



# Board Meeting Summary

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***THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES*** was held at the District Office, on Monday, December 18, 2017.

## ***GOOD NEWS***

### **District News**

- Thank you to all the families who attended the post-secondary information events in Morinville and St. Albert. We were so pleased to host more than 270+ guests between the two evenings.
- The finance team received kudos for their work in managing the district's annual financial statements, which resulted in a "clean" audit.
- Thank you to the community of Morinville for their feedback and enthusiasm during Phase I of the consultation on the boundaries and programming for St. Kateri Tekakwitha Academy. Information gathered will inform boundary options and a short list of programming that will be shared in the Phase II consultation in spring 2018.
- The Board of Trustees had the pleasure of honoring Sara Farid for her Catholic education advocacy through her work with Development and Peace. She was instrumental in advancing the districts' initiative on building Pope Francis School.

### **School News**

- **ESSMY** hosted a successful Yoga Teacher Instructor Information session. Students from across the district in grade 9 through 12 attended. Students in several grades at **ESSMY** participated in a Blanket Exercise as part of the districts' initiatives on Truth & Reconciliation. Many students commented on the significance and impact of their participation.
- **R.S. Fowler School** had some great fun while supporting the worthy cause of collecting warm socks for the homeless. Their "sock drive" provided more than 1,600 pairs of socks for those in need. Congratulations! The school was also privileged to host **Dallas Arcand Jr.**, a world-class hoop dancer, who will be representing Canada in a performance planned at the upcoming Olympic Games in Pyeong Chang, South Korea.
- Several **École Marie Poburan** students in grade six participated in the Healthy, Active Leadership Symposium advancing their leadership skills in the school.
- **St. Gabriel High School students** are benefiting from the support of the success coach at the school, bringing a greater focus on the importance of mental wellness.
- **École Father Jan** is receiving great feedback on their literacy initiative and the mindfulness activities they are providing for students. At the same time, they have enjoyed hosting a winter clothing drive for the Bissell Centre.

- **Neil M. Ross School** community are busy making scarves and hats for the homeless. They also combined this with a “Coats for Kids” drive with a focus in the school throughout the month of December on what you can do for others.
- **Vital Grandin School** community were excited to expand their Christmas celebration this year to include elements of dance, drama and art to showcase the range of student talents they have at the school.

### ***ACTION & CONSENT ITEMS***

- The Board approved the review of Board Policy 4 – Trustee Code of Conduct with the changes as presented and Board Policy 12 – Role of the Superintendent
- **Secretary-treasurer Schlag** updated the Board on what will constitute Board Directed Instruction Fees with the implementation of *Bill 1, An Act to Reduce School Fees* this past year. However, out-of-province student tuition fees will still be collected and a recommendation was made to maintain the 2018-19 student fees at the same level.
- The Board will be supporting the Knights of Columbus Charitable Foundation with participation at their upcoming dinner event.

### ***SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT***

- **Superintendent Keohane** provided reports and information on:
  - *Mental Health Resources, Request for information.*
  - *Fee Waiver Report*
  - *Alberta School Foundation Fund (ASFF) Opt-Out*
  - *Class Size Report*
  - *Field Trip Report*
  - *Communications Update*

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

- Trustees completed the first phase of the consultation process for St. Kateri Tekakwitha Academy with an Open House in Morinville on November 30, 2017 and offered an online survey to gather input on programming and attendance boundaries. The “What We Heard” report will be shared publicly in the New Year. Thank you to the all those who participated in the process.

The Board of Trustees Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for

**Monday, January 15, 2017**

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

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the school year is scheduled on

**Monday, January 29, 2017**

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

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