



Memorandum

TO: Board of Trustees
FROM: David Keohane, Superintendent of Schools
DATE: January 27, 2014
RE: January 16, 2014 Community Conversation Report

Background

The Board is aware that on January 16th, a community conversation was conducted for the purpose of exploring the question: *How can we design our Catholic high school experiences to schools of choice for students?* What follows is a report of the results that will be made available to all participants and the community at large.

Context

The intent of the conversation was to in the first place, honour the perspective of the community to address a topic that is deemed by both the community and the Board to be of strong importance. The question that was explored was recommended by one of our school councils and was incorporated into the existing strategic plan of the Board as a topic worth exploring in 2013 - 2014.

The Voice of the Community

The feedback specific to the meeting process reflects extremely strong success and is similar to previous results obtained from these meetings. Of importance is that 96% of participants valued the session format and that 92% felt that the session met expectations.

I can communicate that all of the responses have timely application to our on-going operations within the district. This can be verified through the following analysis.

Nearly 60% of the community voice supports the goal of having an innovative and “hands on” approach to learning that involves community partnerships. Such programming should be complemented with strong programming variety, so that students can find fulfilling occupations.

Another 30% of participants stressed the importance of programming having quality education that could meet the diverse learning needs of students.



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The remaining 10% of participants stressed the importance of relevant and relational faith experiences that empower students to grow in their own faith life.

The feedback provided by our parents, staff, and community members was progressive in nature, and is very supportive of the Inspiring Education agenda. Feedback with respect to Catholic education programming affirms existing direction and efforts being directed through our Three Year Education plan.

An instructive aspect to the feedback provides for the importance of assuring through programming innovation, and flexible approaches to learning that quality education will prevail. “Quality education” was further defined by the table who recommended the priority as being: caring, knowledgeable teachers; engaged parents and families; supportive communities, and a passionate / advocating school board.

Next Steps

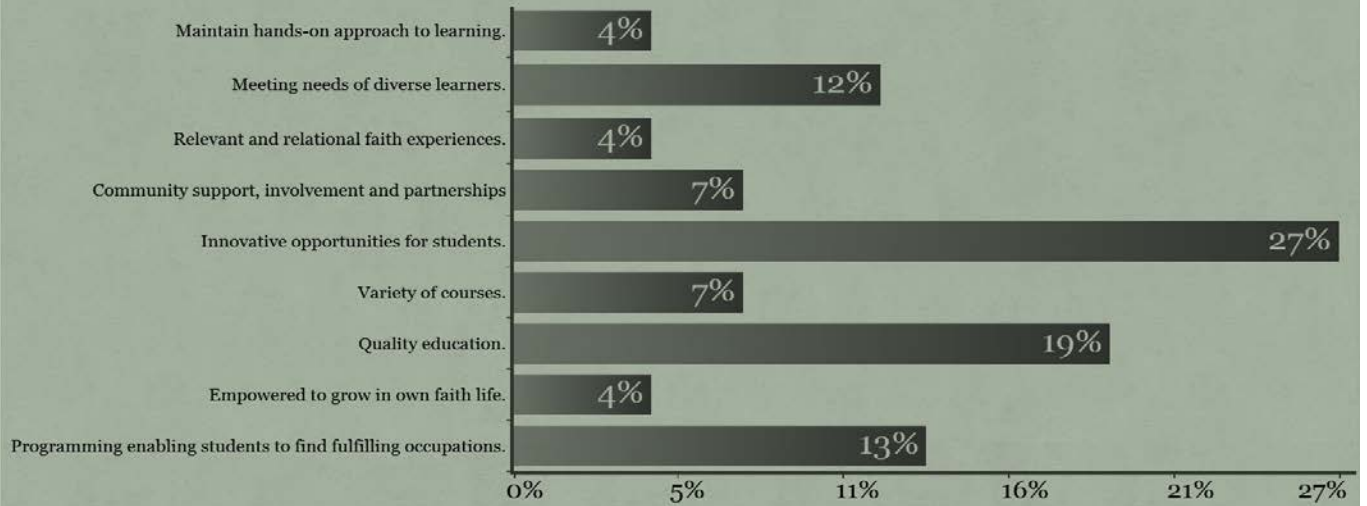
This information provides the opportunity for MCHS to provide an assurance statement to its public with respect to providing these experiences, as prioritized, within the school. The information is also very helpful to our G.H. Primeau and Notre Dame Communities who will endeavour to support these community interests as students progress through their K – 12 journeys with us. Opportunity will be taken to reflect this information into the annual revision of the District’s Three Year Education Plan, and MCHS’s Education Plan for 2014 – 2015.

Thank you for your review of this information.

DK

**Community Conversation Results
Morinville Community High School
January 16, 2014**

How can we design our Catholic high school experiences to be schools of choice for students? (1)



**Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools
Community Stakeholder Evaluation**

Date: January 16, 2014 @ Morinville Community High School

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Session Format	0	0	2	23	23	
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Presentation	0	0	4	17	27	
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	Yes	No	No Answer			
Did this session meet your expectations?	91.7%	6.3%	2.0%			