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Greater St. Albert Catholic School's Board of Trustees

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Spring Greetings!

With the early arrival of spring it is a reminder of all the important work that takes place in our schools and District to get ready for the coming school year. This is also true for our Board of Trustees who have just completed their annual planning session, a time where we prioritize the work of our Board for the coming school year. Our trustees were also pleased to see the government make education a priority in their recent budget announcement, and are thankful for ensuring our existing and new students will be funded. Lastly, the Board approved the By-election in September to fill a vacancy in the St. Albert Ward. If you are an advocate for Catholic Education, please consider becoming a School Trustee!

-Noreen Radford, Board Chair

Policy Updates

Recent policy approvals include:

- Comprehensive policy and administrative procedure to provide a safe and caring environment for all LGBTQ students in the District. We look forward to receiving feedback and approval from the Ministry.
- Our Board approved a policy to Acknowledge Territories of Indigenous Communities Within District Events (Policy 19). Special thanks to Trustee Crockett for her leadership in bringing this initiative forward.



Sister Alphonse Academy will open in the Jensen Lakes Community in St. Albert in 2018. The Board looks forward to sharing plans for programming with the public this fall.

New Schools and Modernizations Projects Underway

With the announcement of our two new school names earlier this year, the Board has been excited to receive regular updates on the progress made with regards to finalizing sites, architectural designs and concepts and construction. The planned openings for the new schools are scheduled for 2018 and updates on the projects are posted on the website. Thank you to the participants on our sub-committees including community members, staff and trustees who deliberated on possible namesakes. There were a number of wonderful people to honour, and we are pleased to recognize the first teacher in the District, Sister Marie Alphonse for our St. Albert School and the first Native

American to be canonized by the Church, St. Kateri Tekakwitha for our Morinville School!

You can also learn more about the progress on our modernization projects at St. Albert Catholic High which is well underway and what is planned for Vincent J. Maloney.



Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2 - 6, 2016 - Education Week
June 2016 - Board Review of 2016/2017 School Budget
May/June 2016 - Participation at Graduation Ceremonies
June 6/7, 2016 - Alberta School Boards Annual General Meetings
August 22, 2016 - Nomination Day for By-Election
September 19, 2016 - By-Election in St. Albert, Ward 1

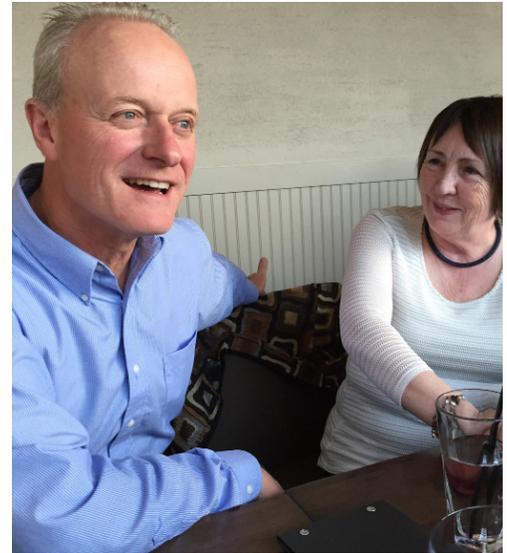
Community Conversation Engages Our Students!

Thank you for your interest in our recent conversation around student wellness. Members of our community, including students, parents and staff shared their thoughts on those that most reflected their priorities.

We were so pleased to know that 50% of the participants were students attending our schools in grades 9 through 12. Understanding the impacts and their thoughts on this topic will help guide our administrative teams to respond to their students. If you are interested in viewing all of the results, please visit the District website.



Earlier this year we enjoyed having a face to face conversation with our community on the role of Technology in our schools. Our District now has five priorities to focus on that include: the importance of learning as a priority and technology as a tool, competencies for students at each level and the need for minimum standards for teacher competencies to highlight a few. The website has the complete summary.



Honouring a former Trustee

Earlier this year, former trustee Dave Caron stepped down from the Board. Mr. Caron was the longest serving trustee on the Board and commented that "being part of a District that is a leader in many ways, coupled with great colleagues and administration made it a rewarding experience" as he addressed trustees during a recent dinner honoring his service to the District.

Have you Considered Becoming a Catholic School Trustee?

With a vacancy in the St. Albert Ward we encourage all passionate advocates for Catholic Education to consider running in the By-Election on September 19, 2016. Details regarding Nomination Day on August 22, 2016, the role and responsibility of a trustee, and other information is now available on the District website under the Board of Trustees tab.

