



BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

Chair: Serena Shaw | Vice-Chair: Rosaleen McEvoy
Trustees: Joe Becigneul | Joan Crockett | Cathy Proulx | Noreen Radford | René Tremblay

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting was held at the District Office, on Monday, February 27, 2017.

GOOD NEWS

- Congratulations to the **Most Rev. Frederick Henry**, this year's recipient of the prestigious Justice James Higgins Award which will be presented by the Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association at their convention in Niagara Falls.
- The opening step of the ThoughtExchange process to engage school communities resulted in over 1,800 participants! We are looking forward to increasing this participation in step two, which is currently underway. Parents, students, staff and community members are welcome to participate in the process and we thank all those who have shared their voice thus far.

School News

- **École Notre Dame** received an award from the Town of Morinville Fire Department recognizing the school for having the most efficient fire evacuation. Well done, Notre Dame!
- Congratulations to **Ms. Wallsten, SACHS** teacher for being recognized by the City of St. Albert with a nomination for an Excellence in Arts Teaching Award! Award winners will be announced at the Mayor's Celebration of the Arts event on March 9, 2017.
- Congratulations to **Peggy Duggan**, a **G.H. Primeau** teacher who was recently honored as the Rotary Teacher of the Month.
- Thank you to **Champion Pet Foods** for their generous donations in support of the Morinville Community High School Media Design and Urban Agriculture programs.
- Congratulations to all the **MCHS basketball teams** receiving medals recently including Junior Boys – Gold, Junior Girls – Silver, Senior Boys and Girls – Silver.

ACTION & CONSENT ITEMS

- The Board approved the location and scope of their annual planning session.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Board received an update on the consolidation of volunteer and community awards that are presented annually in St. Albert to honour Leaders of Tomorrow and Citizens of the Year. These will now be awarded collectively at a single event on May 16, 2017.
- The Board approved a sponsorship of an upcoming event on Mental Health hosted by the St. Albert Community Foundation with guest speaker Sheldon Kennedy.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- **Superintendent Keohane** updated the Board on the district's progress and performance related to the Safe & Caring Schools mandate, along with the governance and accountability for providing this. It was highlighted that Alberta captures the best data on this and that Catholic Schools further "A World of Worth." District data collected has confirmed that suspensions continue to decline while the perception of the quality of safety and care within our schools remains among the highest in the province; half of district schools had no school suspensions in the past year. The report highlights the District emergency response protocols, including the Incident Command Model that is in place across the District, continue to be strengthened. In addition, a new Administration Procedure is in development to enhance how the district will address bullying behavior. The District's implementation of the Safe Journey's to School recommendations were noted.
- **Secretary-Treasurer Schlag** updated the Board on Plant Operations & Maintenance key initiatives to improve efficiencies, safety and provide service across the District. In addition, through the Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal Report highlighted an overview of projects planned, those in progress, and how the contingency addresses priorities that may arise.

UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD

- The Board will be sharing the two boundary options for each category (French Immersion, English elementary and Junior High) at Open Houses planned for March 15 and 21, along with an online survey for public feedback and comment. Feedback gathered will be valuable to the Board's decision to finalize attendance areas and programming for Sister Alphonse Academy, and adjust attendance areas in St. Albert, Ward 1 including the addition of the Namao lands.

The next Advocacy Meeting of the Board of Trustees scheduled for
Monday, March 6, 2017

7:30 p.m. at District Office, 6 St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert, AB.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for
Monday, March 20, 2017

3:30 p.m. at District Office, 6 St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert, AB

PUBLIC WELCOME at ALL of the above MEETINGS