



*Greater St. Albert
Catholic Schools*

Board Meeting Summary

May 27, 2013

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The last two regular meetings of the Board were held in St. Albert at the District Office on Monday, May 13th and May 27th, 2013.

GOOD NEWS

- Six cosmetology students from SACHS competed in a range of events at the recent provincial skills competitions. Three out of the six received medals including a gold medal in the category of Senior Hairstyling. The gold medalist, Chelsey now moves on to National Skills and will represent Skills Team Alberta on Vancouver on June 4th and 5th.
- Ecole Notre Dame School celebrated the rededication of Notre Dame School last week with special guests Jeff Johnson, Minister of Education and Maureen Kubenic, MLA for Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock. The celebration included a blessing of the new modular wing with the assistance of Father Ignacy.
- The district received a \$10,000 healthy schools initiative grant that will be utilized by 4 schools (J.J. Nearing, Ecole Father Jan, Legal & MCHS). They will meet as a committee to make choices that will best utilize this funding.
- Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools has now officially activated the district twitter account using the handle @gsacrd. Lindsay Chambers, Communications Coordinator will be providing the news feed to this account so please follow for the latest district news!

ACTION ITEMS

- The board approved the 2013- 2014 school year budget which reflects a balanced budget, is based on enrolment projections, and includes cuts/reductions in government grants.
- The board approved the 2014-2017 Capital Plan which includes five requests, of which the top two priorities are the SACHS modernization and a new elementary school in Morinville.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- The district's Accountability Pillar Report demonstrates once again outstanding results in the district especially true in providing safe and caring learning environments. Individual schools are provided with their specific report.
- An initial meeting of interested Foundation board members took place on May 14 and five public members of the board have been identified. Two additional members are currently being recruited including a representative from the community of Legal and a high school student from the district. Interested individuals should contact Deb Schlag, secretary-treasurer.

UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD

- The next Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools Foundation meeting will be held Wednesday, June 21, 2013 at 7:00 pm in the District Office Boardroom.
- The Board will be attending the Alberta School Boards Association spring general meeting in June. Trustees will also be participating in upcoming graduation ceremonies.
- The Board will be hosting its final community conversation: June 13th 2013, at 7 p.m. to explore the topic of: **What should learning look like in our schools three years from now?** Please join us.

**The next Regular Meeting of the
Board of Trustees is scheduled for
Monday, June 10, 2013
7:00 p.m. at District Office**