

Highlights from the Board of Trustees Meeting, December 13, 2011



The Division held a Christmas card design contest open to all Evergreen students. Nearly 200 entries were received. The selection committee chose a winning entry from the elementary and from the junior/senior high grades. The entries submitted by grade 3 John Paul II student Matthis Henrichs and grade 11 St. Thomas Aquinas student Holly Grimes were selected. Congratulations to them and sincere thanks to all students and their teachers. Winning entries may be viewed at www.ecsrd.ca

Youth Leaders from GRCCS reported on a very successful "Imagine" Conference which was co-organized by the Hinton community and students from 4 schools including Gerard Redmond.

The Board of Trustees approved the Rural and Urban boundary guidelines and transportation services areas affecting the Spruce Grove, Stony Plain, and Devon catchment areas. Maps will be printed and sent to all affected schools in early January 2012.

The Trustees voted to support a proposal from the Archdiocese of Edmonton to provide Catholic school districts with a Sacramental Educator position for two years. The position will report to the Archbishop and work with teachers regarding childrens' sacramental preparation.

The Division Board Office will relocate from Holy Trinity Catholic Church to the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School tentatively effective summer of 2013.

Evergreen will cohost an International Teacher Exchange between Ms. Angela Genert (St. Joseph's Grade 4) and Mr. Laurence Hallinan of St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School of Queensland, Australia. Mr. Hallinan will be with us from January-December 2012.

The Government of Hokkaido, under the Regional Exchange for Mutual Understanding (REX) Teacher Program, will once again provide a Japanese language teacher to the Evergreen school jurisdiction to continue to develop and maintain Japanese language programs within our schools. ECSRD is fortunate to be chosen for a REX placement in September 2012. This will be the fourth Japanese teacher placed at STA/SPA.

The Division and ATA Local #44 held its first Teacher/Board Advisory Committee (TBAC) meeting. This proved to be a positive and collegial opportunity for open dialogue between the Board and the teachers' association.

The Board of Trustees wishes all parents, students, and staff a Merry Christmas and sends wishes for a happy, prosperous, and blessed New Year.

