



*Greater St. Albert  
Catholic Schools*

## **Board Meeting Summary**

*March 4, 2013*

### **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The latest regular meeting of the Board was held in St. Albert on Monday, March 4, 2013 at the District Office.

#### **GOOD NEWS**

- Students at MCHS that will be competing in the Skills Canada competition in the areas of media and graphic design. In addition, it was mentioned that three out of nine scholarships awarded to second year engineering students at the U of A were awarded to MCHS Alumni. Trustee Turnbull commented on the tremendous artistic talent of students at MCHS and the opportunity to view student works of art in the community.
- GSACRD signed a five year partnership with MacEwan University that will provide GSACRD students an academic and financial advantage.
- Students from Neil M. Ross participated in the Hair Massacure. For consecutive years the school has raised the most money through their fundraising events. This year the school raised over \$30,000 for Make-a-Wish Foundation, the Stollery Children's Hospital and Ronald McDonald House. Congratulations!!!
- The St. Albert High Junior girls' basketball team earned a spot in the city premier league and the senior girls are in the race for a spot in their league final .
- JJN students are Paying it Forward from WE DAY. Nolan Reed, a student in grade six who attended WE DAY has come up with the idea (and it was accepted by the students) of bringing in his grandparents (tomorrow) who volunteer in Uganda with Ainembabazi (volunteer organization from U of A) and having them talk to our students about raising funds for building a water tower in a high mountain village in Uganda. We will be hosting a 12 hour ball hockey game on April 9th. All our students will play at one point in the day. They will be encouraged to seek pledges.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

- The board approved the 2013-2014 District Calendar which is now posted on the GSACRD website and will be distributed to school families next month.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Ward Structure Review Update: Trustees approved retaining a 7 member board (status-quo) with the addition of the Cardiff and Cunningham areas to Morinville and St. Albert, respectively.
- Trustee Turnbull submitted her resignation effective March 4, 2013 and she was recognized by the board chair for her outstanding commitment to GSACRD students and the community of Morinville for the past five and a half years.

- The board will support and work with St. Albert Public to ensure that schools in the St. Albert community are drug free.

### ***INFORMATION ITEMS***

Superintendent, D. Keohane shared the news of Mlle. Poburan passing away. She is the namesake for Ecole Marie Poburan and a donation will be made in place of flowers at the request of the family. An update from deputy superintendent, S. Bayus for staffing and school enrolment highlighted stable numbers across the district since the beginning of the school year.

### ***UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD***

Approval of transportation fees for the 2013 – 2014 school year. Community conversation meeting in April to explore the topic of: *How can we best prepare our students for jobs that don't exist today?* The forum will be held April 17<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. at St. Albert Catholic High School.

**The next Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Trustees is scheduled for  
Monday, March 18, 2013  
7:00 p.m. at District Office**