

# Board of Trustees

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Greater St. Albert  
Catholic Schools



## Regular Board Meeting Summary June 27, 2022

### Division News

It has been a very busy month for all of our schools and students, especially those who graduated from our schools or moved on from junior high to high school. There have been graduation ceremonies, awards nights and more to celebrate all of these students' accomplishments. Congratulations to everyone!

Our division has also seen many schools participate in various field trips including participating in Arbour Day, visiting Telus World of Science, visiting Father Lacombe Chapel, learning about school in the Little White School and more.



On June 21, our entire division celebrated National Indigenous Peoples' Day. Our schools participated in various learning activities with students including Bannock making, wearing orange and more.





Our entire **school community** was provided sunflowers to plant within our community in support of Ukraine. Our division also hired a consultant to support Ukrainian families as they arrive within our community. This consultant is able to speak Ukrainian and provide various supports as new families acquaint themselves with our schools.

Yesterday we had the opportunity to work with CBC Edmonton as they produced a piece for CBC News: The National, featuring our **structured literacy** program within our school division. The story will air later this month.



We are pretty excited to share the news that our division has raised close to \$20,000 in support of our partners at **Catholic Social Services!** We certainly have some young leaders in our community and a few who were featured on CTV, Global and our local Gazette paper earlier this month.

These bright young women brought together the entire school community at **ESSMY**, in a pursuit to fill backpacks for a safe house in Edmonton. At **Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools**, social justice projects are at the core of who we are. These projects show our students how to make an impact in their community, and how to be an advocate for change. All of these acts of service are what make us so proud. These young leaders are changing the world and we can't wait to watch them do it.



## School News

Students from **Vincent J. Maloney School** were privileged to have Terry Lakey from Red Deer Public School come out and teach them a variety of Indigenous games. Thank you, Terry, we learned so much from you!

Today was a very special day for our division as we celebrated the renaming of Vital Grandin school to **Holy Family Catholic School**. Thank you to everyone who attended the ceremony! The school also unveiled their new logo during the ceremony.

The logo represents a strong sense of community, belonging, and inclusion for all students in an environment that fosters the Catholic faith and service to others. The logo also uses a G symbol to represent the team spirit of the Holy Family Grizzlies. Our students are proud to be **Holy Family Grizzlies** whether they are participating in sports events, showing off their spirit wear or gathering at school events. The incorporation of this element of the school culture helps tie in the rich history of the Holy Family community while moving forward into the future.



**Morinville Community High School** is now home to Canada's most "Skilled" high-school cabinet maker. MCHS Grade 12 student Kirsten Whitfield won gold on May 28 in the secondary cabinet-making event at the 2022 Skills Canada national competition.

Held May 25 to 28 in Vancouver (with secondary students participating virtually from their home schools), the competition featured about 500 students from across Canada who competed in 45 trades-related areas under tight time limits. Winners received medals and banners, with some post-secondary winners also earning spots on Team Canada. It's the first time that MCHS has ever had a national Skills champion, said MCHS construction teacher Kyle Coxen.

**Richard S. Fowler** held their annual Fine Arts Night earlier this month at the Arden Theatre. students are taught the fundamentals of music performance, how to read music, how to play as and part of an ensemble, and an appreciation for what music is and what it takes to pursue it diligently and with passion. Each year, these students participate in various performances to showcase their talents.

**Albert Lacombe** and **Holy Family School** Councils joined forces to host Danielle Reed presenting to parents/caregivers on Joy & Struggle... Keys to Helping Your Kids Handle Both! Thank you for sharing your knowledge!

Congratulations to **Skyhawks** football player Emily Krause who made the U18 Team Alberta and will be playing in the 2022 Girls National Championship! Way to go Emily!!!



**J.J. Nearing Catholic Elementary School** teacher, Katelyn Semple, a full-day kindergarten teacher, was recognized as Rotary Teacher of the Month for June. Congratulations on being recognized for your excellence in teaching, commitment to the faith and mission of Catholic schools, and your contributions to student resilience and a positive mindset.



Kindergarten students from **St. Kateri Tekakwitha Academy** hosted a Father's Day Fun Night and celebrated with many great activities and treats.



## **CONSENT & ACTION ITEMS**

The following Action items were approved:

- 12.1. Board Policy 2: Role of the Board (Trustee Radford made a motion of notice to discuss student engagement at the next board meeting.
- 13.1. 2022 Laura Bird Memorial Beacon of Hope Award Recipient
- 13.2. 2022 Alberta School Boards Association Awards: Confirmation of Nominee Names
- 13.3. 2022 Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association Awards: Confirmation of Nominee Names
- 13.4. Superintendent's Evaluation Report & Remuneration
- 13.5. Facility Upgrade – St. Gabriel Education Centre & Division Services Centre
- 13.6. Ratification of UNIFOR Collective Agreement
- 13.7. Demolition of Surplus Portables

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- 15.2.1. Safe and Caring School Codes of Conduct Report
- 15.2.2. Faith & Spiritual Initiatives Final Report
- 15.2.3. Wellness Update
- 15.2.4. Field Trip Activity Report Summary
- 15.2.5. Alberta School Employee Benefit Plan (ASEBP) Report
- 15.2.6. Dual Credit Courses Update
- 15.2.7. Quarter 3 Financial Statement

## **NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled to take place on August 29, 2022, at 3:30 p.m.