



# 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 29, 2017.

### ***GOOD NEWS***

#### **District News**

- The District Office held a Coffee House event to raise funds for Development and Peace, specifically the school project in Pope Francis Village in the Philippines. The entertainment was exceptional with close to 70 in attendance, raising approximately \$1,300 for the cause. Thank you to all those who came out to support this event and to Colin Loiselle for his leadership in organizing it.

#### **School News**

- The Pope Francis Fun Run was a successful event in Morinville with close to 250 participants, raising more than \$4,000 for Development and Peace. Many of the District Schools had students in the race and it proved to be a great day! Congratulations to all the organizers and the host schools!
- **École Marie Poburan** kindergarten student **Alexandre Brost** was honored with a “Great Kids Award!” The following is the story highlighted on the awards website: *At five years old, Alex has dealt with something more serious than most people will ever experience in their lives. Diagnosed with cancer at a young age, he has endured many treatments and side effects that often made him too exhausted or sick to come to school. Still, when he is able to be in class, Alex shows up with a huge smile on his face, excited to be there, to learn and to befriend others. When classmates had questions about what his disease was, Alex positively and confidently delivered a presentation about his journey. And, answered questions about losing his hair, missing school and whether his disease was contagious. Alex is a great kid because he uses his hardships to share, teach, inspire and uplift others.*
- **St. Albert Catholic High** student **Justin Wack** was honored with a “Great Kids Award!” The following is the story highlighted on the awards website: *Justin is a young man who uses his experience with vision loss to help those similarly affected locally and globally. He has contributed to a blog that teaches people to use technology to support and enhance their everyday lives. He mentors younger children by teaching them how to use technology to improve their daily living and learning in school. He also helps them develop friendships to avoid social isolation and helps them adopt a positive outlook despite their circumstances. Justin plans to pursue his post-secondary education in the tech-field with a focus on marketing. He is a determined young man who has succeeded thus far and will continue to do so in the future.*
- Dreams Take Flight organization nominated a student from **Bertha Kennedy** to participate in trip to Disneyland. Two students will be going and the great reveal will be on September 10<sup>th</sup>; Raffle tickets are being sold. The school successfully raised \$4,700 for Development and Peace; thank you to the generous school community. The school also had a visit from Grey Cup winner, **Tanner Doll** who spoke to students about “Goal Setting.”

- **Albert Lacombe School** Community has been busy collecting socks and have accumulated over 450 pairs of work sock for Catholic Social Services. In addition, they held a successful Penny Carnival that resulted in \$1,100 for the Development and Peace School Building project. Congratulations to the school community on two fabulous initiatives!
- The **Legal School** girls' badminton doubles team won second place and the school will be taking a few division two and three students to a golf tournament for the first time!

### ***PRESENTATION DELEGATION***

- The Board celebrated Loreen Gomes, a member of the Richard S Fowler School Council, as their nominee and the winner of the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) Parent of Distinction Award. Jacquie Hansen, Executive Director of ASCA was in attendance to present the award.
- The Board celebrated Carmen Hills, a teacher at École Notre Dame, who was the recipient of the College of Catholic School Superintendents of Alberta's (CCSSA) Excellence in Catholic Education Award. The award was presented during the SPICE Conference held in Kananaskis in April 2017. Superintendent Keohane provided an additional overview of Carmen's attributes in regard to the award.

### ***ACTION & CONSENT ITEMS, NEW BUSINESS***

- The Board approved the 2017 - 2018 Board Strategic Plan.
- The Board will establish an Adhoc Committee to ensure the District is active in submitting nominations for Alberta School Boards Association Awards and Alberta School Catholic Trustee Association Awards.
- The District's First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Committee will be hosting a pipe ceremony to celebrate National Aboriginal Day on June 21, 2017.

### ***SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT***

- The District Accountability Pillar Report was shared that reflects recent survey data collected by the province regarding student and parent satisfaction levels. Providing a safe and caring learning environment and a quality education continue to increase across the District and received a rating of excellence with 93% of our families pleased with their school performance in these areas. In addition, the District success in supporting students to transition beyond high school is outstanding, and of note are:
  - Three out of four students are eligible for the Rutherford Scholarship;
  - High school completion rates within three years are at 85%;
  - Close to 75% of our students are pursuing Post-Secondary studies;
  - 87% of our families feel that their children are prepared to enter the World of Work.
- An update on staff engagement levels was shared, recording their highest level yet. A discussion around the Gallup Q12 results and factors that contribute to high levels of engagement and continuous growth over time was provided. A highly engaged staff correlates directly to increased student engagement.
- The Board received an update on key strategies under the leadership of the District Religious Education Consultant to achieve the Faith and Spiritual outcomes. The work of many of the District schools was highlighted.

***UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD***

- The Board will be reviewing and approving the 2017-2018 Budget for submission to the province by the end of June.
- The Board will be attending the Spring General Meetings of the Alberta School Boards Association in Red Deer during the first part of June.

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

**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**