



**Greater St. Albert
Catholic Schools**

Board Meeting Summary

June 13, 2016

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The last regular meeting of the Board was at the District Office, on Monday, June 13, 2016.

GOOD NEWS

Community News

- **Legal School** would like to thank the local Fire Department for the donation of the Automated External Defibrillator (AED). This will certainly contribute to providing a safe and caring learning environment for our school and for those who use the facility in the community. Thank you!
- District would also like to shout out to **Alberta Heart and Stroke Foundation** who is donating four AED Machines for use in our schools. This will go a long way in reaching the goal of having all school sites with access to this technology. Thank you!

School News

- **École Marie Poburan**, along with the support of a fabulous school community held an outstanding 25th Anniversary celebration which welcomed former staff and students to join in on the fun! It was a great event which included the unveiling of a mural and time capsule to mark the occasion. Thank you to all those involved in organizing a great event!
- **St. Gabriel High School** held their graduation ceremonies this past month honoring one of the largest class of graduates. An honorable mention was made to recognize that two members of the Class of 2016 were adults! Congratulations to all graduates!
- At **R.S. Fowler School**, Scrimmage for a Village ended up raising over \$6,000 for Development and Peace!
- The students at **Neil M. Ross** had a fabulous time with “Break A Rule Day” generating more than \$4,000 for the Fort McMurray Relief Fund!
- **École Notre Dame** continues to tally the final proceeds coming in from their recent Fun Run but the good news is after such a successful event, the school community intends to host another run next year!!

District News

- The District received an award honoring the outstanding work done to commemorate the 150th Anniversary. The International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) recognized the district’s communications with an award in the Special Events Category! Congratulations to all those who contributed the yearlong celebrations!

PRESENTATIONS

- Mr. Kevin George, Lead Engagement Partner with Meyers Norris Penny presented the process they will take for the upcoming audit in August 2016.

ACTION & CONSENT ITEMS

- The Board approved the authorization of 17 locally developed courses including Fit For Life 7, Leadership 7-8-9, Math Advantage 9, Sports Recreation 8, Avid Readers 5, Biology 35IB, Film Studies 15-25-35, Forensics Science 35, and Jazz 15-25-35 to name a few.
- The Board reviewed the recent Board Policy 18 – Naming of Schools with no changes.
- The Board introduced 1st reading of the Laura Bird Memorial Beacon of Hope Award which honors her legacy by recognizing a staff member who demonstrates witness to Jesus Christ to the most needy and in the most selfless manner possible.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Highlights from the Accountability Pillar Report were shared, noting that,
 - three out of four high school students across the District are scholarship eligible,
 - more than 90% of FNMI students graduate within three years and
 - satisfaction levels with providing safe and caring schools, quality education, parental involvement and school improvement are all very high.

The report will be updated in the fall to include Diploma and Provincial Achievement Tests Results.

- Results from the Gallup Poll, which measures engagement levels, highlighted that employee engagement across the District has reached its highest level in eight years. High levels of employee engagement impacts student success in school, and engagement levels among staff are also a predictor of professional success.
- An update on Faith Initiatives across the District highlighted the outstanding progress on many of the charitable works District schools were involved in including, raising funds for the building of Pope Francis School, supporting the Fort McMurray Fire Relief efforts and the annual Sign of Hope Campaign. Thank you to all of the school communities for their generosity!

UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD

- The Board will be responding to the Government's Municipal Act Legislation as it impacts school boards.
- The Board will be reviewing the 2016-2017 Budget for approval purposes on June 27, 2016.
- The Board will be finalizing guiding principles and a Public Consultation Process for new boundaries and programming.
- The By-election for the vacancy in the St. Albert Ward is on September 19, 2016 if there are multiple nominees. Nominations will be accepted on Monday, August 22, 2016 between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m.

**The next Advocacy Meeting
Of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for
Monday, June 20, 2016
7:30 p.m. at District Office**

**The final Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for
Monday, June 27, 2016
3:30 p.m. at District Office
6 St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert, AB**

PUBLIC WELCOME at ALL of the above MEETINGS