



**Greater St. Albert
Catholic Schools**

Board Meeting Summary

January 11, 2016

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The last regular meeting of the Board was at the District Office, on Monday, January 11, 2016.

GOOD NEWS

Awards

- **Louise Shervey, ESSMY Student** was honored with the prestigious Loran Award for her commitment to service, entrepreneurial spirit, extra-curricular interests and providing leadership opportunities for students. Congratulations!
- **Students from SACHS** were recognized with CAPPIE Awards for their reviews of “The Man Who Came to Dinner.” Congratulations to Kirsten Sorensen, Emily Vilcsak and Spencer Yakymyshn for having their reviews published in the Edmonton Journal!

School & Community News

- Students and staff at **Bertha Kennedy** Catholic School donated over 600 pairs of socks to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you BK BobKats for your generosity!
- **Legal School** served up their delicious Turkey Luncheon to students, staff and community members on the last day of school before the Christmas break. This annual tradition has become a wonderful community builder!
- The St. Albert Branch of Investors Group blessed the District with a donation to support the student hot lunch program. Thank you for your support and generosity!

POLICY UPDATES

The Board approved the amendment of Board Policy 8 – Committees to ensure adequate representation on all committees.

ACTION ITEMS

- The Board approved the conceptual work completed on the St. Albert K-9 Jensen Lakes School.
- The Board approved to maintain transportation fees for the upcoming school year at current levels.
- The Board has approved the elimination of ECS fees and Learning Resource Fees for all grades for the 2016/2017 school year with the exception of out-of-province fees. It is expected there will be funding from the Government to cover these fees and the decision aligns with the Minister of Education’s expectation that districts address school fees.
- The Board acknowledged with regret the resignation of long-term Trustee Dave Caron.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- An update and summary on the recent School Results Reviews conducted with the administration at each school and information on how schools will be using these results to further best practices in their schools.
- An update on the outstanding programming in the District in support of student diverse needs. The two main documents were highlighted; how the District approaches inclusivity and the alignment with Catholic education and a document that details on the student population requiring support and a description of the four levels of support provided

- The enrolment projections for the 2016/2017 based on preliminary information, outline growth in the overall district numbers.

UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD

- The Board will review options for addressing the vacancy on the Board.
- The Board will be hosting a face-to-face Community Conversation on February 24, 2016.
- The Board will be gathering for their annual planning meetings on April 15/16th to address long term plans for the district.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for

Monday, January 25, 2016

3:00 p.m. at District Office

6 St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert, AB

The next Advocacy Meeting

Of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for

Monday, February 8, 2016

7:30 p.m. at District Office

PUBLIC WELCOME