



**Greater St. Albert  
Catholic Schools**

# *Board Meeting Summary*

*February 23, 2015*

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## ***REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES***

The last regular meeting of the Board was held at the District Office, on Monday, February 23, 2015.

### ***GOOD NEWS***

- SACHS students are excited to begin their MacEwan University business course this semester. This is the second group to take part in this opportunity which provides them with a dual credit towards their university studies and the ability to experience the academic rigor of a university course in a high school environment.
- Congratulations to the MCHS Cheer team that took first place in the recent zone championship!
- The R.S. Fowler boys basketball team are on a winning streak being undefeated in their past 17 games. Congratulations!
- The Healthy Bobkats at Bertha Kennedy School are “Going Bananas over the Philippines” raising funds toward the Development and Peace goal to rebuild school infrastructure devastated by the recent Typhoon.
- ESSMY students and staff are preparing for their upcoming Mission Trip to Costa Rica to assist those less fortunate.
- Ecole Father Jan School are the recipients of a matching grant donation from Plan Canada in the amount of \$12,000 to go towards the schools fund raising efforts. Plan Canada is a charity helping to end poverty through Child Sponsorship & other sustainable initiatives. This donation is in addition to the funds raised through the school’s duck race which contributed \$1,171 to this same effort.
- The District has received 850 responses to the Thought Stream Forum resulting in over 4,000 contributions to be reviewed. Thank you to all those who participated within and outside of our school communities. We look forward to sharing the feedback.

### ***ACTION ITEMS***

- The Board approved the nomination of Donni Marano, school council chair at Neil M. Ross Catholic School for an Alberta School Councils’ Association Parent of Distinction Award.

### ***SUPERINTENDENTS UPDATE***

- A summary report on current Long Service recognition plan along with information collected from other school districts of similar size across the province. This is in response to Trustee Crockett’s request for information to review the Long Service Award program and the relevance of rewards to staff.
- An update on transportation delivery, changes implemented that are increasing service delivery and ensuring the safety of all students as well as challenges in providing service across the District. Historic transportation fees were shared noting that increases have been kept to a minimum. The projected cost to deliver service this year is expected to be on budget.

- Correspondence received from Alberta Education's Field Services department was shared. The letter commended the District on its 2014/2015-2016/2017 Three Year Education Plan and 2013/2014 Annual Education Results Report.

***UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD***

- Trustees have requested that the feasibility of using public transport for junior and senior high students as a long-term sustainable solution for transporting students in St. Albert be looked into.
- Trustees will continue supporting celebrations recognizing 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary plans to the end of the school year.
- The Board annual strategic planning session will be held on April 11 and 12, 2015.
- The Board will be attending the St. Albert Lifestyle EXPO highlighting the District's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations and history.

**The next Advocacy Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for**

**Monday, March 2, 2015**

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

**Monday, March 9, 2015**

**7:30 p.m. at District Office**

**6 St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert, AB**

**PUBLIC WELCOME to BOTH MEETINGS**