

Richard S. Fowler Catholic Junior High School

School Council Meeting

April 24, 2024

1.0 Call to Order 6:43pm

In attendance:

Ryan Herbold- Vice Principal

Serena Shaw- Trustee

Anita- Vice Chair

Giovanna- Secretary

Genvivre, Christy, Lindsay, Cynthia

- Prayer - Ryan
- Treaty Acknowledgment - Ryan
- Introductions - Danielle sends her regrets as she's out of town attending hockey nationals with her daughter
- Verification of quorum

2.0 Review/Approval of Agenda by Genvivre; seconded by Giovanna

3.0 Approval of February 21, 2024, meeting minutes Lindsay; seconded by Anita

4.0 Trustee Report - Serena Shaw

Jan, 2024

Division News

The St. Albert Gazette featured a story on Kindergarten Expos and featured the Nature Kindergarten program at **École Sacré Coeur**. The story can be found [here](#).

Tree House Playschool, our partner for 13 years, is expanding its program to even more of our schools starting in September. Currently offering programming at Neil M. Ross, and École Sacré Coeur, Tree House will also spread its magic to Albert Lacombe Elementary and Sports Academy, J. J. Nearing Catholic Elementary School, and Ecole Notre Dame Elementary School (Morinville) in September.

The St. Albert Kindergarten Expo took place on Jan. 18th and in Morinville on the 25th with record attendance! The first few days of registration being open also showed double the number of new registrants compared to this time last year!

Julie Bedi, a science and math teacher at **St. Gabriel Education Centre**, was awarded the St. Albert Rotary Teacher of the Month. Julie has worked at St. Gabes for many years and is known for her patience, her willingness to give students second (and 3rd and 4th) chances, her differentiation, and her mentoring of other teachers. She's a wonderful asset to St. Gabes and GSACRD.

We are so excited to announce that next year **Neil M. Ross** will be offering Nature Kindergarten

for the 2024/25 school year!

School News

Way to go **St. Gabriel Education Centre** graduate Maggie Slessor who recently qualified for Canada's Paralympic Team in para-wheelchair events!

Congratulations to Mason Clayton from **École Secondaire St. Albert Catholic High School** who was drafted to X-Men Football with STFX Athletics!

The FAJA Cup at **École Sacré Cœur** is in full swing! Week 2 began today with more WHL (K-Grade 2) games during little recess and our NHL (Grade 3-4) during lunch recess. It has been so fun to see how involved the students are getting! The gym has been filled with deafening cheers! Best of all, our PANTHERS are learning how to win with humility & and lose with grace. Best of luck to all teams this week!

Congratulations to both senior basketball teams from **Vincent J. Maloney** for bringing home gold at the SAPEC tournament last weekend!

Congratulations to the **Richard S. Fowler Junior Girls** basketball team for placing third at the Woodhaven Junior Gems Tournament. Congratulations to two grade 7 students from **Richard S. Fowler**, who competed in their first wrestling tournament, both bringing home medals!

Richard S. Fowler School was thrilled to receive \$1300 towards the purchase of a new 3D printer. This allows the school to provide innovative programming and to teach students technical skills that will help prepare them well for high school and their future careers.

After listening to the Christmas band concert performance, a grandmother of a **Fowler Falcon** donated to the program which allowed us to purchase three new euphoniums and an alto saxophone. This makes a huge difference for the program and we are very blessed to have Ryan Herbold as our school band teacher, promoting a passion for music.

Slapshot adventure! Grade 4 and 5 students from **St. Kateri Tekakwitha Academy** traded textbooks for hockey pucks in an unforgettable field trip to the John Reid Memorial Tournament!

Congratulations to everyone who competed in the ASAA Unified Virtual Bean Bag Toss Challenge. Overall, there were 9 Schools, 59 teams, and 7 zones with an overall point total of 1,861. The total points scored for **Morinville Community High School** was 277 points. We would like to thank all of the athletes and partners for doing such a great job! Thank you to Mrs. Bulger and Ms. Wiley for helping us make this event a success!

Junior High Titans from **Legal School** who played hockey this week, went to watch the 'AAA' hockey at the John Reid Tournament at Servus Place today what a great outing for our students! **St. Gabriel Education Centre** was awarded a GSACS grant of \$2500.00. The money will be used in our new site to create a student wellness hub for our students. We want to create a warm, inviting environment where students can socialize, have a snack, and take a break. We've also applied for a grant from the United Way who provide free period products for schools. We are set for many years to come!

