



TO: All Staff and Parents

BOARD NOTES

Regular Meeting of October 28, 2014

"Find God in all things"

ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE

The Board approved \$2,000,000 from capital reserves be used to assist in the building of a field house in conjunction with St. Joseph High School. The money will be paid back to capital reserves through rental of the facility and various fundraising activities. The City of Red Deer, Red Deer Royals and Red Deer Royals Alumni are the financial partners with Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools in the construction of the field house.

NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL CONCEPT PLAN

Trustees approved the concept plan with regards to the joint site for 3 high schools (RD Catholic, RD Public and Francophone) as well as with the City of Red Deer for outdoor field use.

NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL SITE NAME

The name 'Agora Campus' for the school site has been brought forward by the concept plan committee and approved by Trustees. The name will go to the City of Red Deer for final approval.

MODULAR CLASSROOM REQUESTS

The Board approved the addition of modularity for St. Teresa, Fr. Voisin and Holy Trinity Schools.

BLACKFALDS K-9 SCHOOL NAME

The Division will begin a public engagement activity in the near future to include the public in the naming of the future school in Blackfalds.

ACCOUNTABILITY PILLAR OVERALL SUMMARY

The Superintendent reviewed the Accountability Overall Summary and noted that 11/16 measures on this report have improved. This is good news for the Division.

PAT/DIPLOMA EXAMINATION RESULTS

Trustees were presented with information on the 2013-2014 Provincial Achievement Test and Diploma Exam results. The Division remains above the provincial average in all results, however in the past 5 years, the province and Red Deer Catholic Schools have experienced a downward trend in some subject areas in Grade 6 and 9. A robust systematic and strategic work plan has been created to address this trend. The Division continues to experience high participation rates in diploma exams and a very low drop-out rate.

POLICY REVIEW - POLICY 19: BOARD OPERATIONS

Policy 19 was reviewed and some minor changes were suggested. The Secretary-Treasurer will revise the policy with the changes and bring back to the November 25 Board meeting for approval.

For more information please feel free to contact Dr. V. Paul Mason, Superintendent, at 403-343-1055.

Guy Pelletier, Board Chair