

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- **The Board meeting started with a prayer and reflection taken from the book of Hosea. A variety of reflections were shared including our need to be patient, to persevere and to forgive.**
- **A number of Trustees reported on their activities over the past month. Some attended the Opening Day ceremonies in Moose Jaw on September 19th and Swift Current on September 23rd. Board Members gave presentations to staff talking about the Board's Guiding Principles and how they are actualized throughout the year. Trustees representing the four Parishes our division is connected with reported on Parish activities taking place over the Fall Season.**
- **The Board sponsored a retirement dinner on September 15th for all staff who retired at the end of the last school year. Many of the Trustees were in attendance and the evening was enjoyed by all.**
- **Chairperson Mark Corbin reported that Debbie Olesen our Vice Chairperson and Celeste York attended the Saskatchewan School Boards Association's "Member's Council" in September. A number of updates and topics were discussed including:
 - The Association's budget;
 - Instructional time;
 - The new funding model presented by the Ministry; and
 - The new Teachers' Collective Agreement which was ratified.**

Mark, Celeste and a Vanier student also attended the City of Moose Jaw's strategic planning event in September. This was a community consultation held by the city and included representatives from both school divisions, the business community, health services and various city departments such as police, engineering, etc. The one day event had a look at Moose Jaw twenty years into the future ... projecting a population of 65 thousand.

- **Director of Education, Celeste York reported that she had received a number of thank you notes from retirees who attended the Board sponsored retirement dinner on September 15th. Celeste also informed the Board that our Alternate School Year at Vanier has been approved by the Ministry for another school year. A full review of the Alternate School year will be conducted by an outside agency over the next year. Celeste reported that she spoke to the Rotary Club this past month, she touched on a variety of topics including: the Board's Guiding Principles; our planning cycle; Provincial and Board priorities.**

- **Chief Financial Officer, Gerry Gieni presented a financial update for the Board. Gerry spent a bit of time reviewing the new funding model that the Ministry will be implementing in March of next year. The Ministry called all 29 school divisions in the Province together on September 21st and 22nd and spent the time unveiling the new funding model. Much work has been done over the past two years by the education sector to come up with a fair and equitable way to distribute the funds available among the 29 divisions.**

- **Superintendent of Learning (Curriculum), Geri Hall had the following key messages for the Board:**
 - ❖ **Mathematics: Overall Mathematics AFL (Grades 5 to 8) results for Holy Trinity continue to be consistent with region and province levels of achievement.**
 - ❖ **Reading: Overall Reading AFL (Grades 4, 7 and 10) results for Holy Trinity are at or above those of the regions and province.**
 - ❖ **Treaty Essential Learnings: Holy Trinity Grade 7 TELs results show some of the highest percentages in all six Treaty Essential Learnings and successfully meet our division's First Nations and Metis Continuous Improvement Plan goal.**

The Board views the provincial assessments as one data source of student achievement and will continue to respond to needs as required.

- **The Board held its annual Retreat on October 1st and 2nd with Father Ron Beechinor facilitating the spiritual component. Senior Administration and Trustees came away uplifted and with high praises for Father Ron. We are going to look into the possibility of holding next year's retreat in Cypress.**

- **The Board continues to work on a review of their Governance Policies and has set October 5th in Moose Jaw as a date to continue this work.**