



**Greater St. Albert
Catholic Schools**

Board Meeting Summary

March 21, 2016

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The last regular meeting of the Board was at the District Office, on Monday, March 21, 2016.

GOOD NEWS

Community News

- The Bon Accord Catholic Residents Group were successful at their recent 4X4 formation meeting in gaining support to form a Catholic Separate School District that would amalgamate with Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools when Ministerial Approval is received! The process and resulting vote is an excellent example of the democratic process provided to families in Alberta.
- Thank you to all the participants who came out to the Community Conversation on February 24th to share perspectives on technology use in our schools. We appreciated receiving input from our staff members and the broader community on this important and evolving topic!

School News

- Many students had the opportunity to participate in the Way of the Cross this past month. Students and staff of **École Notre Dame and École Georges H Primeau** gathered on a Friday evening at St. Jean Baptiste Parish in Morinville to pray the Way of the Cross. Students led the devotion with readings and prayers. As well, **St. Albert Catholic High** students were joined by members of CrissCross Ministry (District's youth ministry team) as they led a devotion of the Stations of the Cross at St. Albert Parish.
- There has been lots of cheering going on for the combined **R.S. Fowler and V.J. Maloney** Junior Cheer team that has secured a spot at provincials in April! We wish them continued success for the remainder of their season. Many thanks to the support of **SACHS** staff members, **Jacqueline Weir**, teacher, and **Leanne Oake**, library technician, who have put in the effort with the team by coaching and organizing tournaments. We are cheering!
- The basketball season wrapped up at many schools with several of the teams taking top spots! At **MCHS**, the grade nine girls took first place in their zone championships while the boys earned a second place standing. Meanwhile, at **SACHS**, the Junior Girls team won first place and took home their divisional banner this year, while their Senior Girls fought an exciting final game and took second place! Congratulations to all of our teams for an outstanding season!
- At **ESSMY**, students used their skipping talents to not only get some fabulous exercise but they ended up raising \$400 towards the Development & Peace initiative!
- Two of the students at **SACHS**, wrestlers Jayden Manson & Jack McDougall won gold at Metro Edmonton Zones and then went on to respectively win the gold and silver medal at Provincials!

ACTION ITEMS

- The Board approved the By-Election date for the vacant St. Albert Ward seat as Monday, September 19, 2016; this will require all candidate nomination papers to be submitted on Monday, August 22, 2016 between 10:00 am and Noon at the District Office.
- The 2017-2020 Capital Plan submission was approved to include the modernization of Morinville Community High School CTS area and upgrades to the ventilation system at Bertha Kennedy Catholic Elementary School.
- A draft policy was introduced that provides guidance to the Board in honoring Indigenous People in the communities we serve. The draft policy will be brought to the Board again for a second reading, and then provided to the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) for review prior to final approval.
- The Board approved the nomination of Aaron Adams, teacher at R.S. Fowler School, as this year's Edwin Parr Nominee. Special mention also goes to Dean Neumeier at SACHS, who was recognized as a strong candidate for nomination; unfortunately, only one nominee can be put forward annually.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- **Superintendent Keohane** provided the Board with a Summary Report on the recent Community Conversation on Technology use in schools. This report will be posted to the website under the Superintendent section.
- **Secretary-treasurer Schlag** shared a Quarterly financial update with the Board which projected a more favourable outlook for the District and a smaller deficit position than originally projected.
- **Secretary-treasurer Schlag** updated the Board on an agreement that will be signed with the City of St. Albert to co-operate during emergency situations to allow access to school facilities for evacuation centres, if needed.

UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD

- The Board will be holding a by-election for the St. Albert Ward on September 19, 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, April 4, 2016
7:30 p.m. at District Office**

**The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for
Monday, April 11, 2016
3:30 p.m. at District Office
6 St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert, AB**

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