



BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

Chair: Serena Shaw | Vice-Chair: Rosaleen McEvoy
Trustees: Joe Becigneul | Joan Crockett | Cathy Proulx | Noreen Radford | René Tremblay

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting was held at the District Office, on Monday, October 17, 2016.

GOOD NEWS

District Update:

- The District was rewarded with an outstanding [Accountability Pillar Report](#), once again. Thank you to all the dedicated staff across the District which has resulted in continued student success.
- Close to 85 staff members were recognized at the recent **Long Service Awards** event for reaching milestones with the District. Thank you to the staff who looked after the organization of this celebration including: Pat Gerhardt, Annali Lozowski, and Jennifer Witter. Special thanks to Mr. Sean McGuiness for emceeing the evening.

School News:

- **MCHS** has a Student Training Program for those interested in exploring a career with the Morinville Fire Department. Thirteen students attended the session to find out about the program and successful applicants will spend the year attending practices and training sessions with the Morinville Department. If they complete and pass their training program, students are able to attend emergency calls assisting the senior department members.
- Congratulations to **Nicolas Paret**, outstanding teacher from **ESSMY** who is the St. Albert Rotary Teacher of the Month!
- **Legal School** Cross-Country Running Teams are enjoying much success this season. Congratulations to the grade nine team for a recent first place finish and the grade five runners for capturing third place.
- Schools in the District celebrated Read-In Week by inviting media personalities, community members, local officials and District personnel to read. Many thanks to all those who came out to support student learning by sharing a favorite story!
- Congratulations to the **St. Gabriel School** Community who harvested 104 pounds of food earlier this month for donation to the St. Albert Food Bank.

Community News:

Congratulations to all those families in Namao and Carbondale who participated and did the ground work for a 4 X 4 Formation. The votes were successful, to form a Separate School District for their areas, which now requires Ministerial approval.

ACTION & CONSENT ITEMS

- The Board approved the 2016-2017 Communication Plan and Communication Plan Highlights.
- The Board approved the First Nations, Métis and Inuit (FNMI) Leadership Committee and Membership. The committee will provide governance-level guidance on how to share information and communication with parents and external agencies about the FNMI Advisory Committee's work and recommendations.
- The Board will be submitting recommendations to the Alberta School Board Association for updates to the *Child and Youth Advocate Act* that will increase protection for all children, including those up to age nineteen.
- School Liaison appointments were assigned for the school year and trustees are looking forward to connecting with Councils.

CHAIR'S REPORT

- **Board Chair, Serena Shaw** shared correspondence received including the recent St. Albert Census, as well as, provided an update on the Audit Committee and the successful addition of two community members who will both serve a two-year term.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- **Superintendent Keohane** updated the Board on the success of the District on all of the measures in the Accountability Pillar Report. It was noted the report highlights the District as a leading example of education excellence at the local and provincial level. In addition, the success of our FNMI students was noted; and the opportunity that exists to improve student achievement for all students.
- **Asst. Superintendent Nixon** presented the 2015-2016 District Results highlighting the District's assessment process which includes provincial exams. It was noted that grade 6 achievement is exceptionally high, along with grade 9 achievement. Diploma Exam results highlighted not only success in the current year but also the five-year trend and achievement at the acceptable and standard of excellence level. The District will be focused on continuing to build its strength in the Standard of Excellence.
- **Asst. Superintendent McGuinness** shared updated staffing and enrolment reports reflecting consistent staffing and enrolments. The enrolment report also highlights growth in the early year's program with numbers increasing in Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten programs across all communities. Overall District numbers are consistent with the previous year report

UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD

- 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 with two open houses; October 26th at J.J. Nearing and November 1st at Neil M. Ross, both will run from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. and be a drop in format. Input received will be considered in designing programming and attendance boundary options.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for

Monday, October 31, 2016

3:30 p.m. at District Office, 6 St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert, AB

The next Advocacy Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for

Monday, November 7, 2016

7:30 p.m. at District Office, 6 St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert, AB

PUBLIC WELCOME at ALL of the above MEETINGS