



**Greater St. Albert
Catholic Schools**

Board Meeting Summary

June 27, 2016

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The last regular meeting of the Board was held at the District Office, on Monday, June 27, 2016.

GOOD NEWS

Community News

- **Neil M. Ross** nominated one of their super volunteers, Rose De Sousa for the Caring Canadian medal which recognizes exceptional volunteer achievements and she was selected! She is also the volunteer that was honored with the public education certificate from Neil M. Ross! We are blessed to have her as part of our school community.
- **MCHS** wishes to thank their community partners: The Morinville Fire Department, the Catholic Women's League, Knights of Columbus, Lions' Club, Rotary and Servus Credit Union who served 1400 lunches this past year recognizing students for outstanding "citizenship!"

School News

- **École Notre Dame** tallied the total proceeds from their recent Fun Run which ended up at close to \$5,500!! Congratulations to the organizers of the event and thank you to the generosity of the Morinville community!
- **MCHS Grad** was a memorable event for more than 1,000 students and their families! Thank you to Fr. Mario who was the celebrant for the liturgical service. In addition, the Grad Charity Committee raised over \$3100, collected 800 lbs of food collected for the Morinville Food Bank and donated of more than 100 toys to the MidStream Society. What a fabulous way to support their local community in their graduating year!
- **J.J. Nearing** is pleased that more families are choosing their school; registrations are at their highest and approaching 500!
- **MCHS** track athletes had an outstanding season with fourteen students qualifying for the Provincial Track and Field Championship!
- Congratulations to G.H. Primeau on hosting an outstanding Innovation Event highlighting the range of talent which was shared with the broader community

District News

- The District received recognition for the 150th Anniversary celebrations from the NSPRA (National Schools Public Relations Association), with a Golden Achievement Award for excellence in Public Relations.

PRESENTATIONS

- **St. Albert School Resource Officer Program Year-end Report** Cpl. Kading presented the highlights from the past year; mentioning that students from Morinville Community High School participated in this past year's Youth Academy Program. Next program will be in 2018 and is offered every two years. Support of the Dare program will continue and is supported by local officials. Inspector Foster reiterated the RCMP's commitment to working with youth and schools.
- **Morinville School Resource Officer Program Year-end Report** Constable Short highlighted the RCMP School Resource Officer's (SRO) participation in events at the school including flex days, hockey competitions and the annual open house which provided opportunities to connect with students. Overall, the report cites an excellent year for the SRO program.

ACTION & CONSENT ITEMS

- The Board approved the 2016-2019 Three-Year Education Plan Framework which provides the context and assists the District in the planning process.
- The Board approved the 2016-2017 Budget highlighting that expenditures reflect: spending today's dollars on today's kids, maximizing resources to the classroom with 80% of funds supporting students in classrooms, maintaining class sizes for K-9, and the use of reserves to maintain allocations to schools. In addition, the budget highlights stable staffing levels and a projected increase in enrolment.
- The Board continued their work on new policies: the review and approval process for a new award, Laura Bird Memorial Beacon of Hope and an initial review of the Recruitment and Selection of Personnel policy.
- The Board approved the final Guidelines for New School Consultation that will inform decisions made regarding boundaries and programming.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Secretary-treasurer Schlag updated the Board with a Quarterly Budget projection for the 2015-2016 School year. It is expected the District will close out the year with a small deficit (\$72,325).

UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD

- The By-election for the vacancy in the St. Albert Ward is on September 19, 2016 if there are multiple nominees. Nominations will be accepted on Monday, August 22, 2016 between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m.
- The Board is looking forward to their public consultation process this fall regarding boundaries and programming for Sister Alphonse Academy. The process will begin in October 2016.

**The Organizational Meeting
Of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for
Monday, September 26, 2016
7:00 p.m. at District Office**

**The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for
Monday, September 26, 2016
Following the Organizational Meeting at District Office
6 St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert, AB**

PUBLIC WELCOME at ALL of the above MEETINGS