

BOARD BULLETIN

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PRESENTATION-EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD SEMI-FINALIST



- Alberta Education announced Michelle Miller, a Teacher at St. Mary's School as a **Semi-Finalist** for the **2014 Alberta Excellence in Teaching Award**. The Board presented Michelle with the certificate from the Government of Alberta. **Congratulations Michelle!**

In Photo:
Michelle Miller: St. Mary's Teacher
Peter Grad: Board Chair

PRESENTATION - AMBASSADORS FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION AWARD

- The Board recognized Monsignor McCoy High School students **Angela Hao & Brandon Nielson** as **Ambassadors for Catholic Education**. Both students were presented with the **Above & Beyond Award** for their leadership, volunteerism and contributions to their school community. Earlier this month, both students were nominated for the Leaders of Tomorrow community award. **Congratulations Angela and Brandon!**



In Photo Left to Right:
Rob Burzminski, Vice-Principal Monsignor McCoy High School, Students: **Brandon Nielson, Angela Hao & Peter Grad,** Board Chair

BUDGET APPROVED – At a Special Board Meeting, on May 20, 2014, the Board **approved the 2014 – 2015 budget**. The Board will cover the \$300,000 deficit with reserves. The [budget](#) (link) document can be found on the division website under Communications on the homepage. www.mhcbce.ab.ca

INSPIRING EDUCATION – Inspiring Education is **Alberta Education's vision focusing on the 21st century learner** to become **Ethical Citizens & Engaged Thinkers** with an **Entrepreneurial Spirit**. Education is taking a new approach:

- Shifting the focus and putting students first;
- Expanding the traditional methods of teaching;
- Investing in students and giving educators license to be more creative.

The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that beginning in September 2014, **Mr. Chuck Hellman, Principal of St. Mary's School, will be providing capacity as a leader in our Division supporting the implementation of Inspiring Education**. Mr. Hellman will continue as Principal of St. Mary's School and also act as a **Division Principal** for this initiative. Mr. Chuck Hellman was in attendance and gave a presentation on the many facets of [Inspiring Education](#). Did you know Inspiring Education is a Ministerial Order proclaimed by the Government of Alberta on May 6, 2013? Find out more about Inspiring Education @<https://inspiring.education.alberta.ca/what-is-inspiring-education/>

Our Motto:

"Showing the face of Christ to all."

NATIONAL NEWSPAPER AWARD

Congratulations to the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education for receiving a **"Great Ideas Award"** from **Newspapers Canada** for our **"2013-2014 Welcome Back to School"** publication. The award showcases outstanding and unique promotional initiatives as chosen from nation-wide newspapers across Canada! **Super job MHCBE!**



TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT – Following the Request for Proposals (**RFP**) process, the Board of Trustees voted to award our **transportation contract to Southland Transportation** from September 2014 to June 2019. It is projected there will be a savings of \$67,000 in the first year. We expect a smooth transition to our new bus company. Any and all transportation details will be posted on the division website as soon as possible. The Board of Trustees and Senior Administration expressed their appreciation to Totem Transportation for their many years of service to the division. **Thank you Totem!**

RETIREES – Retirees for 2013 – 2014 will be acknowledged for their years of service at the annual Retiree Dinner, Monday, June 16th. Very special congratulations are extended to: **Trish Carr, Dave Carnegie, Sandy Plotsky, Jim Schafer, Wayne Schlosser & Karen Spiers** - additional retirees may be forthcoming.

ALBERTA CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION (ACSTA) – The Association of Catholic School Trustees is redefining its mission statement to be more inclusive. **To preserve, promote and enhance Catholic Education**, is proposed.

C2 COMMITTEE – The work of the C2 Committee, *established to conduct internal reviews to determine what jurisdiction initiated tasks and policies can be eliminated or modified to reduce Teacher workload*, has met 5 times during the 2013-2014 school year. The Committee consists of 7 members from ATA, 1 Board member, 2 Central Office Administrators and 1 Alberta Education representative. The group summarized the positive progress to-date, planned for the next steps and set September 30, 2014 for the next meeting. The full [C2 Report](#) describes C1, C2 & C3 as per the [Provincial Framework Agreement](#).



World Catholic Education Day MAY 29th

- **Next Catholic School Board Meeting:** Tues., June 10, 2014 3:00 pm at the Catholic School Board Office, 1251 – 1st Ave SW. Everyone is welcome.

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS – As part of the Board of Trustees ongoing effort to keep our community informed, this Bulletin is published following the monthly Catholic School Board Meeting. The Bulletin highlights just a few of the School Division's many activities & events. **We hope you find this publication of interest and value to you.**