



Greater St. Albert
Catholic Schools

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, October 2, 2017.

GOOD NEWS

District News

- Collectively, all schools and the district have worked diligently over the past few years raising funds to support the building of Pope Francis School in Tacloban, Philippines. A recent contribution by the **MCHS Class of 2017**, for \$8,000 has brought the total funds to just over the \$200K goal. We applaud all donors who have contributed to this fundraiser and legacy project for the District.

School News

- **Bertha Kennedy School** have two students, both girls, that qualified to participate in an all-expense paid, First Class, VIP program, Dreams Take Flight to Universal Studios that took place on Sept 20.
- **SACHS student, Jarrod Sokul** participated in the Youth Ambassadors Program with Canada, this past summer. It was trip sponsored by the United States Dept. of State, United States Embassy Ottawa, State University of New York Plattsburgh, and Fulbright Canada. As a Youth Ambassador to the United States of America, Jarrod spent time learning about the relationship between the two countries. As a result, he has established a Sports Assistance Foundation, to fulfill the community service project portion of the Youth Ambassadors Program. The Foundation's mandate is to assist low - income families with financial support that comes with playing organized sports in our community. To learn more, you can visit the [Sports Assistance Foundation website](#).
- **École Notre Dame School** raised \$540 for Terry Fox and **V.J. Maloney students** raised just over \$1000 in their Terry Fox Run.
- **Vital Grandin** will be hosting Read-In Week, October 2-6 to celebrate literacy with the support of several community members planning to attend. The school is enjoying a great start to the year with the Recreation Academy and dynamic options receiving wonderful feedback from parents and students.
- **École Father Jan** gathered an abundance of clothing during their coats/mitts/scarves drive. The student response was fabulous and students are being rewarded with an extra 15 minutes of play for their generosity! The school also hosted a Gallup Award. Past principal, Marlene Pelletier was invited to come and accept the award and take part in the celebrations with the staff.
- To begin the school year **MCHS staff** wanted to do something different for students on their first day of classes. The staff gathered and baked almost 600 cookies to give to students as they walked in the door to say welcome back and convey the message, "it's going to be a sweet year."

- **Legal School** has had a great start to the school year with many events including: Welcome Back Mass at St. Emile Parish with Father Francis, their annual Terry Fox run, and hosted ATCO Blue Flame Kitchen where grade 4 to 6 students learned how to make healthy snacks safely.
- **SACHS** students, staff and their families had a great turnout for the recent Run for the Cure in support of Breast Cancer Research. Close to \$3,000 was raised by the school!

ACTION & CONSENT ITEMS

- The Board approved the following that support their work for the year, including:
 - The Board Monitoring Calendar,
 - The Advocacy Plan,
 - The Communication Plan and Highlights,
 - Trustee honorarium rates and annual allowance rates, and
 - Superintendent's compensation.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Trustee Shaw recognized fellow **Trustee and Vice-Chair, McEvoy** for her service to the district over the past thirteen years. **Trustee McEvoy** is not seeking re-election.

Trustee Shaw commended all Trustees for their diligent work on behalf of students over the past term including:

- The approval of two new schools and two modernizations;
- Support for the building of Pope Francis School in Tacloban, Philippines;
- The approval of new policies in the areas of Public Interest Disclosure, Naming of Schools, Acknowledgement of Territories, Laura Bird Memorial Beacon of Hope Award, and the Recruitment & Selection of Personnel
- Their work in advocating for Catholic education and participation in recognizing 150 years of Catholic education in the region.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- **Assistant Superintendent McGuinness** updated the Board on the enrolment report indicating that final data is submitted to Alberta Education on October 4th and referenced as the September 30, 2017 Enrolment Report.
- **Assistant Superintendent Nixon** provided the Board with an updated plan for the year on First Nations, Métis and Inuit initiatives, including the introduction of a blog to communicate regular updates from the Leadership committee to the public.

UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD

- Catholic Trustee election is October 16, 2017 in Wards 1 and 3; both Ward 2 Trustees were acclaimed. The Board encourages all Catholic residents to vote & demonstrate their support for Catholic education.

The organizational meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for
Monday, October 30, 2017

7 p.m. at District Office, 6 St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert, AB.

Trustees will take the Oath of Office

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the school year is scheduled to follow
 the Organizational Meeting on

Monday, October 30, 2017

at District Office, 6 St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert, AB.

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