St. Gabriel Education Centre also joined with St. Albert Parish's CWL to collect warm clothing for the people that Sacred Heart Church of the First People's serves in downtown Edmonton. Together we collected and sorted 103 scarves, 229 toques, 92 mittens/gloves, 9 head warmers, 42 underwear, 6 sweaters/hoodies, 6 coats, 4 blankets and 390 pairs of socks!

CONSENT & ACTION ITEMS

The following Consent and Action items were approved:

- Policy 11: Delegation of Authority
- Policy 19: Acknowledging Territories of Indigenous Communities Within Division Events
- Laura Bird Memorial Beacon of Hope Award Revision
- Division Services Centre Exterior Windows and Doors
- Policy 7: Board Operations

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Status of School Results Review
- Inclusive Education Programming Report
- 2023-2024 Fee Waiver Report
- Transportation Services Report
- Infrastructure/Capital Maintenance & Renewal (IMR/CMR)
- Plant Operations & Maintenance (PO&M)
- Quarter 1 Financial Statement
- Partnership with Tree House Playschool

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Board Organization meeting is scheduled to take place on February 26, 2024, at 2:00 pm

Feb, 2024

Division News

Schools across our division participated in Ash Wednesday - A day of prayer, reflection and fasting and the beginning of Lent. Schools came together as a faith community for mass in parishes across our communities. Thank you to all of our families and parishes for the beautiful services within our parishes and schools.

Earlier this month, Greater St. Albert Sports Academy launched the new BASEBALL Program for grade 4-6 students, made possible through a partnership with Absolute Human Performance! The first "Growing in Love: Faith and Wellness Art Show" was held at SACHS earlier this month where the showcase featured exceptional student artwork, live music and refreshments. The art sale raised more than \$1500 to help support the rebuilding of St. Jean Baptiste Parish.

School News

Congratulations to the grade 7/8 Cheer Team with **Ecole Georges H. Primeau**! 5th place at the Cheerific Cheer Competition!

Congratulations to the **St. Kateri Tekakwitha Academy Bisons Cheer Team** for getting 3rd place at Cheerific last weekend! Way to go ladies!

The **Morinville Community High School Cheer team** competed in the Cheerific Western Cheer Challenge last weekend, held at the MLC. The girls did not disappoint, representing **MCHS** with pride in their hometown. The girls had 4 great performances over the 2-day competition, taking first place in both the Game Day and Advanced All Girl divisions. Please congratulate the girls when you see them!

The **École Secondaire St. Albert Catholic High School cheer team** also competed at Cheerific in Morinville last weekend, clinching 2nd place in their Game Day routine and 3rd in All Girls Advanced!

École Secondaire Sainte Marguerite d'Youville student Ossie McIntyre, is making waves with a phenomenal season! McIntyre, along with 14 other outstanding players, is a proud member of GSACRD's Hockey Academy led by coach Geoff Giacobbo, who were both featured on Global News earlier this month.

BACK-TO-BACK BANNERS for the **École Secondaire St. Albert Catholic High School ladies'** curling team for winning the Metro Championship! Next step, Provincials in Drayton Valley!

It was a great day of wrestling at U of A Junior High Invitational! Congrats to all the wrestlers that competed and represented **Richard S. Fowler!** Go Falcons!

Consolation Champions at the Centurion Classic Invitational Tournament for both **Vincent J. Maloney Senior Girls and Senior Boys Basketball!** Such a great weekend of basketball fundraising for the Canadian Cancer Society. We are so proud of our teams and shoutout to our coaches! Go Marauders!!

Another successful weekend for **École Secondaire St. Albert Catholic High School Basketball!** Both senior teams bring home a silver medal from their tournaments this weekend! The girls completed in the **MCHS** tournament while the boys were out in Ardrossan at the Bison Thunder Invitational! Great work Skyhawks!

Legal School celebrated the finale to their One School, One Book projects yesterday as the Elementary students participated in "this or that" with topics and vocabulary from the book, sharing about the book, lemonade relay, scavenger hunt and word scramble about the theme and a classroom Kahoot challenge! There was so much activity and fun engaging with reading during our One School, One Book projects!

Both grade 6 classes at **J.J. Nearing Catholic Elementary** had a blast learning about the Alberta Government on Tuesday when they visited the Alberta Legislature. They participated in a mock legislature and toured the legislative building.

