

## ***BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS***

- **The Board began their meeting with a prayer and bible reflection from the Gospel of Luke. The reflection centered on a high ranking Centurion whose servant was ill and had enough faith to believe in the healing power of Jesus from afar. Board members and staff shared their thoughts on the meaning and significance of the reading as it related to our division.**
- **Holy Trinity student enrolment has increased each year for the past 3 years. Facilities are at capacity. We will investigate opportunities for land acquisition for a new school as the city development expands. We will keep our lines of communication open with Prairie South School Division as they monitor their enrolments to see if there may be a possibility of a joint venture.**
- **The Board has set its date for their annual spiritual retreat for October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> to take place in Riverhurst. The retreat will end at noon on Sunday and be followed by a Regular Meeting of the Board. It was decided to have the meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October rather than the 3<sup>rd</sup> as previously scheduled since everyone was together already.**
- **It was decided that our Annual Meeting of Electors which was to occur on November 7<sup>th</sup> will be held in February of 2012. Most school divisions in the Province have gone to this time frame in order to allow enough time for the completion of the annual audit of the school division and its presentation at the meeting of electors.**
- **Director of Education, Celeste York gave an update on preliminary enrolment counts. Initial enrolments sit just over 2,300 students. This is up over 100 from last year. Additional classrooms and staff have been put in place to meet student needs. Celeste reported on the status of the new school which has been approved for the Swift Current community. Currently Stantec and AODBT Architects are working in collaboration on planning and design.**

- **Chief Financial Officer, Gerry Gieni presented a financial update for the year ended August 31, 2011. Things are still in the initial stages of completion with a number of bills yet to be received. At the moment the overall picture is close to budget. Gerry indicated that he will update the Trustees on a regular basis over the next number of weeks as the work on year end proceeds.**
  
- **Superintendent of Curriculum, Geri Hall provided the Board with a report related to literacy and summed up the report with the following 3 key messages:**
  1. **We have a shared belief that students can read; therefore, Holy Trinity Catholic School Division will continue to maintain a goal of 80% of students reading at grade level for Grades 1 to 3.**
  2. **Leveled Literacy Intervention continues to provide immediate and necessary intervention and will be supported in the 2011-12 school year.**
  3. **Additional supports for teachers new to teaching reading strategies in Grades 1 to 5 will be provided.**
  
- **Chairperson Mark Corbin reported that the Board has received official notice from Ms. Cheryl Senecal, Acting Deputy Minister of Education, that the budget which we submitted for the 2011 – 2012 academic year has been approved.**