



**Greater St. Albert
Catholic Schools**

Board Meeting Summary

May 25, 2015

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The last regular meeting of the Board was held at the District Office, on Monday, May 25, 2015.

GOOD NEWS

- Congratulations to **SACHS** cosmetology students **Alexandra Verano**, a grade 10 student who competed in the Junior Braiding category and **Nicole Teixeira**, a grade 12 student, who competed in the Intermediate Bridal competition. Alexandra's amazing rope design was only .5 points from placing in a top four spot, and Nicole's stunning bridal design won her **GOLD** at the Regional Skills competition. As this was a qualifying event, Nicole advanced to compete at the Provincial Skills competition.
- **CIVIX**, a polling organization that engaged students across the province during the recent election congratulated close to 800 students in the District who participated in the Student Vote during this past election. Interestingly, the final results of the student poll mirrored the actual election results. Thank you to all those who participated!
- **Albert Lacombe** students hosted a Penny Carnival to raise funds to support the Phillipines Development and Peace project to restore school buildings. The Carnival, a huge success generated over \$1,500.
- To recognize the 50th Anniversary of **Albert Lacombe School**, a mural will permanently place on the outside of the school, with the assistance of local artists. A grant from the City of St. Albert was received to support this initiative.
- Students at R.S. Fowler hosted a “cake walk” to raise fund for the Stollery Hospital. A total of \$500 was raised. Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed!
- **Vital Grandin** choir students were tops at the recent provincial competition. The Senior Choir took second place and the Junior Choir placed first. Congratulations to both for their outstanding performances!
- Congratulations to Penny Baragar-Brcic, Principal at **École Secondaire Sainte Marguerite d’Youville** who was honored with the Local Award of Excellence in Catholic Education. The Excellence in Catholic Education Award recognizes Catholic ‘teachers’ in Alberta who have done an exemplary job in preparing our youth to grow into outstanding Catholic citizens..

ACTION ITEMS

- The Board approved the 2015-2016 Principles for the Basis of Allocations to Schools which provides the foundation to preparing the upcoming school year budget which is required to be submitted by June 30, 2015 to the province.
- The Board approved the LIFE Framework and Administrative Procedure (AP) 359 – Safe and Caring Learning Environments for students. The framework and AP respond to Bill 10 legislation which is expected to be proclaimed by the government in June 2015. The framework provides a context on how our schools can work the legislation and within Catholic teachings.

- The policy that will guide the Board in the naming of schools was read for the second time. This will be important as the District constructs and names two new schools; one in Morinville and one in St. Albert in the near future.
- The Shaping Our Future report and results were shared including the webpage where the public can view the “future directions” the District will take in the coming months. An implementation plan will be shared with the Board by January 30, 2016 with relevant timelines and budgetary considerations.
- The Instructional Year Calendar for 2015/2016 is still being finalized. Hard copies of the calendar will be sent out to schools in mid-June.
- The Board will be supporting the continuation of the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton’s Sacramental Education Initiative for another year.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Information was shared with respect to the sod turning for the Francophone School construction. It is being planned for June 19, 2015.

SUPERINTENDENTS UPDATE

- Superintendent, D. Keohane shared recent updates on the Accountability Pillar Report highlighting the District success on all measures and in particular the dropout rate noting that 100% of our FNMI students graduate.
- Superintendent, D. Keohane presented the summary report from the recent Community Conversation. Trustee Crockett shared feedback received on the process and the interest in increasing parental involvement in these sessions.

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 next Advocacy Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for

Monday, June 8, 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, June 15, 2015

7:30 p.m. at District Office

6 St. Vital Ave., St. Albert, AB

PUBLIC WELCOME to BOTH MEETINGS