



*Greater St. Albert
Catholic Schools*

Board Meeting Summary

October 31, 2012

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The latest regular meeting of the Board was held in St. Albert on Monday, October 29, 2012 at the District Office.

GOOD NEWS

Awards & Recognition

- Kathy Mahoney, a teacher with Legal School is being recognized for her community contributions by being honored as the Citizen of the Year from the Lion Club in Vimy. Kathy has volunteered extensively over the years with the Vimy 4H Club as a leader. Congratulations Kathy for all of your involvement in making a difference in your community.

School News

- At École Father Jan School a presentation was made by a delegation from Uganda (doctor & nurse) to speak about the Change for Children initiative. The talk really got the kids interested and understanding the importance of taking responsibility for others.
- MCHS hosted the Western Canadian Challenge, an annual Volleyball tournament that hosted 48 teams and close to 198 matches. It is one of the largest volleyball tournaments across Canada and the local MCHS boys did well.
- Neil M. Ross will open their "Bank of NMR" once again this year. The partnership with ATB was introduced last year and was a huge success in teaching children financial literacy.
- Students at ESSMY were involved in a book drive that resulted in over 1,200 books being collected and distributed. What a tremendous effort to pass along the gift of reading to others.
- Georges H. Primeau is pleased to announce that a new playground is now installed thanks to the efforts of the parent group (many from G.P. Vanier School) and wonderful community cooperation.

ACTION ITEMS

Trustee Hansen shared the update on the Education Act received from the technical briefing provided by the ministry which highlights the key policy shift in the act and the areas that were directly a result of the consultation conducted.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Discussions to participate in a fundraiser in Morinville that will support the renovations required at St. Jean Baptiste Parish in Morinville were positive and the Board made a decision to purchase a table for the Nov 10, 2012 event in support of this worthwhile cause.

An update on parking at École Notre Dame Elementary presented on short term and longer term plans to improve traffic flow in and around the school site.

Recent Diploma Exam and Provincial Achievement Test results were highlighted and that these results would be shared and celebrated with schools during the next month in the School Results Review sessions that are hosted annually.

David Keohane, superintendent shared information on the community support the district would be providing in hosting the upcoming Budget Meeting of the City and school participation in the "At Home" for Habitat P.J. Day.

UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD

The board will be doing a more detailed review of the Education Act to understand the shifts in policy. The Act is currently being debated in the legislature. Parents interested in hearing more about the Education Act can participate in a conference call scheduled for Wednesday, November 21, 2012 at 7:45 p.m. and will take approximately 1 hour. Details regarding this teleconference can be found on the Alberta Education website.

**The next Regular Meeting of the
Board of Trustees is scheduled for
Monday, November 5, 2012
7:00 p.m. at District Office (Note: new start time)**