



**Greater St. Albert
Catholic Schools**

Board Meeting Summary

March 24, 2014

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The last regular meeting of the Board was held in St. Albert at the District Office, on Monday, March 24, 2014.

GOOD NEWS

School Updates

- Congratulations to Tina McKinnon from École Notre Dame Elementary for being awarded the Rotary Teacher of the Month Award.
- The Shaping Our Future conversation wrapped up on March 19th and we look forward to receiving the consolidated data to understand what is important to our community regarding high school programming. Thank you to all community members, GSACRD families, students and staff who took the time to share their perspectives.
- The Valentine Box Social at G.H. Primeau was record setting for the second year in a row. The event raised \$1,600. Congratulations! G.H. Primeau is also celebrating the successes of their Cheer teams this year. We are cheering too!
- The Breakfast Club production at SACHS was a huge success and enjoyed by many in the community. SACHS is also pleased to report that the Hawks with Heart Campaign tallied up a total of \$19,073 raised to donate to the fight against cancer. Thank you to all those who participated and supported this worthwhile cause. On a final note, congratulations to all SACHS basketball teams for a great season and in particular, the junior girls basketball team for their outstanding performance and success in winning the City finals.
- The staff and students of Vincent J. Maloney, Richard Fowler, Neil M. Ross, and Vital Grandin Schools were recognized for their donations to Development and Peace and the Typhoon Crisis in the Philippines. Some of these donations were matched by the Government to increase the amount given in support. The Development and Peace organization will have a representative visit each of these schools to acknowledge the accomplishments and generosity of these school communities.

ACTION ITEMS

The Board approved nominations for the 2014 Alberta School Councils' Association Awards:

- The Parent of Distinction Award – Cathy Stefner
- The School Council Award of Merit- École Marie Poburan School Council Task Force
- The Excellence in Learning Partnerships Award- “Healthy Bobkats Initiative” from the Bertha Kennedy School Community.

The Board gave approvals for:

- The Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton's Sacramental Education Initiative
- The Strategic Priority Report for 2014-2015
- The 3-Year Capital Plan for 2015-2018

INFORMATION ITEMS

- Draft Principles for the Basis of Allocations were received as information, marking the beginning of the budget review for the coming school year.
- Board Chair, Joan Crockett shared the correspondence confirming the provincial government's support of the District to use reserve funds for the addition of a modular classroom for École Notre Dame to alleviate space pressures.
- Superintendent Keohane provided updates on the Shaping Our Future community conversation and timelines for receiving the data and report.
- Communications Manager, C. Bruineman highlighted the work being done to update the District website which is scheduled to be transitioned in April.
- Secretary-Treasurer Schlag provided a written Quarterly Financial Report.
- Assistant Superintendent McGuinness provided a Field Trip Activity Report.

UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD

- Attend our next community conversation on Wednesday, April 9th at St. Albert Catholic High School, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The topic being explored: **How can we apply students' strengths and talents to the learning process to enhance their engagement in school?**
- Trustees will be at the upcoming Morinville Trade Fair on April 11th to 13th.

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

Monday, April 14, 2014

**7:30 p.m. at Legal School, in the Library
5122-46 Street, Legal, AB**

PUBLIC WELCOME