



Regular Board Meeting Summary

Monday, March 22, 2021

Held virtually, via Zoom, and livestreamed to the community on YouTube.

GOOD NEWS

School News

The new Friends of **Legal School** executive are doing amazing things! Creating an engaging social media presence in Facebook with jokes of the day, recipe share pages, pictures and activities to do with kids are some of the examples of their new online presence which will be important when their fundraising for a new playground begins.

Legal Schools' student groups (Grades 1-3); (Grades 4-6); (Grades 7-9) are in a competition to raise the most money for the Division's Lenten Service project to purchase "New Beginning Baskets" for youth. Each grade group is organizing and leading activities, craft sales, games, purchasing "treats" like bringing in stuffed animals, blankets or wearing PJs during class. The prize for the winning group will be lunch and 2 free blocks with the admin team supervising (the teachers get 2 free blocks as well).

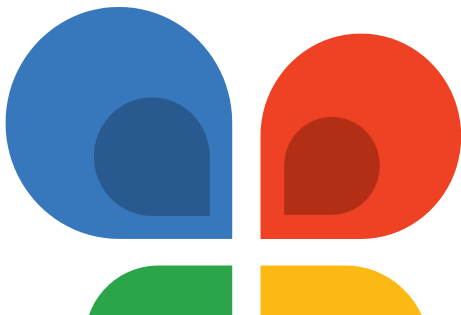
École Georges H. Primeau Middle School has also been busy raising money to support GSACRD's Lenten campaign of gifting 100 "New Beginning Baskets" through various fundraising activities in the school. To date, the school has raised \$2760.

During Random Acts of Kindness week, **Legal Schools'** students wrote notes and drew pictures that they delivered around town to various businesses and residents. The community appreciated their little messages of love. For March, the school's focus is the virtue of generosity. Their students will be donating their time and energy to help out in their community.

J.J. Nearing Catholic Elementary School collected 650 pounds of food for the St. Albert Food bank for their February service project.

Division News

GSACRD schools have engaged in a Lenten challenge to gift 100 "New Beginnings" Baskets to vulnerable youth transitioning to independent living after finding success in Catholic Social Services' programs. Our Catholic Schools recognize that every person, no matter their circumstance, is deserving of love and support. These baskets will help the youth establish themselves in their new homes as they continue to build healthy lives, and thrive independently.



On March 5, Father Ignacy of St. Albert Parish celebrated mass for the success of GSACRD's Lenten Campaign, and for the vulnerable youth supported by Catholic Social Services. Briefcases filled with students' prayers were offered before the altar at the mass which was live-streamed for all schools.

CONSENT & ACTION ITEMS

Under the Consent Agenda, the Board reviewed and approved the following:

- Policy 17: Public Interest Disclosure
- Policy 18: Naming of Schools
- Policy 19: Acknowledging Territories of Indigenous Communities (Revision)

The following Action items were approved:

- 2021 Edwin Parr Division Nominee, Justine Kuntscher
- St. Kateri Tekakwitha Academy Legacy Project Ad Hoc Committee
- 2022-2025 Capital Plan
 1. Modernization or Replacement of Legal School Solution (K-9)
 2. Replacement of École Father Jan Solution K-9
 3. Modernization of Bertha Kennedy School (K-6)
- Mental Health Capacity Grant Letter of Support (Morinville and Legal Municipalities)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The following updates and/or reports were provided as information:

- 2020-2021 Quarter 2 Financial Statements
- COVID-19 Update

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The next Regular Meeting of the Board is scheduled for **Monday, April 26, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.** The meeting will be livestreamed to the community. Regular Board Meetings are open to the public.