



Board Meeting Summary

Chair: Serena Shaw | Vice-Chair: René Tremblay

Trustee: Joe Becigneul | Joan Crockett | Cathy Proulx | Noreen Radford | Greg Schell

THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES was held at the District Office, on Monday, October 30, 2017.

GOOD NEWS

District News

- Thank you to **Colin Loiselle, Religious Education Consultant** for organizing the opportunity for schools to host *The One Called Jesus* mobile art museum curated by Sister Thérèse Turcotte, providing students with a unique way to learn more about the life of Jesus.
- Thank you to the **Education Foundation Board** for their time and efforts in hosting a most enjoyable *A Night in Italy* event at Holy Family Parish. Your work in raising funds to support students in the district is honorable!

School News

- **V.J. Maloney** is excited to announce that **Billie-Jo Grant** is one of nine recipients of the *2017 Guiding the Journey: Indigenous Educator Awards*. Guiding the Journey honorees are acknowledged for having innovative and impactful teaching practices, advocating for resources and culturally based curricula, and helping Indigenous students reach their full potential. Billie-Jo Grant will be receiving the award at an upcoming conference in the category of Role Model. Certainly, her colleagues and students are aware of her dedication, passion and determination to help students succeed every day. Congratulations Billie-Jo!
- **ESSMY Students** safely returned from their Mission Trip to Costa Rica and similar to all previous students who have taken part, they cite the trip as “life changing.”
- **Dolores Andressen** and the **Bertha Kennedy School** community were highlighted in the Fall 2017 issue of *Ever Active Schools* for their success in keeping kids active by walking, and running 10,965 kilometers to Tacloban, Philippines in support of the District-wide initiative to build Pope Francis School.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

- Father Ignacy, Pastor at St. Albert Parish, attended the Organizational Meeting to bless and provide a commissioning service for all Trustees. The Secretary-Treasurer, who is a Commissioner of Oaths, provided each Trustee the official Oath of Office.
- The Board Chair for this coming school year will be Trustee Shaw and Trustee Tremblay will be the Vice-Chair; both were acclaimed to their respective positions.
- The Board approved the following business items for the coming year: Signing Authority, Borrowing Resolution, Appointment of Auditors for 17-18, Committee Structure & Appointments, School Liaison Appointments and Disclosure of Information.

REGULAR MEETING - ACTION & CONSENT ITEMS

- The Board approved the policy review of Board Policy 7 - Board Operations, Board Policy 8 – Board Committees and Board Policy 9 – Board Representatives.

REGULAR MEETING - CHAIR'S REPORT

Trustee Shaw thanked fellow trustees for the honour to serve as Board Chair once again and updated the Board on a 5-year initiative the Archbishop will be leading.

REGULAR MEETING - SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- **Superintendent Keohane** updated the Board on the Accountability Pillar Report highlighting the excellent result the District continues to see with respect to the majority of areas measured which positions the district as one of the top performing in the province. It was also highlighted where the focus should be to continue to improve district performance going forward.
- **Assistant Superintendent Nixon** provided the Board with an updated report on Diploma and Provincial Achievement Tests results highlighting the outstanding performance of students in the sciences while noting where the opportunities exist to increase performance going forward

UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD

- The Board will participate in celebrating Catholic Education Sunday at their respective parishes on Nov 4/5 and will attend upcoming Alberta Catholic School Trustee Association and Alberta School Boards Association Annual Fall General Meetings.
- Trustees will begin the consultation process for St. Kateri Tekakwitha Academy on November 30, 2017 with an Open House in Morinville and the launch of a survey to gather input on programming and attendance boundaries.

The Board of Trustees Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for
Monday, November 6, 2017

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

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the school year is scheduled on

Monday, November 27, 2017

at District Office, 6 St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert, AB.

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