



**Greater St. Albert
Catholic Schools**

Board Meeting Summary

February 10, 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, February 10, 2014.

GOOD NEWS

Awards and Recognition

- MLA Stephen Khan and the provincial government announced the modernization of St. Albert Catholic High School. This funding will be used to upgrade the facility to enhance the learning experiences of all students.
- All Schools have launched new websites on a standard platform that allow them to update their sites often. The sites also allow them to communicate real time bus information and support emergency notification protocols as all sites are linked to the district.

School Updates

- The VJM We Day student team organized a 30 hour rice and water fast to raise funds for Philippine Relief efforts. Students went from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. the following day sustaining themselves on rice and water. Thirty-two students and three staff members took part, and it is estimated that the students raised over \$2000 for relief efforts.
- VJM Senior Girls Basketball team are undefeated in league and tournament play. They captured their fourth tournament Championship this weekend at the RS Fowler tournament and the senior boys brought home the gold medal as well.
- ESSMY band program will be host to a director from Chicago who will lead the students in a number of sessions. All band participants are very excited about this opportunity.
- This month grade 9 students at ESSMY will kick off their participation in the PARTY program, a program created to enhance awareness about drinking and driving.
- Legal School Titans 4H Club held their first public speaking event on Friday, January 31. All 4H members had a role in the success of the evening, either by competing in the speeches or presentations, reciting a poem, being MC's, introducing judges, thanking the judges or presenting gifts. It was a true demonstration of the 4H motto, "Learn by Doing".

ACTION ITEMS

- The Board approved the purchase of new technology and networks that will allow schools to have improved infrastructure that supports the Alberta Education Learning Technology Framework.

- The Board approved the purchase of a new modular for the Ecole Notre Dame Elementary site which will allow the school to house all of its programming for preschool to grade 4 on one site. There is existing hook ups in place as part of the transition plan for this school that began in 2012.
- The Gym-Cheer-Dance Sports Academy will now be a permanent programming option after a successful pilot this year. In its first year this program was oversubscribed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- Assistant Superintendent, D. Quick highlighted and provided a report on the Faith and Spiritual initiatives across the district. This report can be viewed on the district site.

UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD

- Help us **Shape Our Future**: The district is working with Dialogue Partners a consultation firm to broaden the community conversation in St. Albert to understand “What GSACRD high schools should look like in the future?” We encourage families, staff and students to join the conversation by attending one of the public forums on February 20 & 26 at SACHS and March 5 at the Kinsmen Korral. If you can’t attend a public forum, please make sure to weigh in on the online forum. You can view the details through the district website.

**The next Regular Meeting of the
Board of Trustees is scheduled for
Monday, February 24, 2014
7:30 p.m. at District Office
6 St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert, AB**