



*Greater St. Albert
Catholic Schools*

Board Meeting Summary

March 18, 2013

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The latest regular meeting of the Board was held in St. Albert on Monday, March 18, 2013 at the District Office.

GOOD NEWS

- Carter Sheilds, a Grade 6 student at École Marie Poburan, was honoured on as one of 16 recipients of the Alberta government's Great Kids Awards for his work raising \$6,000 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation on a 100-kilometre bike ride in honour of his late mother, Shelley.
- The Skyhawks senior girls' basketball team earned their third undefeated metro Edmonton high school women's basketball championship in four years and successfully went on to become the provincial champions again. Congratulations! As well, kudos go out to the V.J. Maloney boys senior and junior basketball teams for taking the city championships and to the girls' team in their silver medal performance. Well done!
- SACHS students showcased their culinary talents in a recent competition at NAIT where they demonstrated their expertise as upcoming chefs. In addition, drama students took center stage at the high school last week with the production of Trojan Woman. The hawks nest was transformed to create an elaborate stage for the play and many commented on the talented actresses/actors for taking on such a difficult script.
- Students at ESSMY returning from their Mission Trip to New Orleans shared their life changing experiences and perspectives with fellow classmates. Their stories were shared with the broader Edmonton region through broadcast media. ESSMY shared the good news from students already participating in the Chinese (Mandarin) language program that is new to the school and part of the International School of Business program that will be officially launched at all GSACRD high schools this fall.
- Vital Grandin students will be recognized this week for their artistic talents in promoting and participating in the November 20th, National Child's Day. Congratulations!
- Greater St. Albert Sports Academy is expanding their 10 year academy programming to include a gymnastics, cheer and dance stream beginning September 2013 at all five academy schools (Albert Lacombe, Ecole Father Jan, ESSMY, R.S. Fowler & V.J. Maloney). This will be the first in the region, if not the province to provide.

ACTION ITEMS

- The board approved the 2013-2014 Transportation fees for student in grades K-12, which represented a moderate increase of \$3 to \$4 per child each month when compared to 2012-13 approved rates. With the elimination of the fuel contingency grant effective April 1, 2013, the district will receive fewer transportation dollars this year than planned. Transportation concerns will continue next year with a 0% increase and expected costs to be 1.5% higher. In response to fiscal challenges, the majority of trustees supported a fee for service model.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Secretary-treasurer Schlag provided a quarterly financial update which highlighted that current spending is on track with the revised Fall Update budget for the current school year. The update also reflected the elimination of the AISI grant effective April 1, 2013.

UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD

- The board will be reviewing the labor agreement presented to the ATA by the provincial government to provide labor peace for the next four years and stability for children, when required for ratification purposes.
- Please join us. The board will be hosting a community conversation meeting on April 17th 2013, at 7 p.m. at St. Albert Catholic High School, 33 Malmo Drive, to explore the topic of: ***How can we best prepare our students for jobs that don't exist today?***

**The next Regular Meeting of the
Board of Trustees is scheduled for
Monday, April 8, 2013
7:00 p.m. at District Office**