



Greater St. Albert
Catholic Schools

Board Meeting Summary

April 25, 2016

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

GOOD NEWS

Community News

- **May 2 to 6, 2016 is Education Week.** This year's theme is *Learning Together* and the week provides an opportunity to celebrate all of the learning and education that our schools provide. Alberta has been celebrating Education Week for over 75 years and it gives communities an opportunity to celebrate the importance of education to society.
- The District is pleased with results from the annual Gallup Survey which measures engagement levels across the organization. The results this year are the highest seen since the initiative was implemented more than 8 years ago.
- Thank you and shout outs to:
 - St. Albert Community Facebook page for commending **SACHS students** on their respectful behaviour demonstrated during the recent Wake-a-thon event!
 - **MCHS students/staff** for assisting the parish with their recent move.

School News

School staff and students have shared outstanding performances at the recent Rotary Club Music Festivals. Please join me in congratulating the following groups who received gold medals:

- The **Vital Grandin Grade 3 Choir**, first time participants!
- The **grade 6 and grade 7/8 bands** with **G.H. Primeau**.
- **J.J. Nearing's Senior Choir**

ESSMY hosted a fun "Family Movie Night" for their feeder schools. The production Finding Nemo was shown and many adorable children showed up in Disney costumes to enjoy the evening festivities! All proceeds raised during the night will be sent to Development and Peace.

Congratulations to an outstanding grade 6 student at **Albert Lacombe, Kalee Eaglesham** who was nominated for a Leaders of Tomorrow Award!

The **MCHS Cheer Team** brought home a bronze medal from the Cheerleading Provincials. The team has had an outstanding season and congratulation to all students and staff on this accomplishment.

MCHS was the recipient of a \$3,000 grant to put towards an outdoor classroom! We will be looking forward to seeing this classroom in action.

ACTION ITEMS

- The Board approved *Policy 19 Acknowledging Territories of Indigenous Communities within District Events*.
- The Board established a sub-committee to consider *Policy Options for Recruitment and Selection of Personnel*.
- The Board approved the 2016/2017 Board Strategic Priority Report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- An update was provided on the Open Classroom concept and how it supports pedagogy and instruction that is consistent with GSACRD's approach to learning and engaging students.
- Secretary-treasurer Schlag updated the Board on a few budget considerations for the coming school year based on the recent provincial announcement. Some of the assumptions that will impact the budgeting process include: two collective agreements requiring re-negotiation at Aug 31, 2016, increase in benefit costs, and confirmation of class size standards for allocation purposes. The Board is pleased the government recognized education as a priority.

UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD

- Education Week is being celebrated this year from May 2 to 6, 2016. This year's theme is Learning Together.
- The Board will be attending graduation ceremonies to recognize this significant milestone.
- The By-election for the St. Albert Ward on September 19, 2016. Nomination will be accepted on Monday, August 22, 2016 between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m.

**The next Advocacy Meeting
Of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for
Monday, May 9, 2016
7:30 p.m. at District Office**

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

PUBLIC WELCOME