



**Greater St. Albert
Catholic Schools**

Board Meeting Summary

March 9 2015

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The last regular meeting of the Board was held at the District Office, on Monday, March 9, 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 and best of luck as they head to the finals against Sir George Simpson.
- 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.

PRESENTATION DELEGATIONS

- **Smart City Planning, City of St. Albert** Councillor Heron presented the work being done by the City to define and understand what a “Smart City” would look like. Councillor Prefontaine spoke to the need for a grass roots approach to ensure the initiative is community driven. Purpose is to allow the City to manage community infrastructure and services more effectively. Some of the City projects underway were highlighted and consultation plans. They’ve requested to have input from the District and schools.
- Trustee Caron shared information regarding the District’s preferred site selection in St. Albert for the new elementary school and the importance of moving this forward. The preferred site would be within the new Jensen Lakes Subdivision.

ACTION ITEMS

- The Board approved the CCSSA LIFE Framework that would be a supporting document to the existing District Administrative Procedure 359 – Safe and Caring Learning Environments for

Students; this will ensure a comprehensive approach is in place to address requests for student led groups that are inclusive that also ensure the well-being of all students.

SUPERINTENDENTS UPDATE

- Secretary-treasurer Schlag presented some scenarios for the coming school year in advance of an actual budget draft coming forward this spring..
- Superintendent Keohane provided an update on Shaping Our Future and the data collection through the online collaboration (Thought Stream) conducted highlighting the high response rate with a very engaged audience.

UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD

- Trustees will continue supporting celebrations recognizing 150th 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 150th Anniversary celebrations and history.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for
Monday, March 23, 2015
7:30 p.m. at District Office
6 St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert, AB

PUBLIC WELCOME to BOTH MEETINGS