



**Greater St. Albert  
Catholic Schools**

# *Board Meeting Summary*

*October 26, 2015*

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## ***REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES***

The last regular meeting of the Board was at the District Office, on Monday, October 26, 2015.

### ***GOOD NEWS***

- ESSMY students journeyed to Costa Rica to learn about and contribute to the humanitarian work being done in San Jose, in particular at orphanages. The group worked with the youth, as well as fixed up and painted the orphanage. It was an amazing experience for our ESSMY students.
- J.J. Nearing School gathered 400 bags of food and toiletries to donate to the St. Vincent de Paul Society; this was such a tremendous demonstration of generosity.
- SACHS held Voice for Hunger, a Skyhawk talent show held prior to Thanksgiving. We were blessed to see the many talents of our students and their overwhelming generosity. Over 1300 items/dollars were dropped off at the St. Albert Food Bank! Our Skyhawk family is incredible.
- ESSMY students participated in the Run for Christ to raise money for Development and Peace. Over \$1,100 will go towards the District partnership to rebuild schools in the Philippines.
- École Notre Dame Students focused their October effort on a service project to help those in need. As part of the school's Thanksgiving Celebration, the school community collected 320 lbs. of food for the Morinville Food Bank. Thank you to all families who donated items.
- An exciting time of year in our schools for grade four students is receiving their own Bible. Many schools combined this celebration with Thanksgiving mass. At École Father Jan, Father Ignacy led the mass at St. Albert Parish and grade one students greeted guests with a turkey lollipop!
- Congratulations to SACHS students who being recognized for their gifts and talents including: Kris Akkerman who was awarded the St. Albert District Chamber of Commerce Work Experience and Apprenticeship Award and all of the students who produced a video documenting their participation in the Light the Night fundraiser. The video is outstanding!
- Thank you to Sobey's in Morinville for their generous contribution and support of MCHS' Urban Agriculture and HOWLS program. We are blessed to have you as a community partner!

### ***BOARD WELCOMES NEW TRUSTEE***

Mr. René Tremblay took the Oath of Office, presided over by secretary-treasurer Schlag. He was elected as the new Morinville Trustee in the recent By-Election. Congratulations and welcome!

### ***POLICY UPDATES***

The Board approved the review of Board Policies 2 – Role of the Board and Board Policy 3 – Role of the Trustee.

### ***ACTION ITEMS***

- The Board approved the updated committee structure and appointments list for 2015-2016. In addition to, the appointment of School Council Liaisons for the coming year.

- The Board approved the formation of a sub-committee to plan the agenda for the upcoming Board Planning session in March 2016. This meeting determines the strategic direction of the District's education plans.
- The Board supported a motion to contribute to the Toonies for Tuition auction that raises funds to support access to Catholic education for all youth across the country.

### ***BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT***

- Alberta Infrastructure confirmed that Capital projects for the District that have been fully approved include: New K-9 Jensen Lakes School in St. Albert and the modernization of Vincent J. Maloney School.

### ***SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT***

- A report on the Long Service Award compensation with comparisons to other organization's programs was presented.
- Superintendent Keohane presented the updated Accountability Pillar Report, the report card for the District. The October report includes recent Provincial Achievement Tests and Diploma Exam results. In addition, District results were shared and plans for maintaining these results as well as targeting areas for improvement was discussed. The full report can viewed on the District website under "Plans and Reports."
- The updated Staffing and Enrolment reports were shared. Annually, these reports are produced following September 30<sup>th</sup>, the official date for reporting student counts.

### ***UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD***

- The Board will continue their work in moving the new school infrastructure projects forward.
- The Board will host its first afternoon Board meeting on November 23, 2015. The Board approved at its Organizational Meeting varied start times for their regular Board meetings. Please check the website for a complete list of dates and times.

**The next Advocacy Meeting  
of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for  
Monday, November 2, 2015  
7:30 p.m. at District Office**  
**and the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for  
Monday, November 23, 2015  
3:00 p.m. at District Office  
6 St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert, AB**

**PUBLIC WELCOME**