

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- **The Board meeting started with a prayer and reflection led by Trustee Lucy Gehl. The scripture reflection was from the Gospel of John and focused on the coming of the Holy Spirit after Jesus' departure to assist and guide us in our lives.**

- **The Board set February 13th as the date for our Annual Meeting of Electors. The meeting will take place at St. Margaret School in Moose Jaw; as well a video link will be set up in the communities of Shaunavon and Swift Current.**

- **Board members reported on a number of activities they were involved in including:**
 - ❖ **Patricia Gottselig attended the St. Michael's Christmas celebrations;**
 - ❖ **Krista Michelson attended the St. Margaret concert;**
 - ❖ **Alyssa Robinson attended the Sacred Heart Christmas concert as well as the Holy Trinity band concert;**
 - ❖ **Alyssa also attended the St. Joseph Church parish council ... one highlight was the Alpha Program kicking off in January with just over 40 participants having signed up;**
 - ❖ **Tyler Wiens attended the St. Joseph Christmas concert as well as their final advent ceremony. With regard to Parish Council ... a house has been acquired for the Pastor;**
 - ❖ **Debbie attended Christ the King's Christmas concert. Debbie reported that between the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Women's League they have donated just over \$8,000 to the school for playground replacement;**
 - ❖ **Lucy Gehl attended the St. Patrick Christmas concert and final advent ceremony;**

- **Chairperson Mark Corbin reported on a variety of things that are taking place from a Provincial perspective. Mark also reported on how the School Boards Association is approaching the changes to the school year being enacted by the Provincial Government.**

- **Director of Education, Celeste York provided an update related to the new school in Swift Current which is now in the design stage.**
- **Gerry Gieni provided a financial update for the Board, as well; Gerry spoke to a new certificate program available through the University of Regina focusing on leadership. It is very specific to the Education sector in Saskatchewan. Participants come from the various school divisions in the Province who may be interested in aspiring to leadership positions in their various divisions. The program runs over a four month period where teams are set up. Each team has four participants and they work on an educational related project which is presented at the culmination of the program. During the project participants are provided with communication, collaboration, and other leadership skills which they will practice as they work on and complete their individual projects.**
- **The Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Dave DePape to the position of Assistant Superintendent effective immediately.**

The Assistant Superintendent, an out of scope position, was made possible due to the current *Provincial Collective Bargaining Agreement: Clause 9.1.2. Out-of-Scope Personnel*. Dave's appointment to Assistant Superintendent will allow him to provide necessary senior level support in the areas of human resources and administration leadership on behalf of the board.

Dave brings a wealth of experience to this position. He has 16 years of educational experience in both elementary and secondary schools. Prior to coming to Holy Trinity Dave taught high school in Foam Lake, followed by a year teaching Basic English in Kaohsiung, Taiwan and then back to Saskatchewan, to teach middle years in Melville. His knowledge of Holy Trinity schools and community is extensive. During his ten years of employment with Holy Trinity he has provided solid in-school administrative leadership at St. Michael, Sacred Heart, St. Mary and École St. Margaret.

Dave holds a Bachelor of Education Degree, double major: Biology and Physical Education, from the University of Saskatchewan and a Master's Degree in Educational Administration from the University of Phoenix. Presently he is working on a Master's Certificate Human Resources in Educational Administration from the University of Regina.