

Board Meeting Summary

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Greater St. Albert
Catholic Schools



THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES was held at the District Office, on Monday, May 27, 2019.

GOOD NEWS

Layla Potts, student at Vital Grandin School was presented with an Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Spirit Award. These awards are presented annually to recognize First Nations, Métis and Inuit students who model strength and commitment in the pursuit of their personal education path. This award is sponsored by the Alberta School Boards Association in collaboration with the College of Alberta School Superintendents, Alberta School Councils' Association, and the Alberta Teachers' Association. Layla was selected from 174 nominations submitted provincially. A further 11 students from the district received nominations and all will be recognized by the Board in June 2019.

The Association of School Business Officials of Alberta recognized Deb Schlag, our district Secretary-Treasurer as one of this year's recipients of the ASBOA Awards of Excellence. Deb was nominated for this award by her peers for her numerous contributions and leadership to the Association and the profession. Congratulations on this well-deserved honour!

The **École Father Jan School Community** surpassed their goal of raising \$10,000 during their #SpokeUp for Mental Health Bike-A-Thon. All proceeds will be donated to the Mental Health Foundation. Congratulations to all those who organized, participated, and, donated to this worthy cause!

Richard S. Fowler School Community hosted another successful Bike-A-Thon to support Mental Health. This year they raised more than \$50,000! Congratulations to all participants, organizers and those who donated.

Morinville Community High School hosted their second Annual Bike-A-Thon and this year raised over \$10,000 that will support local charities. More than 100 students participated in this year's event!

Congratulations to **Bailey Dickie, student at Morinville Community High School** and provincial winner who took home the bronze medal in the Job Search category at the Skills Canada Provincial competition.

Thank you to the **St. Albert Community** who showed their support of Catholic education by attending one of six community paint workshops that were held. More than 600 tiles will be painted to contribute to a legacy mural in honour of Sister Alphonse, and will be permanently installed at Sister Alphonse Academy in September 2019.

J.J. Nearing Catholic School celebrated their 20th anniversary milestone. They were honoured to have their namesake, Mr. Jack Nearing, and his family members in attendance for the celebrations!

École Notre Dame hosted a school-wide faith retreat for their students. The retreat was teacher-led; a special thank you to all staff and Jenn Wiley for their role in organizing this successful half-day for students.

PRESENTATION DELEGATIONS:

The **Morinville School Resource Officer, Cst. Peter Tearle** presented the Year-end Report. It highlighted the prevalence of vaping activity by youth and he provided an update on the education topics shared with students including those on vaping, driver safety, cyber safety, and anti-bullying.

St. Albert School Resource Officer, Cpl. Laurel Kading provided a copy of the St. Albert Year-end Report. Constable Kading highlighted the school liaison program including the School Zone Project that was introduced this past year as a safety measure. It was also highlighted that vaping is a significant issue in the community and among youth and RCMP are responding with an emphasis placed on education. The Violence Risk Threat Assessment Protocol (VTRA) is in the final phase, resulting in a protocol that is inter-agency. Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools is a partner along with St. Albert Public and health agencies to collectively respond to high risk youth situations.

ACTION & CONSENT ITEMS:

- The Board reviewed and approved **Policy 14** Hearings on Teacher Matters & Board **Policy 21: Staff Recruitment and Selection**
- The Board approved the **2019-2020 Board Strategic Plan** and the **2019-2020 School-based Fees**. Fees do require ministerial approval if an increase of 5% is considered.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Updates and/or reports were provided on the following:

Administration provided a response to a Trustee Request for Information on **Contracted Services** and updated the Board on **Gallup Q12 Results and Gallup Student Poll**.

UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD

Trustees will be attending the **Spring Annual General Meeting for the Alberta School Boards Association**, the **60th Anniversary of Vital Grandin School** and the annual **Closing Mass** for all staff.

The next Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, June 10, 2019**
7:00 p.m. at District Office, 6 St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert, AB.

The 2019-2020 Organizational Meeting of the Board is scheduled for **Monday, June 17, 2019**
7:00 p.m. at District Office, 6 St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert, AB.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board is scheduled for **Monday, June 24, 2019**
3:30 p.m. at District Office, 6 St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert, AB.

PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND ALL MEETINGS