



*Greater St. Albert
Catholic Schools*

Board Meeting Summary

September 30, 2013

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, September 30, 2013.

GOOD NEWS

Awards & Recognition

- Grace Bellerose, a graduate of St. Albert Catholic High School, has been awarded one of the University of Alberta's top scholarships. Bellerose has earned a BMO Financial Group Entrance Citation at the U of A, worth \$20,000 over four years. She will use her scholarship to study in the Faculty of Science at the U of A. The BMO Financial Group Entrance Citation is offered to outstanding students who have a minimum average of 95 per cent throughout high school and are beginning their first undergraduate degrees at the U of A.

School Updates

- MCHS Athletics has had a great start to their school year with the Senior Men's Volleyball team winning GOLD at their first tournament in Fort Saskatchewan, and the Senior Lady's Volleyball team winning SILVER. On the golf course congratulations go out to Colby Auigbelle for earning a score of 80 at Golf Zones and the opportunity to head to Provincials. Well done MCHS Wolves!!!
- Bertha Kennedy School kicked off their second year of their healthy, active living initiative by hosting a "crunch carrot day" to encourage eating veggies as a snack. Principal, Scott Johnston donned the bunny ears to make special deliveries to each classroom. Following this event the school hosted a corn fest put on by a group of Bobkat parent volunteers to encourage healthy choices at lunch.

PRESENTATION DELEGATION

The accounting firm Grant Thornton LLP, presented an overview of the plan for the upcoming audit of 2012-13 financial records. This included a mention of the changes to be expected to ensure alignment of financial practices required by Alberta Education and the mandatory move to reporting under Public Sector Accounting Standards (PSAS)

ACTION ITEMS

- Communications Manager, Carol Bruineman provided an update to the Communication Plan and for the coming school year and the Board approved a highlights summary to be posted to the website. In addition, the Board of Trustees approve the nomination of Marieta Paul for the Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association Appreciation Award

INFORMATION ITEMS

- The Board approved the revisions to the 2014 – 2017 Capital Plan Projects and approved the update to the Accountability and Transparency practices pertaining to rates presented

associated with the Non-Accountable Allowances for Trustees based on changes to Board Policy 7.

- The Board shared its condolences regarding the tragic loss of Thomas, a grade 2 student at Ecole Marie Poburan. The Board of Trustees and public members joined in a moment of silence to remember Thomas Wedman and the grieving family.
- Superintendent D. Keohane shared an update on the Bus Driver Appreciation breakfast that was held on September 20, 2013. Close to thirty of our drivers were able to attend and assistant superintendent, S. McGuinness provided an updated field trip report.

UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD

- Trustees will participate in the consultation process that is being conducted by Alberta Education to gather input into the development of new regulations that support the Education Act legislation. The session is being held in Edmonton on October 16, 2013.
- The election for trustees is on October 21, 2013. Please be sure to get out and vote.

**The next Regular Meeting of the
Board of Trustees is scheduled for
Monday, October 7, 2013
7:30 p.m. at District Office**