



**Greater St. Albert
Catholic Schools**

Board Meeting Summary

September 30, 2014

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The last regular meeting of the Board was held in St. Albert at District Office, on Monday, September 28, 2014.

GOOD NEWS

- Trustee Radford shared the Good News report and also highlighted the parents in our community who were recognized at the Unsung Heroes recent event.
- Mr. Kieser's class at R.S. Fowler hosted a carwash on September 16th. The proceeds will go to the Roots of Change Foundation, a St. Albert based service project headed by Fr. Denis Hebert in San Benito, Nicaragua. Funds support projects, which relieve poverty, promote education, and foster health and wellness. We are pleased to announce that \$497 was raised for this Catholic organization.
- ESSMY students and staff will be celebrating the re-opening of their gym which has been unavailable since the water main break in May. They will be having a ribbon cutting ceremony and special prayer and blessing on September 29 at 10:00 a.m.
- Students from ESSMY are heading to Ottawa in November. One of their students will be called upon to lay a wreath during the Remembrance Day Ceremony at Parliament Hill.
- G.H. Primeau students welcomed Jessica Kluthe, an accomplished author, teacher and former student in celebration of Alberta Culture Days at the school.
- At the City of St. Albert Garden Party event held recently, the Bertha Kennedy School Garden was awarded the "Best Garden" in the Little Green Thumbs category!!! The school will be making arrangements with Mayor Crouse to visit their school to make the cheque presentation and recognize students and staff for this great initiative and honour!
- Unsung Heroes is recognition given by the City of St. Albert annually to honour volunteers from social and organizational groups that make a difference. GSACRD is proud to announce that three parents from three of our schools were recognized at the event earlier this month. They are Sue-Ann Cooke with Ecole Father Jan, Tara Hergott at Albert Lacombe and Cathy Stefnar, parent of students at R. S. Fowler and SACHS. Congratulations to our dedicated parents and their nominators for their work in submitting volunteers from your school community.

Terry Fox Run News

- VJM students raised just over \$1000 in the annual Terry Fox Run. Congratulations and well done!
- Albert Lacombe Bears welcomed Fred Fox, brother to Terry Fox to their school to participate in their annual Terry Fox Run and make a presentation on his brother's legacy. He was also able to run with two of his cousins that attend the school.

- R.S. Fowler students also held an event to raise funds. They challenged Assistant Principal, Damon Clayton to complete 6 laps of the course race (18 km) to increase their funding goal. The total funds raised were \$1,556!

DELEGATION PRESENTATION

The Board welcomed the Grant Thornton Audit Team, who reviewed the strategy and approach to the audit, including process details and timelines for completion.

ACTION ITEMS

- The Board approved honorarium rates, allowances and Board Policy 7. They also approved the communication plan highlights that are now available and posted on the web. The significance of the 150th anniversary in communication plans is highlighted for the coming school year.

SUPERINTENDENTS UPDATE

Superintendent Keohane provided an update on the planned Community Conversation date for the fall. December 3, 2014 is being proposed to be held at St. Albert Catholic High School.

UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD

- Trustees will be looking forward to recognizing staff at the Long Service Award event on October 1, 2014.
- Trustees will also look at opportunities to participate in Read-In week from October 6 to 10th.

**The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for
Monday, October 27, 2014
7:30 p.m. at Ecole Notre Dame Elementary School
9717 Morinville Drive, Morinville, AB**

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