



**Greater St. Albert
Catholic Schools**

Board Meeting Summary

February 22, 2016

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The last regular meeting of the Board was at the District Office, on Monday, February 22, 2016.

GOOD NEWS

- The Board commended ESSMY on their Chapel unveiling event that took place; Archbishop Richard Smith was in attendance to bless the Chapel.
- The MCHS Community was recently blessed with donations from Landrex Homes in support of their industrial shop, and from Champion Pet Foods to help support their studio operations and their Urban Agriculture program. Thank you to both of these organizations for supporting students and enhancing their program experience!

Development and Peace News

- Funds raised will go directly to the Philippines Partnership Project that was established between the Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools and Development and Peace to support survivor communities of Super Typhoon Haiyan. The following is an update on the range of events taking place in our schools in support of this effort.
- Congratulations goes out to the ESSMY community that raised over \$3000 in support of Development and Peace. Students skipped for 5.5 hours and had a great afternoon. A huge thank you for all those that helped out including our local businesses that provided prizes for our event!
- Shrove Tuesday at École Notre Dame served up hundreds of pancakes resulting in close to \$500 in donations towards Development and Peace! Thank you to the staff, students and their families.
- École Father Jan students had fun serving up Fair Trade Hot Chocolate at their school raising more than \$1,000 towards Development and Peace. Wow, that is a lot of hot chocolate!!
- The Annual Box Social event at G.H. Primeau set a record for fun and for contributions. This year's event raised \$1,750!
- At J.J. Nearing their Wake-a-Thon was fun and of course tiring; however, they were successful in raising \$1,500 towards their Development and Peace fund!
- With all these fabulous events taking place the District contribution to the building of Pope Francis School has now reached the 1/3 mark, or \$70,000! Thank you to all the schools and their communities for their generosity!

PRESENTATION DELEGATION

- Iain Hackett, with Thought Exchange provided a high level summary regarding the level of participation, major themes emerging from the data and some highlights around the online consultation hosted last fall on mental health and bullying awareness. Information is expected to be released to all the participants and the public in April.

ACTION ITEMS

- The Board unanimously approved the names for the new schools in Morinville and St. Albert; they will respectively be named St. Kateri Tekakwitha Academy and Sister Alphonse Academy. Both

names honour the heritage and legacy of the District. The list provided by sub-committees for consideration by the Board in each communities were as follows:

St. Albert School Top Names

1. Pope Francis School
2. Sister Alphonse School
3. St. Andre School

Morinville School Top Names

1. Pope Francis School
2. St. Jean the Baptiste
3. Sr. Kateri Tekakwitha School

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- **Assistant Superintendent Quick** updated the Board on origin, participation and costs associated with District participation in the We Day event.
- **Secretary Schlag** shared a detailed report regarding transportation services highlighting some efficiency in providing service including online application, payment and the introduction of new software.
- **Asst. Superintendent McGuinness** provided an update on the student enrolment and staffing reports.
- **Secretary-treasurer Schlag** updated the Board on the progress of the St. Albert Catholic High School modernization project and timelines for completion.

UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD

- The Board will be confirming plans for a by-election to fill 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, March 7, 2016
7:30 p.m. at District Office**

**The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for
Monday, March 21, 2016
3:30 p.m. at District Office
6 St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert, AB**

PUBLIC WELCOME