

Board of Trustees Report: March 2022

Our regularly scheduled Board meeting was held **February 28, 2022**.

Good News:

School News

After 23 months, **Morinville Community High School's** cheer team finally had a chance to step back on the competition mat. The group was the smallest team at the competition, but they gave it their all, bringing home 1st in Game Day and 2nd in All Girl Advanced, also earning a bid to provincials in April. Congratulations!

Morinville Community High School also received renderings of what the new Career and Technology Services modernization will look like. They are hopeful that construction will be completed over the summer and ready in time for the next school year.

Kindness was a common theme in many of our schools during February. Students from **J.J. Nearing Catholic Elementary school** watched their Kindness Tree Bloom over the month as students showcased the kindness they spread! We could all use a little extra kindness in our day!

Students from **Legal School** decorated Postcards for Kindness that were delivered around the Town of Legal. The school received phone calls thanking the students for making someone's day. What a wonderful act of service for our students to participate in!

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Academy students also participated in spreading the word of kindness within their community by creating special messages to accompany coffee orders at the Morinville McDonalds.

Giving back to our community is one of our priorities with projects often led by schools and staff. But, there is nothing that makes us more proud than when our students take on their own giving-back initiatives. A few students from **Sister Alphonse Academy** organized a school fundraiser for the Stollery Children's Hospital, raising \$525.

École Father Jan students celebrated their French Heritage and Culture with Carnival! Carnival is truly one of the highlights every year. This year, they blessed with wonderful weather for the event! Bonhomme even made an appearance!

The **ESSACHS** Junior Girls and Junior Boys had a great weekend of basketball. The junior girls' team placed second in the SCA Tournament this weekend. After being down 19-2, the Skyhawks came back and fell short 58-51. Great work ladies on a hard fought game! The junior boys' basketball team won the consolation draw of the SCA tournament. The boys lost their first game of the tournament in a hard fought battle on Thursday. However, they managed to string together two straight wins on Friday and Saturday including a 16-point come from behind win against Paul Kane. Congratulations to Nick Baldwin who was named team MVP for the tournament.

The music specialist teacher for **Neil M. Ross and Sister Alphonse Academy**, Mrs. Janice Manderson, was recently nominated by one of her students for the Excellence in the Arts Teaching Award - Sponsored by the City of St. Albert. The Mayor just recently wrote her a letter of congratulations on her nomination. Janice is so deserving of this nomination, as she shares her passion about music with her students and truly inspires them to enjoy music in so many different ways. We are very excited for Janice and had to share this wonderful news with you.

ESSACHS secured \$5500 in academic awards sponsorship for their annual awards night. The top grade in each subject/option will receive \$100 for their fantastic achievements. For example, the student with the top mark in Math 10C and Math 10-3 will each receive \$100 if there are ties the money will be split.

Division News

GSACRD schools will be engaging in Lenten challenges and projects.

On March 1st, Schools across our Division celebrated Shrove Tuesday with pancake breakfasts and lunches being served.

On March 2nd, The Priests from our Parishes celebrated Masses and Liturgies in our schools for Ash Wednesday as we kicked off Lent.

Board Business: The Board reviewed and approved the following:

- Policy 10: Policy Making.
- Policy 11: Board Delegation of Authority.
- Policy 16: Alternative Programming.

Superintendent's Report

- Additional Programming.
- Faith and Spiritual Initiatives Update.
- Infrastructure / Capital Maintenance Renewal Update.

Upcoming Board Initiatives:

- Meeting with our MLA's.
- Joint meetings with Municipalities (Legal, Morinville and St. Albert).
- Rural Caucus.
- Board of Trustees Strategic Planning Session.
- ACSTA SPICE conference April 28-30.
- Blueprints conference May 3-6.
- Alberta School Board Spring General Meeting June 2-3

The **next Regular Meeting of the Board** is scheduled for **Monday, March 14, 2022, at 3:30 p.m.** The meeting will be our first in-person meeting in two years.