

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- The meeting was begun with a prayer and bible reflection led by Trustee Gottselig. One of the themes that came out of the reflection was the notion that if you are to be a leader – you must first and foremost be a “servant” of all those you lead.
- October 18th at 11:00 a.m. is a memorable date to mark on the school division’s historic calendar ... that being the official sod turning for All Saints Catholic school in Swift Current which took place at the site where construction is now under way. After a series of pictures everyone adjourned to a meeting room at the Swift Current hospital, who will be our new neighbors once All Saints School is in operation. Premier Brad Wall who is our MLA in Swift Current was on hand for the opening as well as our Minister of Education, Mr. Russ Marchuk. All those who attended the event received many words of encouragement and thanks for all the efforts put into this project which has brought us to this point. Construction is scheduled to take 2 years, with the official opening to happen in September of 2014.
- During the ‘Trustee Report’ portion of the agenda a number of events which Trustees attended and commented on included:
 - The youth ministry in Shaunavon is doing very well, the best and most encouraging in many years.
 - The new playground equipment and structure is scheduled to be installed at Christ the King School on October 28th and 29th ... the community rallied together around this project and raised over \$40,000.00 – that combined with \$15,000.00 from the school division will see a state of the art structure for the students and community in Shaunavon.
- Trustees Mark Corbin and Debbie Olesen attended the Provincial School Board Association’s member’s council in October. Among other topics, the upcoming budget for the Provincial Association was reviewed and the issue of “local teacher bargaining” was discussed. It was generally felt that it was important to maintain a voice and role for Boards of Education related to local bargaining with teachers.

- **Trustee Lucy Gehl reported on the “Youth Wellness Conference” which was hosted by St. Patrick School ... here is a summary of that conference:**

The 2012 Youth Wellness Conference was a success. Alvin Law was a dynamic speaker that captured the students from the beginning.

Activity based sessions open to students was: Origami, Seeing 3-D, Anime, Fencing, In Motion, Hip Hop Dance, Yoga, Zumba, Wrestling, Drumming Circle and Rodeo. Each session was a little over one hour in length and offered students an opportunity to try something of interest to them.

Each student attended one activity session and two information sessions. It was a busy day full of learning and fun. The students enjoy learning with peers from within the city.

It is worth noting that small group presenters, Kiwanis and staff from other schools noted the respectful and positive attitude of St. Joe's students. The custodian also thanked the students for cleaning up after themselves at lunch hour.