

Board Meeting Summary

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Greater St. Albert
Catholic Schools



THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES was held at the District Office, on Monday, April 29, 2019.

GOOD NEWS

The **Rotary Teacher of the Month Award** for April was presented to **Brett Arlinghaus**, teacher at **Neil M. Ross Catholic School**. His dedication to students and their families is not only evident in the classroom but in his support of extra-curricular activities for kids. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition!

Inspired by the initiative of one grade six student, the **Neil M. Ross School Community** held a "Soles 4Souls" drive to gather shoes for those less fortunate. Over a two-week period a total of 708 pairs of shoes were collected! Thank you to all those who donated and for the students who were servants for God.

Congratulations to all of the district high school students from **Morinville Community High School** and **St. Albert Catholic High School** who participated in the provincial **Skills Alberta Competition**. Students competed in many areas including carpentry and hairstyling. Some students earned medals and will be moving on to compete at the national level!

ESSMY Rotary Interact Club students proudly hosted their first banquet on April 11, a fundraiser that is part of the schools' Make Your Mark on Poverty projects in partnership with the United Way. This culminating event brought together and celebrated their intensive research with OceanWise (sustainability project), the Giana Centre, and the St. Albert Food Bank (putting a face to poverty project). Congratulations to the students on a successful event and all of their efforts in making a difference locally and globally.

The **Morinville Community High School Cheer Team** brought back silver and gold medals and the banner for their performances at the recent Alberta School Athletics Association Provincials. Congratulations to all the athletes and their coaches for their first and second place honours. We are cheering!

For the third consecutive year, the **district received the prestigious recognition as a 2019 Gallup Great Workplace Award Recipient!** The award "*affirms the power of staff continually exploring ways to make engagement more meaningful in our schools. When this happens, the true winners are our students. This result confirms for our communities that we are blessed to have outstanding staff. Clearly, Gallup would suggest our staff are among the best in the world!*" commented David Keohane when making the announcement.

ACTION & CONSENT ITEMS:

The Board reviewed and approved the following:

- **Schedule of Fees for Transportation for the 2019/20 school year.** There are no fee increases for eligible riders more than 2.4 km from their designated schools. Increases were approved for those accessing the district's enhanced service that provides busing to families residing less than 2.4 km from their school and outside of the walk boundary. Increases were also approved to cross boundary rates and those requiring more than one bus. See website for the complete schedule of fees.
- **Board Policies on Alternative Programs, Naming of Schools, Role of the Board (Long Service Awards),**
- **Junior High Locally Develop Courses:** Sports Medicine 7-8-9, Citizenship 7-8-9.
- **St. Albert Community Foundation Supporting Mental Health Event Sponsorship.**

ACTION & CONSENT ITEMS Continued...

- Strategic Priority Report
- Action on Smoking and Health Legislation – Statement of Support

NEW BUSINESS

The Board approved support for a project initiated by the Morinville Rotary Club and the Centralta Tourism Society who are seeking community support and government funding to bring into Morinville a LAV III Monument Project that honours Military families.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Updates and/or reports were provided on the following:

Open House Advertising, Grants that Provided Add-ons or Enhancements to Core Services, Leadership Succession Planning and Field Trip Activity.

UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD

Trustees will have representation at the City of St. Albert's Payhonin Reconciliation public engagement meetings. Trustees will be attending upcoming graduation ceremonies, the annual ASBA Edwin Parr Banquet and the Canadian Catholic Schools Trustees' Association AGM Convention.

The next Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 13, 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, May 27, 2019**
3:30 p.m. at District Office, 6 St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert, AB.

PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND BOTH MEETINGS