Board of Trustees Meeting with Minister Eggen

Building and maintaining strong relationships is an important part of the work of the board of trustees to provide excellence in governance for Calgary Catholic which includes advocating for the needs of our district. On Tuesday January 15, 2019 the Board of Trustees along with our Chief Superintendent, Gary Strother met with Minister of Education, David Eggen. Topics of conversation with the Minister included:

- Publicly funded Catholic education
- Importance of Locally elected boards and board autonomy
- Infrastructure – our district continues to grow we have a need for new schools and modernizations to existing facilities to meet the needs of our students
- New curriculum implementation

Provincial Budget Consultation

On Thursday January 10, 2019 Board Chair Cheryl Low and Superintendent Narin Kishinchandani, CFO attended a budget consultation with Education Minister David Eggen. The consultation was attended by education stakeholders from across the province. This was an important opportunity to be part of ongoing conversation and collaboration.

Parent Trustee Forum January 22-24, 2019

At the November PTF we started the conversation with our parents on what is important to them in education and in Catholic education and our shared responsibility together in our unique roles as Governors (Trustees), Administration, Staff, School Councils, and Parents. Our focus is always on providing the best opportunities for our students to live and learn in our Catholic faith. We all strive to meet the needs of our students and deliver excellence in Catholic education. Calgary Catholic has some of the best results in our province. This is a result of all of us working together; staying focused on ‘Why’ we are here and listening and growing.

On January 22, 23, and 24th the Board of Trustees hosted three Parent and Trustee forums to inform and engage parents in conversation about the new K-4 Alberta Education curriculum and ‘Concept Based Learning’. We would like to thank all of the parents who joined us for these conversations. We would also like to thank the members of Senior Administration who attended and the staff from our Instructional Services team who prepared and presented an engaging interactive evening to build capacity and understanding of the learning concepts in the new curriculum.

The information from the presentations will be available on the district website at: https://www.cssd.ab.ca/Parents/SchoolCouncil/2018-2019/Pages/default.aspx
Please join us for the March Parent and Trustee Forum on March 19, 2019 – Best Western Premier Calgary Plaza Hotel (Coast Plaza) at 7:00 p.m. This will be a proactive discussion around mental health/anxiety concerns with school-aged children and strategies to help your children manage in their daily lives.

Speaker Dr. Lynn Miller, Ph.D, Lic. Psych.
- Learn what mental health concerns exist in school-aged children
- Teach kids how to manage their difficulties
- Identify how kids learn to push through anxiety

GrACE – Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education
GrACE is a collaboration between Catholic education stakeholders across the province. Trustees, superintendents and bishops have been working for the past year on the framework for this important work of sharing the good word of publicly funded Catholic education. It is a partnership of stakeholders resolutely committed to Catholic education in our province- trustees, superintendents, parents, teachers, priests, parishioners and other stakeholders.

Initial information about GrACE was shared in parish bulletins across the province on Catholic Education Sunday November 3-4. Each school district across the province will be forming their own GrACE group. You will be hearing more about GrACE as part of our Calgary Catholic effort in the weeks and months ahead.

The Board Chairs Report can be found on the following page: https://www.cssd.ab.ca/BoardOfTrustees/Newsletters/Pages/default.aspx