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Greater St. Albert
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Regular Board Meeting Summary, January 24, 2022 - Virtual Meeting.

Division News

The annual Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten expo was moved to a virtual format and hosted live on YouTube on January 13, with more than 250 families tuning in. To date, we've received hundreds of parent inquiries for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten registrations!

Our schools and staff worked hard to get rapid test kits and masks out to every family within our division. Thank you for your hard work in distributing these important tools! Our division also purchased N95 masks for staff who work in schools as an added layer of protection within our classrooms.

In December, Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools supported various fundraisers to raise money for the St. Jean Baptiste Parish rebuild. As a division, our schools raised \$17,000 for the parish thanks to our students, staff, families, and community! We also want to recognize all of the charity work done over the holidays to support many local organizations throughout the year. Your many acts of kindness for our community do not go unnoticed.

The Nature Kindergarten Extension Pilot was positively received by families during the Virtual Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten expo. Many of the questions received during the Q&A portion of the expo were regarding the Nature Kindergarten program. Families are very excited about the new programming option within three of our schools.

School News

J.J. Nearing Catholic Elementary School launched its first Facebook account and acquired more than 150 followers. Every school in our division has active social media accounts!

Congratulations to 4 students on the Skyhawks Football team from **École Secondaire St. Albert Catholic High School!** Mason Clayton, Ethan Vandergriend, Tate Lysohyrika, and Thomas Duncan were named league all-stars in football in the 2021 season. Congratulations, Skyhawks!

Starting in September 2022, **Neil M Ross Catholic School** will launch Sports Academy for grades 4-6. The sports academy celebrates over 15 years of successful sports programming in Hockey, Soccer, Gymnastics/Cheer,/Dance.

Vincent J. Maloney Catholic Junior High School student, Karissa de Sousa, is off to the Lions International finals for her art peace poster. In an interview with the St. Albert Gazette, Karissa said her work shows how people don't have to be face-to-face to work together for peace. Congratulations, Karissa! Good luck at the next level. We are rooting for you!

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During the holidays, we learned about a story from staff and students at **École Marie Poburan**, whose Kindergarten teacher was leading a charity project for the Stollery Children's Hospital. Each year, the kindergarten class, along with their families, decorate Christmas trees for all of the ICU rooms at the Stollery so that they have a Christmas tree in their room on Christmas morning. This year, the kindergarten teacher delivered 94 trees on Christmas eve.

The students at **Bertha Kennedy Catholic School** got a visit from Edmonton Oilers mascot Hunter on December 13, thanks to a donation from a school parent through the Edmonton Oilers Foundation.

CONSENT & ACTION ITEMS

The following Action items were approved:

- Review of Board Policy 13: Appeals and Hearing Regarding Student Matters

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Inclusive Education Programming Update
- 2021-2022 Fee Waiver Report
- Quarter 1 Financial Statement
- School Results Reviews Report
- French Immersion Update
- COVID-19 Update
- 2020-2021 Annual Education Results Report Update
- School Facilities Utilization Report

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled to take place on February 28, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.