



**Greater St. Albert
Catholic Schools**

Board Meeting Summary

September 28, 2015

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The last regular meeting of the Board was at the District Office, on Monday, September 28, 2015.

GOOD NEWS

- **Albert Lacombe** was voted “Favourite School” in St. Albert in the 2015 Gazette Readers' Choice Awards. These awards are given out to local organizations in the community annually. Congratulations!
- **J.J. Nearing** staff is ready to embrace the “Bring Your Own Device” initiative with fourteen staff participating in the recent 21st Century Learning Symposium. They are excited!
- **Neil M. Ross** hosted the Geek Squad Academy (educational program under Best Buy Canada). More than 80 students in grade five were eager participants to learn about the latest and greatest in technology from 3D printing and LEGO Robotics, to digital music and digital citizenship.
- **GSACRD** Schools have been hosting their annual Terry Fox Run. An honorable mention to the students and staff at **V.J. Maloney** who raised \$1,600!
- **ESSMY** will be hosting their Annual Awards evening on October 1 at 7:00pm at St. Albert Parish to celebrate the success of their students.
- **SACHS** is excited to add to their athletic program a Junior Boys Volleyball team this year! Their Senior Girls volleyball team had a great start to the year earning gold at the U of A tournament early this month. SACHS is also excited to begin the process of organizing a student trip, with the Criss Cross team, to travel to Anaheim and attend the annual Catholic Congress.
- Students at **École Father Jan** participated in the National Tree Day, a project that was coordinated with the City of St Albert Parks and Recreation. Each class planted a larger tree or bush totaling 12 trees in a park off of Mission Ave and Mission Place.

POLICY UPDATES

The Board approved the review of Board Policies 1 – District Mission Statement, Values and Beliefs, Goals and Objectives, Policy 7 – Board Operations, Policy 9 – Board Representatives, and Policy 10 –Policy Making.

ACTION ITEMS

- The Board approved the Board Monitoring Calendar for the coming school year which details the work of the Trustees, the highlights of the Communication Plan, and the updated Expense Rate Schedule.
- The Board approved the name change for the St. Gabriel School site to St. Gabriel High School in place of St. Albert Storefront School to more accurately reflect its operation. Operationally, the District will adopt “Greater St. Albert Catholic iLearn” as the name for the online program offering that exists within district high schools.
- The Board approved their Advocacy Plan. A complete copy is available on the website in the Board of Trustees menu.

- The Board of Trustees approved the nomination of the St. Albert & Morinville R.C.M.P. Detachments for the Friends of Education Alberta School Boards Association Award.

UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD

- Trustees will be honoring and recognizing staff milestones in early October at the annual Long Service Award event.
- The Board will continue their work in moving the new school infrastructure projects forward.

**The next Advocacy Meeting
of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for
Monday, October 5, 2015
and the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for
Monday, October 26, 2015
7:30 p.m. at District Office
6 St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert, AB**

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