



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, April 10, 2017.

GOOD NEWS

- Congratulations to **Jack McDougall**, **SACHS** student who took home the bronze medal at the recent 2016/2017 Junior National Wrestling Championships!
- **Vital Grandin** raised over \$1000 for Development and Peace through their Music Ministry at Holy Family Parish and their Dodgeball for Development games. Students paid a toonie to play against staff members. Maintenance staff, district office staff, trustees and community members including Mayor Nolan Crouse participated! Thank you to all those who came out and made donations to support this fundraiser.
- The **J.J. Nearing ATB Junior Bank** is doing very well. Staff from ATB are impressed with the governance from the JJN Board of Directors. They have been marketing their bank and the benefits of saving in very creative ways - offering contests, prizes, and draws; all advertised through videos (via Google Hangouts) using during our morning announcements. The Board is gathering grant applications now from teachers and will award \$500.00 to the successful applicant!
- CTV Primetime showcased **R.S. Fowler's** "therapy dog," Bear through a recent news clip, highlighting the positive impact the dog is having on students accessing counselling services.
- Congratulations to VJM for raising over \$39,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation during their recent bike-a-thon.
- Congratulations the MCHS Cheer Team on winning the silver medal at the recent provincials, and the GHP Cheer Team for their gold championship!
- The Bertha Kennedy Wrestling Team has now claimed back-to-back provincial championships.
- Thank you to the fabulous information that Neil Korotash, teacher at MCHS provides on the CTV morning show.
- The French celebrations planned between all district French Immersion schools received fabulous reviews by those who attended and the students that participated. Everyone had a great deal of fun! Thank you to all of the organizers for their work in putting on a great event.

PRESENTATION DELEGATIONS

- Jan Bloomfield, independent consultant/owner of Strategy Plus presented a report from the Sister Alphonse/Boundary Review/Programming Phase II survey.

NEW BUSINESS

- Secretary-treasurer Schlag presented an option the Board of Trustees may wish to take in providing greater clarification around policy and procedures for approving, collecting, and reporting fees and associated waivers as a result of *Bill 1 – An Act to Reduce School Fees*. The Board agreed with the direction presented and requested a full package be brought back to the Board as soon as possible.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- To improve the K-12 journey for all French Immersion students a number of events are being hosted to build connections between students across the school communities.
- Assistant superintendent Nixon provided the Board with the list of recipients who have received the George Soetaert Memorial Award over the last six years and the plans to ensure all high schools in the District are aware of the application process for students.
- Superintendent Keohane updated the Board on changes proposed to current administrative procedures to accommodate the receipt of Anonymous Complaints, a common practice in other school systems.
- Secretary-treasurer Schlag updated the Board on the current financial position for the 2016/2017, which is currently tracking slightly beyond the planned deficit of (\$669,832).
- Secretary-treasurer Schlag provided the Board with the Draft 2017-2018 Principles for the Basis of Allocations to Schools, highlighting some of the changes in the document to reflect current legislation as a result of *Bill 1 – An act to Reduce School Fees* and updated district processes around school generated funds.
- Communications manager Bruineman updated the Board on the Open House planned for the Namao area on May 3, 2017, at CFB Edmonton, to share information with residents on schools, programming, and district services, including transportation, now that the area is officially part of the district.

UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD

- The Board will be gathering for their annual Board Planning session. During this time, they will be reviewing feedback gathered from the recent Open Houses and online surveys regarding an attendance area for Sister Alphonse Academy that will also adjust attendance areas in St. Albert, Ward 1, including the addition of the Namao lands. In addition, considerations will be made regarding programming for the new school.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for

Monday, April 24, 2017

3:30 p.m. at District Office, 6 St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert, AB

PUBLIC WELCOME at the MEETING