



Greater St. Albert  
Catholic Schools

## Board Meeting Summary

April 14, 2014

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### REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The last regular meeting of the Board was held in Legal at the Legal School, on Monday, April 14, 2014.

### GOOD NEWS

#### Awards & Recognition

- Congratulations to **Cathy Stefner**, Parent in GSACRD for her success in receiving the *Parent of Distinction Award* from the Alberta School Council Association. Her dedication and commitment to our schools has been tremendous and we look forward to recognizing her formally at an upcoming Board meeting.
- ASCA will also be recognizing École Marie Poburan School Council Task Force for their work in making the school a safe and caring place by looking at options to improve traffic flow and safety around the school site. They will be the recipients of the *School Council Award of Merit*.
- Congratulations to **Sandy Cimino**, who will be honored with the *Excellence in Catholic Education Award* that is given to outstanding Catholic educators by the Canadian Catholic School Superintendents Association.
- New teachers in the District were welcomed at a Inductee Ceremony hosted by the local ATA.

#### School Updates

- Students with the We Day leadership team at **Neil M. Ross** School held an Art Auction which resulted in \$2,500 raised to go towards building a school for those less fortunate. Well done and thank you to the many families that supported this event and the student artists.
- **R.S. Fowler** students have been active with their service project work with hosting the “Scrimmage for the Village”, a floor hockey tournament and their “Walk For Water” fundraisers to support the building of a school for those less fortunate. To date they have raised over \$1,500 and this is growing. Congratulations!
- The recent visit to **Neil M. Ross** School by the Most Reverend Archbishop Richard Smith accompanied by Father Maurice was a highlight for all students and staff. His presence and engagement with the children was awesome!
- **Legal School** is “jumping with joy” after successfully raising \$4,500 for the *Jump Rope for Heart Campaign*. The school effort was led by staff that made this possible for the students. Congratulations to all those who participated and support this tremendous accomplishment!

## **Athletic Updates**

- The **V.J. Maloney** wrestling team concluded the season on a high note with some students making it to the National level of competition. The interest and participation in the sport continues to grow.
- **SACHS** is pleased with the accomplishment of their girls' basketball team that competed at a higher level this season. They were able to secure a third place finish overall which is a wonderful accomplishment in this first year of competition against much larger high schools.

## ***ACTION ITEMS***

The Board approved the tendering of Printing Services for a five year term beginning August 1, 2014 and the RFP is posted both on the District's website as well as the Alberta Purchasing Connection website to ensure a fair and competitive process. The tender will close on May 30, 2014.

## ***INFORMATION ITEMS***

- The Education Foundation has established and approved bylaws. They will be working towards registered charitable status in the coming months.
- Superintendent D. Keohane shared a presentation with the Board on the relevancy of math in a K to life curriculum highlighting that the "basics of math" continue to be taught and are part of the curriculum yet a greater focus is on problem solving.
- The Board received an update on the leadership and succession plans for the District.

## ***UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD***

- The sub-committee of the Board working on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary plans for District are working towards a formal launch of the celebration plans in June. The official date of historical significance will be recognized in September 2014.
- Trustees will be providing input to the ASBA on the framework being developed for the teacher bargaining model.
- Trustees will be attending upcoming grads to recognize graduates at our high schools beginning in May.

**The next Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Trustees is scheduled for  
Monday, April 28, 2014  
7:30 p.m. at District Office  
6 St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert, AB**

**PUBLIC WELCOME**