



**Greater St. Albert
Catholic Schools**

Board Meeting Summary

January 25, 2016

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The last regular meeting of the Board was at the District Office, on Monday, January 25, 2016.

GOOD NEWS

- Congratulations to the **Albert Lacombe School** Community for the generous collection of school supplies and backpacks for 90 refugee children. This initiative was done in partnership with Catholic Social Services!
- Many thanks to Scott Johnston (**Bertha Kennedy School**) and Kurt McDougall (**J.J. Nearing School**) for giving of their time and helping **Neil M. Ross School** get wrestling started. This will be a wonderful option for interested students.
- The **SACHS** Interac Club was successful in raising over \$1,100 for the Stollery. All proceeds were generated from a bottle drive!
- What a wonderful award event the Legal School 4H Club hosted. The public speaking skills of the students were outstanding!

ACTION ITEMS

- The Board received a report on implementation plans regarding opportunities at our St. Albert High Schools. The memo highlights recommendations to improve student experience at both St. Albert High School and École Sainte Marguerite d'Youville and is part of the ongoing work initiated through Shaping Our Future.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent Keohane presented a comprehensive report on all elements that contribute to a safe and caring environment in our schools. This included an update on the actions and the progress the District has made in response to the Safe Journeys to School report and a recent review of the District's Critical Incident/Emergency Response protocol on the opportunities for improvement.
- An update on the Gallup Student Poll was provided highlighting the importance of "*a rewarding and engaging occupation*" as a significant driver of engagement. The student poll that GSACRD conducts has been modified to reflect this important driver. The poll still recognizes the importance of "hope" in measuring the likelihood of student success.
- The procedure for accommodating and respecting Gender Identity and Expression was shared with the Board. The document outlines the process for how GSACRD schools will respond to requests in a consistent and respectful/caring way. This document respects Catholic teachings, meets government guidelines and recognizes parents/guardians as primary educators of their child.

UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD

- The Board will review options for addressing the vacancy on the Board.
- The Board will be hosting a face-to-face Community Conversation on February 24, 2016.
- The Board will be gathering for their annual planning meetings on April 15/16th to address long term plans for the district.

**The next Advocacy Meeting
Of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for
Monday, February 1, 2016
7:30 p.m. at District Office**

**The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for
Monday, February 8, 2016
7:30 p.m. at District Office
6 St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert, AB**

PUBLIC WELCOME