

# BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

Chair: Serena Shaw | Vice-Chair: Rosaleen McEvoy
Trustees: Joe Becigneul | Joan Crockett | Cathy Proulx | Noreen Radford | René Tremblay

## THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting was held at the District Office, on Monday, December 19, 2016.

#### **GOOD NEWS**

- École Father Jan teacher Mariette Laplante-Francis received the Rotary Teacher of the Month Award earlier this month. Congratulations Mlle. Laplante-Francis for sharing your gifts and talents with our District!
- **J.J. Nearing Staff** participated a Blanket Ceremony during their recent Professional Development Day with the assistance of Mark Guevarra from St. Albert Parish. It was a moving experience for all staff.
- A student led initiative involving staff growing facial hair at St. Albert Catholic High during the "Movember campaign" resulted in more than \$5,000 raised! Special thanks to all those who participated and contributed.
- **École Notre Dame** hosted a drive in support of the Marian Centre which resulted in more than 1,500 much needed items collected. Thank you to the Notre Dame School Community for their generosity.
- **R.S. Fowler School** closed one of their most successful volleyball seasons. For the first time, both the Senior Boys and Girls Volleyball teams made it to the City Championships! Congratulations to all players and coaches.
- **R.S. Fowler School** held a drive to fill Bags of Hope. Through a friendly homeroom competition more than 400 bags were filled to help those who are homeless.
- The grade six students at **École Father Jan** led an initiative to fill stockings for those children at the Stollery Hospital. More than 150 stocking were filled and the school community were also blessed with learning more about the importance of "Comforting the Sick."

### ACTION & CONSENT ITEMS

- The Board approved the 2017-2018 Instructional Calendar and it is now posted to the website under "District Calendar."
- The Board approved locally-developed courses including: ESL English for Academic Success 35, ESL Introduction to Mathematics 15, Youth Evangelization I 25 and Youth Evangelization II 35.
- The Board approved topics that it would cover as part of its Development Plan including a First Nations, Métis, and Inuit focus on teacher professional learning and student learning; developing staff understanding of mental health issues and

indicators and strategies to address them, along with Ethical Leadership, and having a presentation on the Development and Peace Partnership.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

• **Trustee Radford** provided two **Notice of Motion** items for discussion at the **February 13, 2017** Regular Board Meeting; one on AP Review and the other on having Directors and/or Department Heads attending Board Meetings when topics presented are directly related to their respective area(s).

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

**Secretary-treasurer Schlag** updated the Board on the following items:

- Current facility utilization, highlighting four schools close to or over capacity, representing 25% of the schools across the District. New schools will address the needed capacity.
- Fee Waivers received to November 30, 2016 and comparative historical annual waiver values. It was noted that overall that it was up slightly over the previous year and that the elimination of Board Directed fees may also be having an impact on the number of requests.
- Quarter One (to Nov 30, 2016) Financial Report
- An Overview of the timeline for the revision of existing boundaries and the Phase 2 process for public input on two Board-selected options.

## **UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD**

- The Board will be receiving a Safe and Caring School Report, an Inclusive Education Programming Update at the January 16, 2017 Board Meeting.
- The Board will be receiving the feedback gathered through the Sister Alphonse Academy Phase 1 consultation and it will be shared publicly at the January 30, 2017 Board Meeting.

The next Advocacy Meeting of the Board of Trustees scheduled for Monday, January 9, 2017 is cancelled.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for **Monday, January 16, 2017 3:30 p.m.** at District Office, 6 St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert, AB

PUBLIC WELCOME at ALL of the above MEETINGS