



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, January 30, 2017.

GOOD NEWS

District News

- The District received a letter of congratulations from Alberta Milk honoring **Vital Grandin School** for their support of the Club Moo Program for over 20 years. The program started in 1985 with 25 schools and has grown to over 300 schools today. Congratulations to Vital Grandin for being a leader in offering a nutritious food option; an important part of a child's diet.

School News

- The **Vital Grandin School** community are thankful to have the support of community partners in expanding learning opportunities for students. Last week, they held their Grand Opening of their Junior ATB, which provides students an opportunity to learn about financial literacy and the world of work. In addition, the school obtained three tower gardens through a TD Environmental Grant. The plants will help them serve some up great salad from their gardens!
- **SACHS Art students** have created art which they offer for sale to support iHuman. iHuman's mission is to work with traumatized youth who exhibit high-risk lifestyles. The organization promotes their reintegration into the community through social support, engagement and outreach programs involving crisis intervention, arts mentorship and life skills development. This year's advertising poster was created by two SACHS students: Eveline Scouten and Haley Unger.
- **ESSMY** will be hosting an information evening on the Academic Preparatory Programming opportunities on February 6, 2017 that are being launched at the school in second semester. This includes: Advanced Placement, Hospitality and Tourism dual-credit course and global opportunities for students linked to their designation as a UNESCO School and a Rotary Interact site.
- **Assistant superintendent, Rhonda Nixon** in collaboration with **vice principal, Danielle Karaki** made it possible for elite athlete Ian Mitchell at St. Albert Catholic High to complete his exams while attending a major Junior hockey scouting event in Ontario. Completing his graduation requirements and succeeding academically, as well as athletically, is a priority for Ian who will be playing in the NCAA and attend Denver University this fall.
- **MCHS Grade 10 student Jenna McKinney** presented her idea for the "Make \$150 Count," Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) national initiative to the Morinville Branch and was selected to put her proposal into action. Jenna is using her \$150 to purchase toys for the Morinville Community High School's toy drive for the Knights of Columbus community Christmas Hampers. Jenna was required to submit a video to RBC of her wrapping the toys and presenting them to the

Knights organization. The Royal Bank will be selecting some of the videos that were made across Canada to appear in their national commercials of youth "Making \$150 Count". Congratulations Jenna!

- The **Morinville RCMP Detachment** presented construction teacher, Mr. Coxen and his students a thank you gift for making benches for the detachment last year. MCHS and the local RCMP have a long standing positive relationship and the school was happy to help out with their request.
- **École Marie Poburan School** successfully launched their ATB Branch!

ACTION & CONSENT ITEMS

- The Board approved the 2017-2018 Instructional Fees for schools and have held the fees equal to those charged in the 2015-2016 year (\$60- Elem, \$70-Jr High, \$100-Sr. High, and \$130 for ECS).
- The Board received as information the "What we Heard" consultation summary report from the Phase 1 Open Houses and Survey. The report was prepared by an independent consultant, J. Bloomfield with Strategy Plus, and will be posted to the website.
- The Board approved the assignment of designated schools for the residents of Namao (interim until end of the school year) and Carbondale; two areas that successfully formed Catholic Separate School Districts that joined Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools. The area of Namao will also become part of the boundary review for Ward 1 which is currently underway.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- **Assistant Superintendent Nixon** updated the Board with a Report on the success First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students are experiencing in our District and the work needed to ensure that all students experience similar success levels. Eliminating the gap between First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students and all other students is a focus goal in the District's Three Year Education Plan.
- **Superintendent Keohane** updated the Board on the recognition the District received from ThoughtExchange who published a Case Study on Greater St. Albert Catholic School's work in the area of community engagement.

UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD

- The Board will be reviewing Ward 1 boundary options for consideration (Feb 6 & 13) and approving two options on Feb 13 that can be shared with the public for further consultation in March 2017.

The next Advocacy Meeting of the Board of Trustees scheduled for
Monday, February 6, 2017

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

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for
Monday, February 13, 2017

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

PUBLIC WELCOME at ALL of the above MEETINGS