

Board Meeting Summary

Chair: Joe Becigneul | Vice-Chair: René Tremblay

Trustees: Joan Crockett | Cathy Proulx | Noreen Radford | Greg Schell | Serena Shaw

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES was held at the District Office, on Monday, February 25, 2019.

GOOD NEWS

The District received a **grant for \$50,000** provided through the **Alberta Research Network, Alberta Education to pursue the "Building Communities of Hope"** initiative involving St. Albert Catholic High School and ESSMY. Securing this grant involved a lot of dedicated time from our assistant **Superintendent Dr. Nixon, principals, Danielle Karaki and Sheila Glebe, as well as our High School Chaplain, Doug Kramer.**

The official **Sod Turning Ceremony for St. Kateri Tekakwitha Academy** was held on Tuesday, February 19, 2019. Elders with the Alexander First Nation conducted a Blessing of the Land, Bishop Paul Terrio, Archdiocese of St. Paul led the prayer and Liturgy with a number of dignitaries in attendance including the Minister of Education, David Eggen, MLA, Glenn van Dijken, Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock Constituency, Mayor of Morinville, Barry Turner, ACSTA President, Serena Shaw and Board Chair, Joe Becigneul. There was more than 80 people in attendance and it was the École Notre Dame School Choir that kept everyone warm during the ceremony with their beautiful voices.

Vice-Principal, Lisa Giacobbo at Legal School was announced as the **Districts' recipient of the CCSSA Excellence in Catholic Education Award**. CCSSA representative, David Keohane, was there to make the announcement and staff gathered to congratulate Mrs. Giacobbo. The awards will be presented to recipients at the SPICE Annual Spring Conference. Lisa was congratulated for meaningfully enhancing the faith dimension of Catholic education in the Legal School Community!

Cody Horb, Teacher at St. Gabriel High School was honoured this month with the **Rotary Teacher of the Month Award**. Many students have benefited from Cody's expertise as an educator whether it be at St. Gabriel, through iLearn or while in attendance at the district's Summer School program. Congratulations, on this well-deserved award!

District received an Award of Excellence for being one of Alberta's Smoke-Free Spaces; the district is one of seven school districts in the province to receive it.

Morinville Community High School athletic success rivals their academic success! The schools' basketball teams have won gold medals in three out of four tournaments in the past few weeks.

Talented artists from our junior and senior high school showcased their work at the recent **No Beginning End Art Show** which was on display at the St. Albert Centre Mall.

Bertha Kennedy wrestlers are heading to provincials! Congratulations and best of luck!

ACTION & CONSENT ITEMS:

The Board reviewed and approved the following policies and programming:

- Review Board Policy 10: Policy Making, Policy 15: School Closure/Realignment.
- Locally Developed Courses Revisions for Musical Theatre 15-25-35, Biology 35 IB, Theory of Knowledge 35 IB; and Morinville Community High School Programming.
- Board approved the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Instructional Year Calendars that are now available on the district website.
- Two concepts for the Sister Alphonse Legacy Project were approved and will be completed by Mural Mosaic.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Information updates from administration provided included the following:

Educational Leadership – Student Welfare

- Safe and Caring Schools Report

Organizational Management

- Student Enrolment Report
- Staffing Report
- Transportation Overview
- St. Albert Transportation Pilot Update

Faith Leadership

- Faith and Spiritual Initiatives Update

Fiscal Responsibility

- Plant Operations and Maintenance
- Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal

UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD

Trustees are currently hosting a ThoughtExchange Community Engagement that is open to all families, staff, students in grade 4 -12, as well as the broader community. Results will be reviewed at the annual board planning meetings in April 2019. The Board encourages everyone to share their thoughts!

The next Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, March 4, 2019**

7:00 p.m. at District Office, 6 St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert, AB.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board is scheduled for **Monday, March 18, 2019**

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

PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND BOTH MEETINGS