Consent and Actions Items

- Board Policy Review of Policy 10: Policy Making and Policy 16: Alternative Programs
- (Policy Review Committee)
- Superintendent's Report
- Indigenous Student Art Contest Update
- School Facilities Utilization Report
- ACSTA Director's Report

Next Regular Board Meeting

The Board Organization meeting is scheduled to take place on March 18th, 2024, at 2:00 pm

March, 2024

Division News

School News

To our Substitute Teachers and Casual Support Staff. Thank you for your vital role in the success of **Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools!** Your dedication ensures consistency for 5700 students, creating a dynamic and resilient learning environment. Your adaptability, responsiveness, and commitment to student success do not go unnoticed – you are integral to our story of success! Thank you for embodying the qualities of great leaders, and making a lasting impact on our faith-filled educational experience.

Bertha Kennedy Catholic School is thrilled to announce that Recreation Academy will launch during the next school year! Aimed at inspiring active lifestyles and honing sports skills, our Academy offers grade 4-6 students a convenient platform to dive into various sports activities. We're fostering athleticism and lifelong wellness with sessions twice a week, expert coaching, and a supportive environment. Register today to secure your spot!

The **Bertha Kennedy BobKats** attended the Running Room Indoor Games finals and came fourth place! They ran their hearts out and we are so proud! Thank you to Mrs. Kaplar, Mrs. Groenenboom and Mrs. Hazelwood for their time and commitment to helping our BobKats train!

Another silver medal for the **SACHS Senior Boys Skyhawks** for taking home 2nd in the Metro Championship! Their hard work and dedication to the game were on full display this morning! Huge congratulations to the **SACHS senior girls' basketball** team on snagging the silver at the Metro Championship tonight! Their relentless dedication and drive have brought them this far, and now they're eyeing their next challenge: punching their ticket to provincials.

Gathering in fellowship, and diving deep into Faith; the **ESC** religion students embraced the journey at the Face-to-Face Ministries retreat at St. Albert Parish.

The Grade 4 **ESC panthers** were invited to practice the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thank you to Father Antony from Holy Family Parish & Father Trini from St. Jean Baptiste in Morinville for leading students through their confessions. During this season of Lent, students are encouraged to turn towards the example of living like Jesus.

ESC students wrapped up our Artist in Residence week with their panthers presenting for their peers what they have been learning throughout the week. It has been so wonderful to be able to highlight our French culture this week through traditions, song and dance! Merci, Roger Dallaire!

Huge congrats to our **SKT** runners who placed 4th at the Running Room Games today! Go Bisons! Second place! Congratulations to our Bison's cheer team on their win this weekend!

Please congratulate our **MCHS Sr. Girls Basketball team** for finishing second at their zone tournament. The girls had a great start to the weekend, defeating Hilltop by 33 points, and Barrhead by 25 points in the semi-finals. The girls faced Westlock in the final and lost a hard-fought game. We are very proud of their hard work and hustle. They left it all on the court and played until the final whistle!

Please congratulate the **MCHS cheer team** for finishing 3rd in the Advanced All Girl division and 1st in the Game Day division this weekend at the True North Cheer and Dance Championships! The girls had 4 great performances, facing tough competition, and finishing with extremely tight scores. We are very proud of these girls! Go Wolves!

The **Legal Junior High** Art Option had a special art presentation from Mr. Frost from the St. Albert Painter's Guild this afternoon. He explained the technique and then the students had an opportunity to create new pastels that were generously donated for the activity! Thanks to Ms. Doehring for organizing this for the students!

Sister Alphonse Academy hosted a cultural food fair last week, with more than 25 cultures represented by students who attend the school. It was an excellent opportunity for students to learn about their peers' cultures and try out foods they've never had! We love seeing the community built within our schools—not only do we build relationships with students, but this extends to students' families

Today we took a stand against bullying by wearing pink! It was so awesome to see so many **NMR Eagles** wearing pink. Remember that one kind act, no matter how small can change someone's day, so be kind to everyone!

A huge thank you to BENT ARROW Traditional Healing Society for joining our **RSF** Falcon Block Friday. Evan did a wonderful job helping us build our foundational knowledge of Indigenous culture & traditions.

Our Junior Girls Basketball team won the SAPEC Tournament - Congratulations we are ESSMY proud!! Thanks to our dedicated coaches!

GHP commemorated the stations of the cross with the entire student body earlier this month. "By your holy cross You have redeemed the world."

The **GHP cheer teams** performed amazingly at the True North Cheer Competition! The grade 6 team placed 2nd and the grade 7/8 team placed 3rd.

Congratulations to our Sportsmanship winners from the 2024 ASAA Curling Provincial Championships! Girls - **École Secondaire St. Albert Catholic High School**.

