



**Greater St. Albert
Catholic Schools**

Board Meeting Summary

March 23 2015

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

GOOD NEWS

- Congratulations to our schools for raising \$8,552.00 for the annual Catholic Social Services Sign of Hope Campaign. The 2014 - 2015 "gauntlet challenge" resulted in **J.J. Nearing** receiving the first prize of 5 substitute teacher days. **Neil M. Ross** received the second prize of a pizza lunch for staff. In the spirit of giving, the staff volunteered to have the dollars for the lunch donated to Catholic Social Services. A cheque for \$200.00 will be donated on behalf of the Neil M. Ross staff.
- **St. Albert Catholic High** is cheering **T.J. Pennington**, Culinary Skills student, who won a three Year, all-expense paid, scholarship to NAIT. Congratulations! They are also pleased with the outstanding performance of their Cheer team with silver medal honours at provincials! Congratulations to Jack McDougall for his silver medal performance and to Jaydan Mason, from SACHS for placing 4th in ASAA Wrestling Provincials!
- **J.J. Nearing** students attended a wrestling tournament in Cochrane and all students took home medals; two gold, two silver and two bronze! Congratulations!
- **G.H. Primeau School** is cheering their recent success in earning gold (grade 5/6 team) and bronze (grade 7/8 team) in cheerleading.
- Congratulations to **V.J. Maloney** boys' basketball team for earning City Champs honours in their league.
- **R.S. Fowler** senior boys' basketball team had an outstanding season and were undefeated. They picked up the silver medal in the City finals. Congratulations!
- **Bertha Kennedy School** participated in the wrestling competition in Cochrane and is now earning recognition of being one of the top schools in the province.

CONSENT ITEMS

- The Board will be delaying the approval of the transportation tender and subsequent transportation fees until the provincial budget information is known. It is expected the approval of these items will take place at the next regular board meeting on April 20, 2015.
- The Board approved the 2016-2019 Capital Plan which includes three projects that have received provincial approval including the two new schools planned for Morinville and St. Albert as well as the modernization of V. J. Maloney School.
- The Board will be reviewing and making recommendations on a policy "Naming of Schools."
- The Board approved the nomination of Rachel Virani from Albert Lacombe School for the 2015 Edwin Parr Teacher Award.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Kaup tendered his resignation from the Board effective March 23, 2015. Trustees thanked him for his contributions to the Board and the District. Trustee Caron provided a "notice of motion" regarding a by-election discussion for the next regular meeting of the Board.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

A note of thanks was received from the City of St. Albert for the support the schools and the District provided during the Constable Wynn tragedy. In addition, the City of St. Albert Council approved the Safe Journey's To School report, and a letter from the Minister of Education was received thanking the District for their work in collaborating with other school boards to find a solution for the accommodation of Catholic, Francophone and public students in Legal.

SUPERINTENDENTS UPDATE

- Secretary-treasurer Schlag provided a quarterly update highlighting a small surplus year-to-date, but an overall projected deficit position to year-end based on estimated future expenditures for the next six months.

UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD

- Trustees will continue supporting celebrations recognizing 150th anniversary plans to the end of the school year including the Mass on the Hill planned for June 11 at 9:45 a.m. Public are welcome to attend. As well, the Gala event planned for June 13 on historic Mission Hill at 6 p.m. has some tables and tickets remaining for interested individuals and organizations.
- 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 on April 17 to 19th.

**The next Advocacy Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for
Monday, April 13, 2015
7:30 p.m. at District Office
6 St. Vital Ave., St. Albert, AB**

**The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for
Monday, April 20, 2015
7:30 p.m. at Legal School
Legal, AB**

PUBLIC WELCOME to BOTH MEETINGS