



**Greater St. Albert
Catholic Schools**

Board Meeting Summary

June 6, 2014

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The last two regular meeting of the Board was held in St. Albert at District Office, on Monday, May 26 and June 6, 2014.

GOOD NEWS

Awards & Recognition

- Wheelchair Basketball Canada announced that MCHS student Arinn Young has been named to the Canadian Senior Women's National Wheelchair Basketball who will compete in the 2014 Women's World Wheelchair Basketball Championship in Toronto. Arinn is the youngest member of Team Canada.
- Students from SACHS, Chelsy Dicristafaro and Rosslyn Funston competed at the National Skills Canada competition and each took 4th place in their respective categories in cosmetology. Congratulations for making GSACRD and your St. Albert Community proud!
- MCHS is very happy that Ross and Jean Hodgins along with management of Frontier Honda and RV City for their generous donation of \$42,500 to our school. This money will cover the cost of purchasing new bleachers for our refinished gym. Thank you for supporting the MCHS school community.

School Updates

- Legal School Titans 4H Club is having an awesome first year together. They were recently captured in the *4H Alberta Magazine* showing their 4H pride during the National celebrations held every November.
- Mr. Neil Korotash secured a \$10,000 grant for the MCHS Urban Agriculture Program, from BP's A+ for Energy Program. This grant will be used to design student research projects examining the efficiency of lighting products with energy consumption for optimal indoor plant seeding and propagation.
- St. Albert Catholic High School is pleased to announce that dual-track French Immersion will now be offered onsite at the school. It was previously offered as an option in partnership with the Francophone Board. In response to community interest it will now reside within the school. Courses offered include French Language Arts 10 and Etude Sociales 10-1.
- Congratulations to the MCHS athletes who qualified for Track & Field Provincials in Calgary. MCHS finished the day with 26 medals: 7 gold, 13 silver and 6 bronze.
- The ESSMY community celebrated at Holy Family Parish with the grade 9 students and families; we began with a mass with Father Mike as the celebrant, followed by snacks and fellowship in the church hall. This gathering of prayer and friendship is in celebration of our grade 9 students as they make their way to high school.
- The Health Services Youth Initiative through Careers, The Next Generation, is designed for high school students that are interested in entering into a career in the medical field. Students apply, interview and if successful, are placed in local medical facilities to spend the summer working,

exploring and testing their career choices in the medical pathway. Congratulations to Haley Stang, Larissa Jones and Bailee Long who all received placements!

DELEGATION PRESENTATION

The Board welcomed the St. Albert RCMP to present their annual year-end report that highlights the partnership of the RCMP with GSACRD schools. Highlights of their report included their continued work on the impact of social media on students, the success of the RCMP Youth Academy at the high school level and the interest in seeking more opportunities to connect with youth and be visible in the schools.

ACTION ITEMS

- The Board will be moving forward to establish a student advisory body dedicated to providing feedback on their learning and determining how the District's Three Year Education Plan can best meet student need. More information will be forthcoming in the new school year.
- The Board of Trustees approved the 2014-2015 Budget at the May 26th regular board meeting.
- The Board approved the Shaping Our Future report which consolidates all of the information gathered through consultations this past spring. The full report is available on the website under the Superintendent's page.

SUPERINTENDENTS UPDATE

The Board is pleased to report that Gallup research conducted with all staff this year demonstrate the highest level of engagement in the last seven years with the highest levels being reported by our certified staff (teachers). Engagement is defined by Gallup as "involvement and enthusiasm for your work."

UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD

- Trustees will be looking forward to launching the 150th Anniversary Celebration plans this coming September.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for
Monday, June 23, 2014
7:30 p.m. at District Office
6 St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert, AB

PUBLIC WELCOME