



**Greater St. Albert  
Catholic Schools**

## *Board Meeting Summary*

*November 4, 2013*

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### **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The last regular meeting of the Board was held in Morinville at G.H. Primeau School, in the School Library, on Monday, November 4, 2013.

### **GOOD NEWS**

#### **School Updates**

- Over 300 students and staff from the district participated in the We Day Youth Rally held in Calgary on October 24th. It was a day that inspired all to action and we look forward to the initiatives and actions our students take in their communities.
- The Men of Honour class at VJM was featured on Alberta Primetime CTV last month. If you missed it, it can be viewed on the Alberta Primetime website in the archive for October 22, 2013.
- ESSMY is proud of their grade 10 student leaders who were trained to facilitate grade 7 retreats for both ESSMY and Fowler. In addition, October 16th was the Feast Day of St. Marguerite d'Youville and to celebrate, the school environment club took flowers to the elderly at the Youville Home to honour her motto of 'Service, Dignity, Respect.'
- Ecole Father Jan is proud to be growing avid readers. In just 6 weeks close to 5,000 books have been signed out of the library, half of those in French and half in English.
- The G.H. Primeau ME to WE club which is part of the We Day student delegation gave up their Halloween trick or treating for candy and made the commitment to 'Trick or Treat' for food bank donations to support the 'Scare Away Hunger' campaign. The Morinville Sobeys will be matching the food donations by weight.
- JJN's Greenilicious Recycling Program won a STAPLES 1200.00 package which includes an eco-friendly high speed printer with a year's worth of ink cartridges and a supply of high quality recycled paper!

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- The Board reviewed and discussed their advocacy interests for the upcoming year. These initiatives look at ways the board can continue to sustain the viability of the School District in all of the communities it serves. The Advocacy Plan ties directly into the Strategic Plan and is revisited annually.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Trustees will be participating in the annual school boards meetings, and will be present at both the Alberta Catholic School Trustees Association (ACSTA) and the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) where provincial issues will be discussed. The board will be providing their input at ASBA on key issues including sustainable funding for schools,

labour relations; land for new school sites and measures to keep students and staff safe in our buildings to highlight a few.

### ***INFORMATION ITEMS***

- On October 28<sup>th</sup> re-elected trustees and newly elected trustees took the Oath of Office and approved board meeting dates for the upcoming year. All dates can be found on the district website including agendas and minutes as they become available. Public are welcome to attend.
- This year's Board Chair is Joan Crockett from the St. Albert Ward and Trustee Radford from the Morinville Ward was elected as Vice-chair.
- The district will be hosting community conversations again this year. Dates and topics will be shared through your school communication channels and will take place in January and April.

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

- New trustees will be participating in training sessions to provide them with information on their new roles. Training sessions are provided by ASBA as well as the school district. Trustees will be attending the annual general meetings of both the Alberta Catholic School Trustees Association and the Alberta School Boards Association in November. In addition, the trustees will be attending the annual meeting with the school district's auditors on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

**The next Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Trustees is scheduled for  
Monday, November 25, 2013  
7:30 p.m. at District Office  
6 St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert, AB**