



Regular Board Meeting Summary

Monday, November 2, 2021

Virtual Meeting

Division News

The 2021 Long Service Awards were held virtually on October 6, celebrating many recipients within our Division. Long-service gifts were awarded to employees with five years of continuous service with the Division and for every additional five years of continuous service after that to a maximum of thirty-five years.

On October 8, The Greater St. Albert Board of Trustees and senior administration decided to mandate proof of vaccination for all employees. Starting on December 17, all GSACRD staff are required to be fully vaccinated or present acceptable proof of a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of beginning each workday.

Various Thanksgiving activities took place at schools across the Division, with subsequent food bank drives also occurring. In addition, many grade four students were visited by their schools' priests to lead students in prayer for bible distribution celebrations.

The PowerSchool Parent Portal launched with all elementary schools. The portal will access students' attendance records, timetable, ongoing assessment/progress, and end-of-term report cards.

GSACRD Voice hosted a virtual Parent Café on Tuesday, October 26, in a session called Recognizing Hard-to-Have Feelings with your Child.

School News

Legal School was awarded a \$1000 donation from the Legal Lions Club for the nutrition program within their school. "The Legal School Nutrition Program serves our school community in a variety of ways. An average of 70 students per week come to the office seeking snacks throughout the school day," says Principal Lisa Kleparchuk. "At Legal School, we recognize that it can be difficult for students to stay focused and engaged in their learning when they are hungry." The Morinville Freepress also covered the story.

Holy Family Catholic School welcomed Division Chaplain Doug Kramer to the school for his residency, and then students learned how when God calls us to do great things, he sometimes changes peoples' names. The students were excited to share their definition of Chaplain with one student in grade 2, exclaiming, "Chaplain means read the gospel!" This showcases how much Doug's weekly video recordings of the gospels resonate with the students. Doug relayed the name





changes of Abram to Abraham and Sarai to Sarah in the Old Testament and Simon to Peter in the New Testament, which related so well to the school's name change from Vital Grandin to Holy Family. The schools are also working hard to gather donations for the food bank, and hope to Scare Hunger Away with their Halloween foodbank campaign.

École Secondaire St. Albert Catholic High School raised \$12,000 during their annual Light the Night walk, raising funds to support Leukaemia and Lymphoma. Both students and staff gathered together to complete the 5km walk. In addition to this fundraiser, students donated more than 260 pairs of new and gently used shoes/boots to the Bissel Centre.

École Secondaire St. Albert Catholic High School also held a very successful food drive, Fed by Feehan, recognizing Mr. Feehan's love for charity and social causes within the school. Vincent J Maloney Catholic Junior High School students also supported this fundraiser, and both schools brought in more than 2600 items for the local food bank. These events focused on three corporal acts of mercy: visiting the sick, clothing the naked, and feeding the hungry.

Albert Lacombe Catholic Elementary School students participated in the 11th annual Take Me Outside Day on Wednesday, October 20. Students joined in various activities, including an environmental sing along with Remy Rodden, mindful breathing, a silent hike, and a sharing circle with a talking stick.

École Father Jan Catholic School students accepted the Thanksgiving Challenge and brought in more than 779 items for the local food bank.

Students from Neil M. Ross Catholic School are collecting socks for the Hope Mission. Students can fill their class socks with a heart to see how full of love they can make their socks for each pair of socks donated.

École Secondaire Sainte Marguerite d'Youville is featured on The United Way Website for their past "Make Your Mark" project. This project entailed creating a short documentary on what poverty looks like in St. Albert and how students could make their mark on poverty. Students also fundraised throughout the past year to raise funds for the Food Bank, Gianna Centre, and Youth Empowerment.

The St. Albert Parish and St. Gabriel Education Centre and Trustee Shaw collected food for the Paul Band and Alexis Reserve in the Lac St. Anne parish. St. Gabriel Education Centre also held a Thanksgiving celebration with Father Ignacy, serving lunch to staff and students. St. Gabriel Education Centre now has access to their new parking lot, which has made their staff and students very happy!

St. Gabriel Education Centre established a School Council for the first time, with seven parents



participating. They are excited to get involved in the school and provide feedback and support to staff and students. The Online Learning Pathway is working very well this year as it serves the needs of students in GSACRD and Evergreen Catholic. The program has three collaborative teachers at the junior high level, and the partnership with Evergreen is proving a success. The GSACRD elementary students are also doing well with Evergreen at the helm. The students are all very excited to be learning, and attendance is excellent.

The junior high Online Learning Pathway (OLP) students raised \$186.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation, which is excellent for a small school! Mrs. Julie Lamoureux, the PE/Health/Religion/FSL teacher, organized a competition between the grades. The grade 8's won and received a little treat bag for their efforts. The staff and students are also really enjoying the daily prayer presentations. The students have commented that they like the gospel music being shared with them, and they want the discussions and learning they are doing through the prayers. For October, they've focused on learning about the lives of Saints in preparation for All Saints' Day.

CONSENT & ACTION ITEMS

The following Action items were approved:

- Board Policy Review: Policy 1: Division Mission Statement, Values and Beliefs, Statement of Philosophy, Goals, and Objectives
- Policy 4: Trustee Code of Conduct
- Policy 5: Role of the Board Chair
- Policy 6: Role of the Vice-Chair
- Policy 8: Board Committees
- Policy 9: Board Representatives

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The following update(s) and/or report(s) were provided as information:

- 2021-2022 Enrolment Report
- 2021 Alberta Assurance Measures Report
- First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Report

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled to take place on November 29, 2021, at 3:30 p.m.