

# 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, February 13, 2017.

# GOOD NEWS

#### **District News**

• The District has announced the principal for **Sister Alphonse Academy**, appointing **Mr**. **Greg Lamer** to the position. Congratulations!

#### School News

- **Legal School** students participated in the Father Catfish Faith Retreat put on by Edmonton Catholic Schools and had a tremendous day noting their interest in attending at similar events in the future. Thank you to Mr. Colin Loiselle for making this opportunity available to students.
- **SACHS** celebrated the honor award to alumni, **Emily Vilscak** who was awarded Alberta's Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal, following the recognition she received last year being awarded with the Premier's Citizen Award. The award recognizes eight Alberta high-school students each year who demonstrate outstanding citizenship, leadership, community service and volunteerism, and comes with a medal and a \$5,000 scholarship.
- Congratulations to all of the staff from **ESSMY and Assistant Superintendent Nixon** on the successful launch of the Academic Programming initiative at the school. Close to 70 people attended an information session to learn about new Advancement Programming, and new opportunities for students to participate in research and global initiatives at the school.
- **SACHS** hosted a Health Conference on February 8, 2017 with 900 students in attendance; this included junior high and senior high students in the District. Organized as a conference format, students could register for sessions that were of most interest to them. Thank you to all the staff for their work in hosting a great conference!
- At the R.S. Fowler Classic tournament, the battle for gold resulted in an inter-District competition between **R.S. Fowler**, who took the gold vs. **V. J. Maloney**. In addition, **Legal School** girls' basketball experienced success in their recent basketball tournament. District junior highs have certainly developed successful teams and athletes! Congratulations to all.

## ACTION & CONSENT ITEMS

• The Board had all three readings and passed the Electoral Ward Bylaw No. 01/17 which establishes electoral wards. Wards 1 and 2 include the addition of the Carbondale and Namao lands resulting from the recent 4X4 formations in those two respective areas.

- The Board of Trustees approved the nomination of Loreen Gomes, school council chair at Richard S. Fowler Catholic Jr. High School for the Alberta School Councils' Association Parent of Distinction Award.
- The Board reviewed a series of St. Albert boundary options related to Sister Alphonse Academy, which also include adjustment to some boundaries for other area schools. Boundaries for the categories of elementary French Immersion, Elementary English and Junior High English in St. Albert will be shared with the public for feedback as part of the Phase II consultation process for Sister Alphonse Academy. Open Houses and an online survey will be part of the process in March 2017.
- The Board approved the appointment of Deborah Schlag, Secretary-Treasurer, as the Returning Officer for the District for the October 16, 2017 General Election. Further arrangements will be made with each of the four municipalities associated with the District.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Secretary-Treasurer Schlag updated the Board on the automated attendance pilot project and the schools involved with a mobile application, noting the efficiencies of the technology.
- Assistant Superintendent Nixon updated the Board on the type of programming that will be shared during the SAA Phase II consultation to gather public feedback and finalize programming for the school including Academic Preparatory Programming, Recreational Academy programming and a wide range of Career and Technology options.
- Secretary-Treasurer Schlag updated the Board on preliminary enrollment projections based on current demographics and provided a preliminary update on the 2017-2018 Budget.
- Assistant Superintendent Nixon and Religious Education & Christian Family Life Consultant, C. Loiselle updated the Board on faith and spiritual initiatives in the District.

#### **UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD**

• The Board will be sharing with the public two boundary options for each category (French Immersion, English elementary and Junior High) at Open Houses planned on March 15 (at JJN) and March 21(at NMR), along with an online survey to gather feedback to finalize Sister Alphonse Academy attendance areas and programming, along with some potential boundary changes for other St. Albert schools.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2017 3:30 p.m. at District Office, 6 St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert, AB

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

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

## PUBLIC WELCOME at ALL of the above MEETINGS