



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, May 15, 2017.

GOOD NEWS

District News

- Congratulations to Carmen Hills, Council of Catholic Superintendents of Alberta Excellence in Catholic Education Award Recipient! Carmen is a teacher at École Notre Dame Elementary.
- Congratulations to our Rotary Teacher-of-the-Month Award winner, Kerrie Fedunyk, teacher at Albert Lacombe!
- Congratulations to all students in the District who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion at our local parishes.

School News

- **J.J. Nearing** Cake Auction was a giant success. Collectively the school raised \$5,720 for the Development and Peace legacy project and an Artist in Residence program. A special shout out to the amazing parents who baked and donated the cakes; they were truly pieces of art!
- The **MCHS** Drama Department put on a production called Crazytown. The students did a wonderful job entertaining the audience. The spring play is an annual event and something the school community looks forward to every year. Congratulations to Mrs. King and all the students involved with the production.
- Landon Cristofel, student at **ESSMY** received a hockey scholarship from St. Albert Minor Hockey Association.
- **ESSMY** will have a Cheer team this fall! Students have led and organized to get the team going. We are cheering!
- **R.S. Fowler** Students #SPOKEUP and did outstanding job in raising awareness for Mental Health and in the process raising more than \$47,000 through their Bike-A-Thon. The proceeds raised will support youth and Mental Health.
- **Legal School** held their Annual 4H Achievement Day and Banquet on Friday, May 5. It was a great success. The students had wonderful projects and presented themselves so well. In addition, the club participated in the Highway Cleanup sharing their community spirit and helping the environment.
- **MCHS** students held their first ever Bike-A-Thon to raise money for the Morinville Food Bank and for Development and Peace. In an inaugural year, they managed to raise \$2,000. A special thank you to Trevor Larson who organized the event and for bringing it to the school!

- **MCHS** hosted a breakfast to recognize those students eligible for a Rutherford Scholarship. The two hundred students enjoyed a great meal to start their day!

ACTION & CONSENT ITEMS

- The Board approved the 2017 - 2018 Board Strategic Priority Report.
- The Board rescinded a motion made earlier in the year regarding Instruction Fees for 2017-18 and replaced it according to the direction outlined in *Bill 1*. The Board has eliminated the Board Directed fees for Kindergarten (\$130) and the Learning Resource Fees (\$60 Elem; \$70 Jr. High; \$100 – Sr. High) for 2017-18, with the exception of out-of-province fees, which remain at \$10,750 per year.
- The Board deliberated on setting transportation fees for the coming school and a motion in support of no fee increase for the 2017-2018 school year was approved. The decision is in place for one year to provide time to review new regulations from the province and determine the cost to continue the enhanced bus service the District provides to those living outside of the walk boundaries and less than 2.4 km from their designated school. All families attending their designated school, living more than 2.4 km from the school will be able to access bus service at no cost.
- The Board approved the expansion of the Sports Academy program to offer a Recreation Academy for grades 4 to 6 at Vital Grandin in September with open boundaries.
- Programming for Sister Alphonse Academy was approved including:
 - Advanced Academic Program for Grades 4 to 6;
 - Advanced Placement Program for Grades 7 to 9;
 - Recreation Academy for Grades 4 to 9.
 The school will have closed boundaries and be serving K-9 students in the communities of Erin Ridge North and Jensen Lakes in St. Albert.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- **Assistant superintendent McGuinness** updated the Board on the District's current practice and timelines of the Vice-Principal Application process, noting the recent success in attracting a large number of applicants. An update was also provided on the initiatives that support Master's study in the District.
- **Assistant superintendent Nixon** provided an overview on the plans to integrate the Nutrition Program Pilot across the District to address all needs in the school communities.
- **Assistant superintendent Nixon** updated the Board on the 150th Anniversary celebration plans that include tree planting of the Autumn Blaze Maple – a growing symbol of our heritage at all St. Albert Schools. Morinville schools will participate in a 150 Canada Mural Project while the Legal School community will celebrate the milestone through a series of projects.

UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD

- This past month the district was honored with the **Gallup Great Workplace Award for high levels of staff engagement**. The award will be presented during

the week of May 22, 2017 and the Superintendent will accept on behalf of the district.

- The Board will be attending the Annual General Meetings of the Alberta School Boards Association on June 4, 5, and 6.
- The Board will be reviewing and approving the 2017-2018 Budget for submission to the province at the June 26, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Board; the Budget deadline to the province was extended from May 31 to June 30.

The next regular meetings of the Board of Trustees for the school year are scheduled for

Monday, May 29, 2017,

Monday, June 12, 2017,

Monday, June 26, 2017

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

PUBLIC WELCOME at ALL of the above MEETINGS