



Reference # 2016-011

September 23, 2016

Janet French
10006 101 Street NW
Edmonton, AB T5J 0S1

Dear Ms. French:

Re: *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act)*

Edmonton Catholic Schools received your request for access to information on July 25, 2016. Please find below the responses to each of your individual request points.

1. ***“Total amount the district and school board spent on legal fees in 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, and year-to-date 2015-16, broken down by year”***

In regards to the first point of your request, records do not exist in the format you requested. In accordance with section 10(2) of the Act, we have generated a responsive record using data retrieved from our electronic databases. Please see page 1 of the enclosed records.

2. ***“The total number of lawyers school board trustees contacted for legal opinions during the years 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, and year-to-date 2015-16, broken down by year”***

In regards to the second point of your request, records do not exist in the format you requested. In accordance with section 10(2) of the Act, we have generated a responsive record using data retrieved from our electronic databases. Please see page 2 of the enclosed records.

3. ***“The total amount the district and/or board has spent on legal costs defending the case of Trustee Larry Kowalczyk’s Court of Queen’s Bench action attempting to overturn school board sanctions levied against him”***

In regards to the third point of your request, records do not exist in the format you requested. In accordance with section 10(2) of the Act, we have generated a responsive record using data retrieved from our electronic databases. Please see page 3 of the enclosed records.

4. ***“The total amount the district and/or board has spent, or has earmarked to spend in the future, to pay Mr. Kowalczyk’s legal fees in the same matter”***

In regards to the fourth point of your request, please be advised that in consideration of the decision to pay Trustee Kowalczyk’s legal fees, the trustees considered a statement from Trustee Kowalczyk’s legal counsel indicating that Trustee Kowalczyk paid \$23,263.12 for legal fees, disbursements and gst.

5. ***“Copies of receipts of payments made to Mr. Kowalczyk’s legal counsel”***

In regards to the fifth point of your request, as no payments have been made to Trustee Kowalczyk’s legal counsel by Edmonton Catholic Schools, records regarding your request do not exist.

In regards to your sixth and seventh points, please be advised that Edmonton Catholic Schools has submitted a request for a time limit extension from the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner in accordance with section 14(2) of the Act. As you have made multiple concurrent requests, we have advised the Commissioner of the difficulties this causes in terms of responding to all requests during the typical time limit permitted by the Act. Additional time will enable us to provide you with a more complete and accurate response. However, we will continue to respond to your requests as quickly as possible.

We have enclosed section 10 of the Act for your convenience. If you have any questions, please contact us in writing at District Monitoring, 9807 – 106 ST NW, Edmonton, AB T5K 1C2.

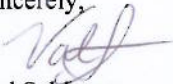
Under section 65 of the Act, you may ask the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review any matter concerning this response to your request. You have 60 days from the receipt of this notice to request a review by writing the Information and Privacy Commissioner at 410, 9925 – 109 Street, Edmonton, Alberta, T5K 2J8.

Section 67(1) of the Act requires the Commissioner to give a copy of your request for review to the head of a public body and to any other person who, in the Commissioner's opinion, is affected by the request. Therefore your request for review should not contain any information that you do not wish exchanged with the other parties.

If you wish to request a review, please provide the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner with the following information:

1. The reference number quoted at the top of this notice.
2. A copy of this letter.
3. A copy of your original request for information that you sent to Edmonton Catholic Schools.

Sincerely,



Val Schlosser
FOIP Coordinator
Edmonton Catholic Schools