



To: All Staff and Parents

## BOARD NOTES

Regular Meeting of February 24, 2015

*"Find God in all things"*

### **SCHOOL DIVISION CAREER PLAN**

Trustees were able to review the Division Career Plan – Scope and Sequence Chart. The chart outlines the preparation of students for careers beginning in Grade 4 and continuing through to Grade 12.

### **NAMING OF THE NEW BLACKFALDS SCHOOL**

The deadline for name submissions was on February 23. The final list will be given to Trustees for review and short-listing and following the approval of short-listed names by Archbishop Smith, Trustees will select the name for the new Blackfalds School.

### **BOARD ADVOCACY**

Trustees were briefed on Google Calender as a tool for the Communications Department to keep abreast of Trustee happenings. Trustees also reviewed a proposal from 24/7 Media which they will discuss further at the next board retreat.

### **SCHOOL BUS DRIVER SHORTAGES**

A survey conducted by Student Transportation of Alberta was reviewed and it was reported that the province is experiencing a bus driver shortage. The survey indicates that 41 out of 57 school boards have a bus driver shortage. Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools are not currently experiencing a driver shortage on a regular basis and the Division continues to strive to remain competitive in the industry.

### **POLICY REVIEW – POLICY 18 – EARLY RETIREMENT FOR TEACHERS**

Trustees reviewed Policy 18 – Early Retirement for Teachers and no revisions were made.

### **BOARD RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE CURRENT COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT – SEPT 1, 2012-AUG 31, 2016**

The Board made a motion to approve the current collective agreement dated September 1, 2012-August 31, 2016.

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

*Guy Pelletier, Board Chair*