



**Greater St. Albert
Catholic Schools**

Board Meeting Summary

May 12, 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, May 12, 2014.

GOOD NEWS

Awards & Recognition

- **GSACRD** is pleased to announce that Mrs. Tammy Curial at J.J. Nearing School will be honored with the Education Award from the Autism Society of Edmonton and area for her work in improving the lives of students with Autism at the school. This is an annual award that will formally be presented to her on May 21, 2014, 10:30 a.m. at the school.
- The **Ministry of Education** released the results of the 2014 Accountability Pillar for the province which measures satisfaction levels, a school district's performance and the success students are experiencing. A number of the key measures in the performance report reflect high school success. While our report highlights academic achievements with more than 76% of students eligible for scholarship monies and 25% of our students achieving the standard of excellence on diploma exams, it is the data around high school completion, and transition that stands out most. The report highlights exceptionally low dropout rates and the likelihood that you will be successful and graduate from high school within three years is extremely high. This is also a confirmation of the values and importance that our communities place on education.

School Updates

- Congratulations to Mrs. Lajoie and her GO MAD grade nine class at **V.J. Maloney** who planned the annual event and the hundreds of students who participated. With the generous support of our community and sponsors, hard work and enthusiasm of students, staff and alumni they managed to surpass their goal of 42,000 raising \$45,392 for Juvenile Diabetes Research! In the past three years the GO MAD class has raised \$108,000 for this important cause.
- ESSMY Graduation ceremonies were celebrated on May 9th and it was an outstanding event.

ACTION ITEMS

The Board approved the 2014-2015 Strategic Plan for the Board and the 2014-2015 Principles for the Basis of Allocations to Schools which highlighted that class size standards will be maintained from this year's current levels for K-9 along with a new funding model for high schools that is also based on class size.

The Board of Trustees reviewed the 2014-2015 DRAFT Budget for the 3rd time, which will be placed for final discussion and approval at the May 26th regular board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board received an update on how pre-school programming increases readiness for learning to understand the need, benefits and inclusive model within the District.

UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD

- Trustees will be reviewing the feedback received from the Shaping Our Future discussions to understand the community interest in future high school programming.

UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD - continued

- The Board will continue their review of the 2014-2015 Budget.
- Trustees will be attending upcoming graduation ceremonies at SACHS and MCHS.

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

Monday, May 26, 2014

7:30 p.m. at District Office

6 St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert, AB

PUBLIC WELCOME