



**Greater St. Albert  
Catholic Schools**

# *Board Meeting Summary*

*May 30, 2016*

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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, May 30, 2016.

## ***QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC***

Two parents from Neil M Ross School asked their respective questions around transportation options, or lack thereof, to Neil M Ross for County of Sturgeon residents and provided additional detail to the Board for context and understanding. The submitted questions will be included in the minutes of the May 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. According to policy, written responses will be provided within 2 weeks and mentioned at the Board Meeting immediately following the response.

## ***GOOD NEWS***

### **Awards & Community News**

- **J.J. Nearing's Maureen Offenberger** is the recipient of the Council of Catholic School Superintendents of Alberta (CCSSA) Excellence in Catholic Education Award!
- **Congratulations to Jade Swereda, SACHS student** who was recognized with the Elsa Zahar Memorial Award at the Art Gallery of St. Albert.
- Thank you to the school communities of **Albert Lacombe** and **École Father Jan** for nominating outstanding teachers in their schools, **Leisa Michael** and **Monique Auray**, respectively for Excellence in Teaching Awards.
- Thank you to all staff for putting in place the processes and support needed in a very short timeframe to register Fort McMurray families in our schools.

### **School News**

- **Bertha Kennedy BobKats** held a Walk for Mental Health on Thursday, May 19 to raise money that will go to support the "Kids Help Phone" Edmonton.
- Congratulations to the grade 3 students at **Vital Grandin** for raising over \$1,000 for St. Vincent de Paul at their recent Garage Sale!
- Syrian families with children who attend **Albert Lacombe School**, know the impact of being displaced from their homes. They came together to support victims of the Fort McMurray fires by selling sandwiches at their local Mass and raised over \$1,000!
- **R.S. Fowler's** Scrimmage for a Village raised over \$5,000 for Development and Peace!
- Schools have welcomed more than 80 students from Fort McMurray. Thank you for making them feel welcomed and for supporting the relief effort including:
  - **Legal School** Dance with the Citadel School Community (\$800)
  - Bottle drive at G.H. Primeau (\$3,257)
  - Freezie sales at **École Father Jan** (\$1,627) and **École Notre Dame** (\$2,625)
  - Toonie/Loonie donations at **V.J. Maloney** (\$2,500)

- Garage sale at **Neil M. Ross** (\$1,450)
- The **Neil M. Ross** running team participated in the annual RunWild event taking first place for the second year in a row! Congratulations!
- **École Notre Dame** held their Fun Run on May 27 resulting in more than 200 registered participants running to support the building of Pope Francis School in the Philippines! Thank you to the students, staff and generous community of Morinville!

### ***ACTION & CONSENT ITEMS***

- The Board approved the review of *Policy 16 – Alternative Programs* and the 2016/2017 Strategic Plan.

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

- An update was provided on the current Field Trip Report which also notes that travel to France continues to be not recommended and schools are advised to seek other destinations.

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

- The Board will be attending graduation ceremonies to recognize this significant milestone.
- The Board will be reviewing the Budget for the 2016-2017 School Year on June 27, 2016.
- 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 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for**  
**Monday, June 13, 2016**  
**3:30 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, 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**

**PUBLIC WELCOME at ALL of the above MEETINGS**