



Board Messages –October 2018

1. Associate Superintendent of Learning, Courtney Lawrance provided the Board with a thorough Summary of Achievement of the division based on the results of the Provincial Achievement Tests and Diploma Exams. The Board was provided with the approved News Releases, which will go to the media and be put on our website. The Board was apprised of the good news and the areas that need work and fully supports the changes that are happening as it continues to move forward with Blueprint 5.0 and 20/20 Vision for Learning. The Board recognizes the strategic focus of the Blueprint 5.0 on achievement and the alignment of instruction and assessment with the Program of Studies and looks forward to celebrating the achievement of all students across the division.

2. The Board of Living Waters takes its role of Governance of the School Division very seriously. Therefore, it undergoes a yearly Self-Evaluation process in order to assess its performance and to set a series of goals for its positive path forward. The Board has set a focussed agenda for areas of emphasis; it has a commitment to continuous improvement and it looks forward to meeting these and other challenges. The Board approved its Annual Board Self-Evaluation and has identified the following priorities for itself:
 - 1) Continue to focus on Catholic values and faith development.
 - 2) Enhance and refine student engagement processes.
 - 3) Review the vision statement for the Division.
 - 4) Support Blueprints 5.0
 - 5) Review the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Calls for Action (in Education) to determine specific actions for the Board to consider in fostering reconciliation.

3. The Board of Living Waters would like to welcome Eva Kuefler as the newest Trustee representing the Edson Ward. On October 3, 2018 Eva was acclaimed as trustee and she was sworn in at the October 23, 2018 meeting of the Board. Eva has been a long time resident of the Edson area and the Board looks forward to welcoming her perspective at the Board table in providing quality governance for Catholic Education.
4. The Living Waters Board of Trustees had an in-depth discussion around class size, enrollment numbers and budgeting in preparation for approving the November Budget submission to Alberta Education.

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Dates to Remember

Admin Retreat – Oct 29 & 30, 2018
Religious Ed Meeting – Nov 1, 2018
Catholic Education Sunday – Nov 4, 2018
Admin Meeting – Nov 6, 2018
ACSTA AGM – Nov 16-18, 2018
ASBA FGM – Nov 18-20, 2018
Jr/Sr High Cohort Meeting – Nov 21, 2018
Board Meeting – Nov 27, 2018
Elementary Cohort Meeting – Nov 28, 2018
FNMI Meeting – Nov 29, 2018

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