Consent and Action Items

- 2025-2028 Capital Plan
- 2024-2025 Transportation Fees
- Division Services Centre Parking Lot Expansion

Report from the Superintendent

- 2024 Provincial Budget Announcement **Next Regular Board Meeting**

The Regular Board meeting is scheduled to take place on April 22nd, 2024, at 2:00 pm

5.0 Administrative Report – Ryan

5.1 - We are well in the process for planning for next year. Fowler is unfortunately expecting a drop in enrollment due to the smaller group of grade 6 students coming into grade 7. We have attracted a number of students from other schools and continue to draw in new students but we still expect few students. Current enrollment is 330 and next year, we are expecting 290.

5.2 - We were proud of our senior basketball teams who both won the Tier 2 Division Championships this year. We were grateful to have outside coaches lead these teams to success and were proud of the athletes who represented Fowler so well.

5.3 - We are so grateful to everyone who contributed to the Lenten Campaign project to support Catholic Social Services and their immigration services. With the beautiful baskets that each homeroom created, we were able to raise over \$2200! As a division, we blew the fundraising goal out of the water and we know it's thanks to the amazing families we work with every day.

5.4 - We celebrated a beautiful dramatization of the Passion the week before Spring Break. One of our gr 9 classes, with the help of Religion Teacher and Faith Lead Peggy Dugan, did an incredible job of demonstrating what Jesus went through and provided everyone with a powerful and prayerful experience.

5.5 - We also celebrated an amazing Easter mass with our feeder school Holy Family School at Holy Family Parish on April 5th. Both schools contributed to the ministries and the music was top notch.

5.6 - We brought 45 students to Marmot for our annual ski trip this year. They day was a success and everyone enjoyed themselves without injury. We hope to fill that second bus next year to have even more students able to enjoy.

5.7 - April 11th was Fowler's presentation of the Wizard of Oz junior. What a show! Under the direction of Michael Molzan, the kids pulled off a great show. It was great that Holy Family School was also involved and had some of their students in the production. What a great way to build a connection between the 2 schools!

5.8 - Our Bike-a-thon is just around the corner on May 3rd. Our goal is to raise \$40,000 this year but we have some work to do to reach that. Thanks to Mr Ludtke who does an amazing job organizing a tremendously fun day for the students.

5.9 - Our Jasper Band Trip is coming up on May 10th. Ryan Herbold is looking forward to a joint trip with GH primeau this year and we have about 35 Fowler Falcons attending.

5.10 - Fowler brought in an organization called Live Different this past week. It was a dynamic presentation. Live Different helps students learn, connect, and do something meaningful. Some of our students signed up for a follow-up workshop with them for a deeper dive into how to be leaders in our school and community.

The theme was the Power of Possibility - building hope and resilience through self-belief.

5.11 - Final exams are just around the corner. Fowler will be piloting the new digital PATs for gr 9s, which will streamline the process. Students will be practicing with the new platform in the next little bit. Parents, please check the school calendar for the final exam dates so you can ensure your children are not absent.

5.12 - Gr 9 Farewell is in the process of being planned. A survey is being sent to the students and to parents to receive feedback to help us plan. Right now, it's scheduled on June 21st at 4pm at Holy Family Parish. It starts with mass in the parish and is followed by a reception in the parish hall.

5.13 - This year Awards Night is on June 26th at 2pm. We know that this time is challenging for some families but it's limited as we work around SACHS grad mass that night at 7pm and SACHS grad the next day on the 27th.

Thanks for all your support!

6.0 Holy Family Liaison Report- Giovanna

On May 9, 2024, Alberta March for Life will be hosting guest speaker Dr Alveda King (niece of Dr Martin Luther King Jr) along with other speakers at the Legislature in the afternoon. Followed by the Rose Dinner fundraiser at the Polish Hall with Dr Alveda King Q&A. For tickets and info go to: albertamarchforlife.com

7.0 Friends of Fowler Report –

Track and Field Concession May 14: Giovanna will lead and organize volunteers needed to help purchase and serve food for Fowler students on Track day. Will contact all the fantastic volunteers in the coming days.

7.1 Healthy Hunger feedback: Cynthia would like to reward all the dedicated parents who always show up to pass out food with the "extras" that are leftover before they go to office for dispersal. This gesture

will show appreciation for the parents making the time to make Healthy Hunger a success week after week. This is often done at other schools.

Help from Fowler staff is not necessary during Healthy Hunger because there is a system already in place and outside help disrupts this flow.

8.0 Open forum / New business-

- Discussion about late policy and importance of parents calling office/use Messenger.

- Can reminders go out when special events outside of school conflict with Healthy Hunger?

Meeting Adjourned 7:44