



**Greater St. Albert
Catholic Schools**

Board Meeting Summary

January 26, 2015

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The last regular meeting of the Board was held at the District Office, on Monday, January 26, 2015.

GOOD NEWS

150th Celebration Plan News

- Congratulations to Ecole Father Jan staff for putting together some outstanding events including the good ole fashioned duck race. Proceeds raised are in support of the grade six We Day and Junior Achievement projects.
- G.H. Primeau held a fabulous Time Capsule event including everything from today's newspaper, the anniversary video and pop culture items; thank you to the student, staff and dignitaries that participated.

School News

- **Legal School** hosted a school wide mass that was well received by students. It was a positive experience for all students attending.
- **Ecole Notre Dame School** staff baked for immigrant families in their community on their recent staff retreat.
- **G.H. Primeau** hosted their first reconciliation event. Vice-Principal, Chtistina McKinnon commented that it was a positive experience for all those students who participated.
- **R.S. Fowler** students presented the Stollery Children's Hospital with a cheque for \$401.04 from funds raised selling hot chocolate and candy canes before the Christmas break. Thank you to all the students and families who participated and supported such a worthy cause!
- High schools in the district may have another dual credit opportunity in future years. St. Joseph's College is exploring the possibility for students who are in grade 12 in Catholic schools the opportunity to take a university credential theology course through St. Joe's. The ideal student would be an individual going into post-secondary who wishes to teach in a Catholic school. This initiative is in the exploration phase and would be exciting news for Catholic schools.
- **MCHS** has 13 students already participating in the Norquest English dual credit course. In addition, the school has received interest from Alberta Education in showcasing the school's "Pack Day's" as an option for flexible programming.

ACTION ITEMS

- The District will be issuing a tender for transportation services; this will delay the approval of bus fees for the 2015-2016 school year until the beginning of April.
- The Board approved Myers, Norris, Penny as the new auditor for a five year term.
- The District will be responding to the request for feedback on the new Provincial Regulations to support the *Education Act* supporting the submission being made by the Alberta Catholic School Trustees Association.

SUPERINTENDENTS UPDATE

- Superintendent David Keohane shared the K-6 survey results on the reporting process and highlighted key areas of feedback.
- Superintendent Keohane also presented the next phase of the Shaping Our Future dialogue around improving experiences for youth in our St. Albert High Schools. The community is being asked to share their thoughts through an online forum regarding two approaches to address opportunities identified last spring in the first phase of consultation. Visit the district website for more information.

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.
- Trustees will continue supporting celebrations recognizing 150th anniversary plans to the end of the school year.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for
Monday, February 9, 2015
7:30 p.m. at District Office
6 St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert, AB

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