



*Greater St. Albert
Catholic Schools*

Board Meeting Summary

April 15, 2013

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The last two regular meetings of the Board were held in St. Albert on Monday, April 8, 2013 at the District Office and on April 15, 2013 at Legal School in the Library.

GOOD NEWS

- Dolores Andressen, teacher at Bertha Kennedy has been recognized as a semi-finalist in the 2013 Excellence in Teaching Awards.
- The artistic talent of Brianna Wilson, student at ESSMY was selected to participate in a Show Off Exhibition to share her work inspired by a recent trip to China.
- Graduation ceremonies for students who participated in the second annual RCMP boot-camp held during spring break recognized the hard work and commitment to all those students who participated.
- The fundraiser initiated by Nolan Reid, student at J.J. Nearing that involves a 12 hour street hockey game taking place on April 9, 2013 at the school.
- École Notre Dame Elementary students took up the “Jump Rope for Heart” campaign to heart and generously raised over \$15,000. Thank you to all students who participated in achieving this and their families who supported them!
- V.J. Maloney students are gearing up to host their second annual Cyclebetes Bike-A-Thon is on April 25th. The popularity is growing for this event as they have now capped the number of teams participating. Their goal is to exceed last year’s amount raised to generate more than \$20,000 for juvenile diabetes research. Come out to cheer the cyclists on!
- This month’s St. Albert Rotary Teacher Award was presented to Julie Maisonneuve from École Father Jan. Congratulations to Mlle. Maisonneuve for her outstanding work with children.
- Legal School’s elementary and junior high running teams qualified for the finals at the Edmonton Journal Games. The elementary team successfully improved their time over previous competitions and ended up 8th out of 96 teams in the small school mixed team category. Congratulations to all of our Titan athletes that participated!
- Legal School is pleased to announce that beginning this fall the school will be offering a 4H extra-curricular option for students. The school will be joining Alberta 4H and become an organized 4H club.

ACTION ITEMS

- The board approved the 2013 – 2014 Strategic Plan which provides the direction for the Three-Year Education Plan, Annual Communication Plan and Board Advocacy Plans.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Alberta Education recently reviewed the district's processes dedicated to meeting the provincial policy and requirements for School Board Planning and Results Reporting. Alberta Education recognized the district for excellent work in this area.

Trustees participated in the St. Albert Lifestyle EXPO to connect with community members about new initiatives in the district including the International School of Business, Expansion of the Sports Academy Program and the GSACRD Foundation.

UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD

- The board will be participating in the Morinville Trade Fair on April 19 – 21st.
- The board will be hosting two community conversations this spring: April 17th 2013, at 7 p.m. to explore the topic of: ***How can we best prepare our students for jobs that don't exist today?*** On June 13th at 7 p.m. the topic ***What should learning look like in our district 5 years from now?*** will be discussed. Please join us.
- The Board will be providing input into the review of the Alberta School Boards Association suggested bylaw changes and continue their review of procedures and budgets to ensure the Accountability and Transparency requirements set out by the Provincial Government are achieved.

**The next Regular Meeting of the
Board of Trustees is scheduled for
Monday, April 22, 2013
7:00 p.m. at District Office**