



**Greater St. Albert
Catholic Schools**

Board Meeting Summary

October 27, 2014

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The last regular meeting of the Board was held in Morinville at École Notre Dame Elementary, on Monday, October 27, 2014.

GOOD NEWS

150th Celebration Plan News

Our schools are having a lot of fun commemorating the 150th. This month Legal School and St. Albert Catholic High hosted a series of events in their schools including the following to name a few:

- One Room School House Hour
- Lunch in a Pail
- No Technology Day –just chalkboards!
- Day in The School 150 years ago.
- Student artwork display commemorating 150 years
- Recognizing parents and grandparents that have graduated from SACHS

A special event upcoming is the Albert Lacombe 50th Anniversary Birthday Party on Friday, November 21st in the evening at the school. Former students and staff are invited to attend.

School News

- Students at ESSMY held a 12-12-a-thon to raise money for a school in Mexico. Students from our school have donated backpacks and helped with the building of a roof at this school and with this fundraiser, their support provides that much needed hope to children. A representative will be presenting to our student body on Oct. 29 to help kick off our project for the LaSalle Shelter.
- Albert Lacombe School Council held a raffle for a gift basket with items donated by local vendors, and sold tickets to families at our Welcome Back BBQ. By the choice of our School Council, proceeds of \$466 were donated to Catholic Social Services. The school also collected 333 lbs of food at our Thanksgiving Celebration for the St. Albert Food Bank.
- MCHS hosted the Lions' Western Canada Challenge Volleyball tournament this past month along with five other GSACRD schools (SACHS, Fowler, VJM, Primeau and Notre Dame), the MCHS Senior Girls Team went to the Championship Final to Peace Wapiti Academy and won the silver. This is one of the largest high school tournaments in Canada and MCHS has organized this for 20 years.
- MCHS Senior Boys and Girls Volleyball Teams placed second in a tournament at Salsbury Composite High School in Sherwood Park this past weekend.
- MCHS had 24 students and six faculty members volunteering at the Hope Mission, Bissell Centre and the Edmonton Food Bank. This was the first of four volunteer service opportunities planned for our students this year.

- Neil M. Ross connects with its community partners and will be running for the fourth year their Junior ATB program. They also had APEGGA host a Science Fun Night that was attended by over 300; participants explored 22 booths, and engaged in fun experiments.

ACTION ITEMS

- The Board approved the Memorandum of Agreement reached between GSACRD and UNIFOR Local 72-A.
- Two of our champions of the Healthy Schools Initiative will be nominated for an award to recognize their efforts; Dolores Andressen and Cathy Traynor who are teachers at Bertha Kennedy School.
- School Council liaisons have all been assigned for the coming school year.
- The Board has reviewed and approved the updated Advocacy Plan.
- An RFP for Audit Services for a five year term will be issued this fall.
- The Board will be escalating discussions on school sites in order to meet the timeline of 2017 for opening.

SUPERINTENDENTS UPDATE

Superintendent Keohane provided an update on the modernization plans and progress for St. Albert Catholic High.

Superintendent Keohane commended leadership at all levels – teachers, principals, and District support services for the outstanding performance as reported through the government Accountability Pillar Report. In particular, the success of our high school students and our First Nations, Metis and Inuit students were highlighted.

Assistant Superintendent, David Quick shared information on the District’s progress in implementing the Student Learning Assessment (SLA).

Assistant Superintendent, Sean McGuinness shared a good news story regarding strong enrolments across the District and increasing numbers at the early years and grade ten at St. Albert Catholic High School. Correspondingly staffing levels remained strong. Overall the District numbers are up.

Secretary-Treasurer Deb Schlag updated the Board on the installation of the final modular to Ecole Notre Dame Elementary. This completes the pod of eight and brings the school total to 18 for the site. There are just over 90 modulars in the district; 30 of these are in Morinville, attached to Notre Dame (18) and G.H. Primeau (12).

UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD

- Trustees will be representing the District at upcoming provincial conventions: Alberta Catholic School Trustees Association (ACSTA) and Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA).
- Trustees are also participating in the School Results Reviews that are taking place this month and next.
- Community Conversation date for the fall is scheduled for December 3, 2014 at St. Albert Catholic High School.

**The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for
Monday, November 24, 2014
7:30 p.m. at District Office
6 St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert, AB**

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