

## Board Meeting Highlights

**August 29, 2017**

**Trustees:** Guy Pelletier (Chairperson), Anne Marie Watson (Vice-Chairperson), David Bouchard, Adriana LaGrange, Murray Hollman, and Diane MacKay

### **Distinguished Leadership Award**

The Board of Trustees congratulated Ms. Jodi Smith, Principal at École Mother Teresa Catholic School, as she was selected as a recipient of the 2016-2017 Distinguished Leadership Award through the Council for School Leadership of the Alberta Teachers' Association.

### **Discovery School Pilot Project**

Currently Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools has 23 Pre-Kindergarten programs with 426 children. Suzy Potts, Coordinator of Inclusive Learning presented the new Discovery School Pilot Project to the Board of Trustees. This project will launch in January 2018 where a Pre-Kindergarten classroom will be located at Riverbend Golf and Recreation Area modelling the Reggio-Inspired pedagogy of giving students a natural space to learn in. Pre-Kindergarten students in Red Deer will get to experience the Discovery School classroom for one week between January and April 2018. A Parent/Guardian Information Session will be offered soon. Stay tuned for more details.

### **Transportation Know Your Zone, Safely Home Campaign**

Once again, Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools has partnered with Red Deer Public School District, Chinook's Edge School Division and Prairie Bus Lines in an effort to promote transportation safety. This year's safety theme is Know Your Zone, Safely Home, which is for the communities of Red Deer and Olds.

A safety zone is an area (at least 1 metre from the curb of a road) where students must stand when waiting for the school bus to arrive and depart. In the morning (five minutes prior to pick-up time), students of all ages are required to line-up in the safety zone until the bus door opens. This also applies in the afternoon when the school bus operator drops students off. All students need to wait in their seat until the bus door opens before heading to the safety zone. Students need to remain in the safety zone when the bus departs. Students are NOT allowed to cross in front or behind the bus during pick-up or drop-off, as the City of Red Deer and Town of Olds does not use alternating flashing red lights to control traffic.

## **Capital Projects Update**

### **St. Patrick's Community School Modernization**

Alberta Education and Infrastructure have agreed to allow St. Patrick's Community School Modernization be an IPD project. The RFP for architects/general contractors is currently posted and the selection of these will be completed in early September.

### **École Our Lady of the Rosary Modular Relocation**

Timcon Construction has made good progress over the summer months and we expect the project to be completed by the end of September.

### **St. Elizabeth Seton School Modular Relocation**

Work has progressed nicely on this project and staff now has occupancy of the two new classrooms.

### **Father Henri Voisin School Modular Addition**

ABC School provided occupancy of these new classrooms in early August.

### **Facility Master Plan Projects During Summer 2017**

- École Secondaire Notre Dame High School received a Career Technology Studies (CTS) renovation to the Foods and Mechanics area, as well as some upgrades to lighting and the front entrance.
- St. Francis of Assisi Middle School has increased the size of their cafeteria, as the school outgrew the existing space.
- St. Martin de Porres School main student washroom had additional stalls installed.
- St. Teresa of Avila School has the main entrance and learning commons renovation. This project will continue into September with after hours and weekend work.

The next board meeting is on September 26, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.



**Guy Pelletier**, Board Chair