



*Greater St. Albert  
Catholic Schools*

# **Board Meeting Summary**

*October 7, 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, October 7, 2013.

### **GOOD NEWS**

#### **Awards & Recognition**

- GSACRD Staff gathered together on October 2, 2013 at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre to celebrate the District Long Service Awards. Hosted by the Board of Trustees, 113 staff members were honored for their contributions from 5 to 35 years. Congratulations to all recipients on their dedication and service to Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools.
- GSACRD students should be congratulated for their outstanding results on the recent provincial achievement tests and diploma exams. Their achievements put them “ahead of the class” across the region and provincially. With increased standards for entry into post-secondary our students will be well positioned for the future. Congratulations to all families for supporting their children in achieving this success!

#### **School Updates**

- Mr. Nelson Branco, grade nine teacher at Legal School was honored as the recipient of the Rotary Club Teacher of the Month award. Congratulations!

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Trustees will be participating in upcoming consultation meetings held by the province in Edmonton on October 16, 2013 to gather input on the regulatory review currently underway. The regulations, once complete will replace many of the existing regulations connected to the current *School Act*. The new Education Act, which will provide the framework for the new revised regulations, was adopted as Legislation earlier this year.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- The district received correspondence from many surrounding districts offering their condolences, support, and acknowledgment of the tragic loss of young Thomas Wedman.
- The result of the recent Accountability Pillar demonstrates excellence and achievement above the province across all of the exam results. This achievement places GSACRD students “ahead of their class” vis-a-vis the region and the rest of the province. The performance of the district also demonstrates significant success for FNMI students when compared to their peers across the province. Congratulations to all students, staff and their families for contributing to this success.
- The Board approved amendments to Policy 2 – Role of the Board, that provided further clarity and guidelines to long service and retirement recognition.

- In alignment with the Three Year Education Plan and the Board Advocacy Plan, the Board approved expenditure for a community engagement process during the 2013-14 school year that will be conducted by an independent third party.

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

- The election for trustees is on October 21, 2013. Please be sure to get out and vote. Please note that elections will be held in Ward 1 – St. Albert and Ward 3 – Legal only. Trustees Noreen Radford and Brenda Kaup were both acclaimed in Ward 2 – Morinville.
- The Organizational Meeting of the NEW Board of Trustees will be held Monday, October 28, 2013; 7:30 PM at the District Office. All Trustees will take the Oath of Office and receive blessing by Father Andrew. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

**The next Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Trustees is proposed for  
Monday, November 4, 2013  
7:30 p.m. at Georges H Primeau Middle School in Morinville  
(to be confirmed at the Organizational Meeting – Oct 28)**