



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, June 26, 2017.

GOOD NEWS

District News

- **Marina Lotoski, District Principal** has been selected to present at the GALLUP Strengths Conference this summer to share Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools story. She will be highlighting the District's success that was recognized with a "Great Workplace Award" with other secondary and post-secondary institutions attending.
- **Kelly Raypold**, pre-kindergarten teacher at **Bertha Kennedy School** is this month's Rotary Teacher of the Month Award Recipient. Congratulations!

School News

- **J.J Nearing School** has been celebrating Indigenous culture in various ways. Dallas Arcand, a high energy Aboriginal Entertainer from the Alexander (Kipohtakaw) Cree Nation, is coming to work with students to make bannock in June. He is also a champion hoop dancer as well as a motivational speaker and musician. They also had an Indigenous Artist-in-Residence, Wayne Ashley for the past few weeks. He has several amazing mosaic art pieces in Edmonton City Hall and believes in sharing his gift to share God's love. Close to 110 students at the school contributed to a beautiful mosaic that he is working on.
- **École Secondaire Sainte Marguerite d'Youville** is very proud of their students who were honored with three awards from the St. Albert Rotary Club for their work on:
 - The Riverblue documentary,
 - The promotional video for ESSMY, which highlighted the schools UNESCO-candidate status and service projects, and
 - The "Colour Our World" literacy service project.In addition, the students were also part of a welcome ceremony for 150 new Canadians on May 25, 2017.
- **Rayne Hauer**, a Grade 12 student at **Morinville Community High School**, created artwork for the District that represented Indigenous knowledge, culture, and symbols. She did this on her own time and willingly offered her time and talent.
- Congratulations to **SACHS** student **Ian Mitchell** who was selected 57th overall in the second round of the 2017 NHL Draft by the Chicago Blackhawks. Ian has been a part of the District's Sports Academy program. Wishing him all the best!

ACTION & CONSENT ITEMS

- The Board reviewed and updated Policy 20 – Laura Bird Memorial Beacon of Hope Award to clarify elements of the nomination and selection process which were realized through the work of the selection sub-committee. In addition, this year's award winner was endorsed by the Board. The award winner will be announced at the District's start of the school year event on September 1, 2017.

- The Board will be submitting nominations for the Alberta Catholic Trustees Association Annual Awards in the areas of Faithful Steward Award to honor Cathy Proulx, who has served as a Catholic School Trustee for the past 20 years. In addition, the Board will submit an Appreciation Award once the individual being considered accepts their nomination.
- **Secretary-treasurer Schlag** updated the Board on School Fee requirements in conjunction with the new legislation (*Bill 1*) and provided a series of schedules that reflect the fee-by-fee detail for each of the schools for both 16-17 and 17-18, which were approved and will be sent to the Ministry of Education for further review.
- **Secretary-treasurer Schlag** presented the **2017-2018 Budget** that is based on spending today's dollars on today's kids, reflects the Board decision to maintain current transportation fee levels for one year and integrates school fee charges that respond to *Bill 1, An Act to Reduce School Fees* legislation.

The budget is based on stable enrolment and presents a deficit budget of \$490,162. Approximately 80% of all revenue received goes directly to Instruction and the Board Approved Class Size for grades 1-9 has been constant since 2012-13 (22/26/27.5). The High School Class Size, for allocation purposes, increased from 28.0 to 30.5 in 2016-2017, to improve equity at all grade levels.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- **Superintendent Keohane** updated the Board on School Council Year-end reports, the requirements for reporting and where to access the reports.
- **Asst. superintendent Nixon** updated the Board on the contact details for Our Lady of Loretto Chapel, the parish situated on the Edmonton Garrison Military Base and future plans on integration with the District.
- **Secretary-treasurer Schlag** provided the Board with a one-page summary report on school-based fees that can be charged for 2017-2018, which also responds to new legislation. **Secretary-treasurer Schlag** also updated the Board on the 2016-2017 position, with the Quarter 3 Financial Report, which estimates a \$525,454 deficit to year-end.

UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD

- The Board will be recognizing retirees from the District at the Annual Year-End Mass at Holy Family Parish in St. Albert on June 29, 2017.
- The Board will welcome new staff to the District at the start of the school year at the Opening Mass to be held on September 1, 2017.
- Public Consultation on boundaries and programming for St. Kateri Tekakwitha Academy. The process will engage Morinville residents and families in areas of Sturgeon County that may have an interest in the new school. The two-phase process will begin in the fall 2017 and is expected to be completed by June 2018.

<p>The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the school year is scheduled for Monday, September 11, 2017 3:30 p.m. at District Office, 6 St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert, AB. PUBLIC WELCOME at ALL of the above MEETINGS</p>
