

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

Monday, May 31, 2021

*Held virtually, via ZOOM, and livestreamed to YouTube.*

### GOOD NEWS

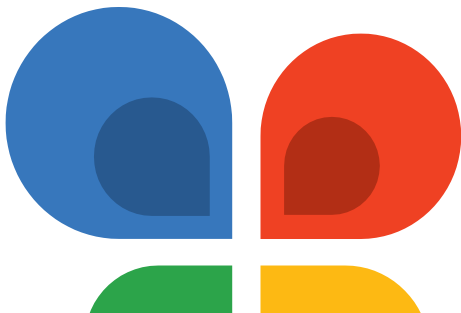
#### School News

- ⇒ [Albert Lacombe Catholic Elementary School](#) has received a generous donation of COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and sanitization supplies. These have been made available to any students and families who are in need of them. Extra supplies will be distributed to other needy families across our Division.
- ⇒ [St. Kateri Tekakwitha Academy](#) hosted its first virtual **school-wide retreat** on April 22, which was a great success. The event, which recognized the Feast of St. Kateri Tekakwitha (April 17), featured a visit from Mr. Doug Kramer, Division chaplain, and was an opportunity for students and staff to celebrate and grow in their faith.
- ⇒ Students at [Bertha Kennedy Catholic School](#) raised approximately \$1,100 for [St. Vincent De Paul](#) through the school's 'Break a Rule' Day. The unique fundraiser was a creative way to share the love of Christ with others by supporting the Catholic charity's mission to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy.

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#### Division News

- ⇒ Mr. Sean Brass, a Grade 6 teacher at [Sister Alphonse Academy](#), has been recognized for his commitment to his students by [being nominated](#) as a 2021 [City of St. Albert Mental Health Hero](#). The City launched the initiative to honour residents who have positively influenced the lives of others and improved their wellness and mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic. In May, Mental Health Hero award recipient stories were featured in the *St. Albert Gazette* and through the City's social media channels and *City Highlights* newsletter to showcase the positive impacts these heroes





have had in their community.

- ⇒ Two students from [École Secondaire St. Albert Catholic High School](#), along with another friend, helped evacuate residents from a fire at the [Citadel Mews West Continuing Care Facility](#) in St. Albert. When the students noticed smoke coming from the building, they checked in with the nursing staff at the home, and then helped residents leave the building safely – and to safety. CTV Edmonton News honoured these students in a [story](#) about their bravery, selflessness, and empathy.
- ⇒ Staff and students at our Division's 18 schools collectively raised more than \$29,572 in support of [Catholic Social Services](#) (CSS) during its **Baskets of Blessings** Lenten campaign. Each basket contains essential items that help vulnerable youth as they transition from non-permanent living arrangements to their first homes. Together, we nearly doubled our fundraising goal of \$15,000, and the more than 197 baskets the funds raised greatly surpassed our goal of 100 baskets for needy youth! We are grateful for the generosity of our students, families, and everyone within our faith and learning communities.
- ⇒ On May 5, students and staff in our Division joined Albertans across the province for **Hats On! for Mental Health**, a day that takes place annually on the first Wednesday in May. Members of our school communities wore hats to raise awareness of the importance of good mental health and to build shared understanding. Students also participated in a coordinated lesson on understanding mental health and the importance of removing the stigma associated with mental illnesses.
- ⇒ Our GSACRD community joined supporters of Catholic education across the province in prayer and celebration for the gift of Catholic education during [Catholic Education Week 2021](#) (May 10 to 14). This year's theme was "*Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength*" from Isaiah 40:31.
- ⇒ On May 13, our faith and learning community joined Catholics across the globe in giving thanks for the gift that is Catholic education through the celebration of [World Catholic Education Day](#). World Catholic Education Day to take a moment to pause, reflect, and pray on the gift that is Catholic education. Our staff, students, and families were dressed in blue as a demonstration of this support.
- ⇒ From May 5 to June 5, Division staff are participating in a **Staff Wellness Challenge**. The goal is to come together to support abundant life for oneself and others. The two-fold challenge includes:
  - a [Division-wide fundraising initiative](#) to raise \$4,000 in support of [Mercy Counseling](#); at the time this report was prepared, our staff had collectively raise \$1,470 (and counting) for this worthy cause. Donations will be accepted until June 5.
  - Mind Matters: 30/30 – staff are encouraged to participate in, and track, a daily wellness activity each day for 30 days to encourage and promote connections to personal wellness.

## **PRESENTATIONS & DELEGATIONS**

- ⇒ Cpl. Morgan Kyle, from the St. Albert RCMP, presented the *St. Albert Community Policing – School Resource Officer Year-End Report*.

## **CONSENT & ACTION ITEMS**

### ***Consent Items***

- ⇒ The Board of Trustees approved all recommendations as follows:

- Review of Board Policy 14: Hearings on Teacher Matters;
- Policy 21: Staff Recruitment and Selection; and
- Policy 22: Trustee Determination and Distribution for Elections to Policy 20;

effective June 1, 2021.

### ***Action Items***

- ⇒ The Board reviewed and approved, or accepted, the following Action items:

- 2021-2022 Budget
- 2021 – 2024 Three-Year Education Assurance Plan
- St. Kateri Tekakwitha Legacy Project Artist Selection
- Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools and First Nation Education Services Agreement
- Superintendent’s Evaluation Report
- Ad Hoc Committee Regarding Naming of Schools
- Alberta School Boards’ Rural Caucus Budget

## **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

- ⇒ Updates and/or reports were provided on the following:
- Alberta School Boards' Employee Benefit Program

## UPCOMING BOARD INITIATIVES/EVENTS

- ⇒ Grad 2021: the Board Chair and Trustee school representatives will provide congratulatory video messages (pre-recorded, due to COVID-19 restrictions) to this year's graduates on behalf of the Board of Trustees
- ⇒ First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Leadership Committee Meeting – June 9, 2021 (virtually)
- ⇒ Committee of the Whole Meeting – June 14, 2021 (virtually)

## NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

- ⇒ **Monday, June 28, 2021, at 3:30 p.m.**
- ⇒ The meeting will be [livestreamed](#) to the community.
- ⇒ All Regular Board Meetings are open to the public (note: due to COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines, all Regular Board Meetings will be held virtually).