



**Greater St. Albert
Catholic Schools**

Board Meeting Summary

January 12, 2015

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The last regular meeting of the Board was held at the District Office, on Monday, January 12, 2015.

GOOD NEWS

- Legal School packed and delivered with the help of the Knights of Columbus 14 Christmas Hampers to families in need in and around Legal. To start the New Year the school's 4H club sang the National Anthem at the Oil Kings Game on Saturday Jan. 3rd.
- Albert Lacombe School hosted an Advent project, where they collected cash, food, gift cards and gifts for 11 Christmas hampers to support the St. Albert Kinettes Club.
- Students at G.H. Primeau were able raise \$1,125 as part of the annual Toonies for Teens project to purchase Christmas gifts for teens from less fortunate families.
- Neil M Ross staff and students collected personal hygiene goods for the five safe houses operated by Catholic Social Services and were able to collect a van load to send to them as well staff donations in lieu of Christmas gifts were accepted and totaled \$1,522 to the Sign of Hope. They are also pleased to note they are recipients of a grant for \$1,000 from BNI Foundation Canada 'Teachers Grant' to support the school's next technology purchase.
- The MCHS production of Grease, the Musical set a single night attendance record and over 1200 were in attendance at one of the performances. They also raised \$1,200 raised at the Grease production to support the St. Jean Baptiste Knights of Columbus Christmas Hamper Drive. Funds prior to Christmas were also raised for the following:
 - Canadian Development and Peace Build-a-School campaign - \$400 was raised at the student hockey game intermission,
 - Catholic Social Services Turning Points – Gr. 12 Student Charity Committee raised \$700.
 - Catholic Social Services Immigration and Settlement Service - 10 students and 2 faculty members traveled to Edmonton to deliver hampers of household items for 10 families. All the collected items that were donated by students, parents and faculty members were far greater than the 10 hampers that had been requested.
 - Morinville Food Bank - from October to December approximately 900 lbs of food was collected by students, parents and faculty members.
- J.J. Nearing students collected and filled a van with food items for the Soup and Sandwich campaign at the Marian Center. Each grade was assigned a soup or sandwich ingredient. As well the Greenilicious Team was excited to be awarded a \$3,000 grant, presented by Mayor Crouse, to create a Living Plant Wall in the school foyer.
- Grade 6 students at École Father Jan did some shopping to provide a better Christmas for the students of Mother Teresa School (sister school of the grade 6 students) in Edmonton as well as Santa's Anonymous. The students collected over \$1,000 through the proceeds of bake sales at St. Albert Parish and the school. Many thanks to Target for the 10% discount they provided towards the purchases and to our community for making this a memorable experience for our students.

SUPERINTENDENTS UPDATE

- Superintendent David Keohane provided an overview of the District's performance on providing a safe and caring environment. It was highlighted that perceptions of our schools as being safe environments are "excellent" as measured by the Accountability Pillar Report. A decline in suspension rates across the District was also reported. The survey results from the Gallup Student Poll provided insight into the current levels of Hope, Well-Being and Engagement in the District.
- Assistant Superintendent David Quick presented a report on the District's Inclusive Education Programming. In addition, a summary report was provided on the Regional Collaborative Services Delivery that is in place in the region and in its second year of implementation.
- Secretary-treasurer Deb Schlag shared a preliminary enrolment projection report for 2015-2016 based on raw data, absent of Census information and school input. These projections will be continue to be updated until budget submission. The First quarter budget monitoring report for 2014-2015 was presented.

UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD

- Trustees will continue to work with the communities of Morinville and St. Albert to secure appropriate sites for the recently announced elementary schools to ensure the timelines for constructing the schools can be met.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for

Monday, January 26, 2015

7:30 p.m. at District Office

6 St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert, AB

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