 1, 2025- Sept 22, 2025	Nomination Period
Oct 31, 2024- Dec 31, 2025	Campaign Period
Sept 22, 2025	Election Signs may be installed starting at noon
Sept 24, 2025	Deadline for withdrawal of nomination
Oct, 2025	Advance Vote (dates to be released in Sept)
Oct 20, 2025	Election Day
Oct 23, 2025	Removal of Election Signs
Oct 24, 2025	Official Election Results

What is the Role of a Catholic Trustee?

- Advocate:
 - for students, families, and staff of Fort McMurray Catholic School Division locally and provincially
 - Defending constitutional right of publicly funded Catholic schools – locally, provincially, nationally
- Employer: hire and evaluate the Superintendent
- Governance: review and adopt policies to guide the Division
- Fiduciary: set and adopt budget annually

What is the Role of a Catholic Trustee? (cont'd)

- Strategic Plan: future forward planning of the Division
- Collaborators: work with schools, parishes, stakeholders and communities to foster collaboration and understanding
- Faith Leader: embodying Catholic values, modelling Catholic Church teachings, defending religious freedoms of publicly funded Catholic education

What is the Time Commitment and Workload of a Catholic Trustee?

- Minimum of one Board meeting per month during school months, with a pre-read of all material prior to the meeting.
- Community commitments.
- There are several external committees that require varying time commitments and availability.
- Most external committees involve weekday availability.
- Alberta School Board Association holds two general meetings each year, consisting of 1 1/2 days of meetings.

What is the Time Commitment and Workload of a Catholic Trustee? (cont'd)

- Alberta Catholic Schools' Trustee Association hold one Annual General Meeting, consisting of two days per year.
- Alberta School Board Association Zone 2/3 holds monthly meetings, consisting of one day per month.
- Other committee meetings vary in time commitment.
- One must be able to commit to the time and availability required to fulfil their role in any committee.
- Both ASBA and ACSTA host various professional development and learning opportunities.

Who is Eligible to Vote for Trustee?

To vote for a Trustee a person must:

- Be at least 18 years old,
- Be a Canadian citizen,
- Be a resident of the School Division on Election Day and for the previous 6 months immediately preceding nomination day
 - The Alberta Education Act section 74 (3) states - “Where a separate school district is established, an individual residing within the boundaries of the separate school district is a resident of the separate school division if the individual declares that the individual is of the same faith as those who established the separate school district, whether Protestant or Roman Catholic.”
 - *In the case of this particular election- this section does mean a person must declare they are of the Catholic faith to vote for Trustee in the Fort McMurray Roman Catholic Separate School Division.*



Who is Eligible to Run for Trustee?

A person is Eligible to run for Trustee if:

- They are eligible to vote for Trustee
- If they are not otherwise ineligible or disqualified through the Local Authorities Election Act or any other applicable legislation

Important Reference Information

- [Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Election Information](#)
- Government of Alberta- [School Board Elections Guide](#)
- Government of Alberta- [A Candidate's Guide: Running for Municipal Office in Alberta](#)
- [Vote4Kids.ca](#)- Alberta Teachers Association Resource
- Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association- [Serving as a Catholic School Trustee: A Handbook for Prospective Candidates](#)
- Alberta School Boards Association- [Municipal Election Information](#)
- Fort McMurray Roman Catholic Separate School Division - [Board Policies](#)

All links can be accessed via: www.fmcschools.ca/election