

# BOARD BULLETIN

## October 2013 – MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION

**ELECTION 2013** – The Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education were elected by acclamation in Ward 1 and Ward 2 for the 2013-2017 term. Congratulations to Mr. Peter Grad, Mr. Dick Mastel, Mrs. Regina Durst, Reverend Mr. Robert Risling and Mrs. Natalie Van Tryp. Trustees took the Oath of Office at an official commissioning ceremony on October 15, 2013 led by Father Philip Le.



### ✠ Trustees Left to Right –

Reverend Mr. Robert Risling, Mrs. Natalie Van Tryp, Mrs. Regina Durst, Mr. Peter Grad and Mr. Dick Mastel

**BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING** – The Board also held its Organizational Meeting on October 15, 2013 to determine Chair, Vice-Chair and all other Committee Appointments as follows:

### Chair and Vice-Chair

- Mr. Peter Grad, Chair of the Board
- Mr. Dick Mastel, Vice-Chair of the Board

### Committee Appointments & Representatives:

- Negotiations Committee ATA–Peter Grad
- Negotiations Committee CUPE–Dick Mastel
- Alberta School Boards Association Zone 6–Peter Grad
- Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association–Dick Mastel
- MH Catholic Schools' Education Foundation–Natalie Van Tryp
- Spiritual Leadership Scholarship Med Hat–Regina Durst
- Spiritual Leadership Scholarship Bow Island–Natalie Van Tryp
- CUPE Staff Board Advisory Committee–Natalie Van Tryp
- Support Staff Board Advisory Committee–Regina Durst
- Teacher Board Advisory Committee–Robert Risling
- Parent Association Committee–Robert Risling
- C2 Committee–Robert Risling

**FAREWELL TO OUTGOING TRUSTEES** – Outgoing Trustees were acknowledged for their service. We are grateful they answered the call to be faith leaders in the governance of our school communities. Trustees were presented with a gift and each expressed their heartfelt farewells. Mr. Van Ham was absent from the ceremony, his award will be presented to him by his fellow Trustees.

### ✠ Mr. Kelly Van Ham 21 Years of Service

(1992-1995) Bow Island #82 and (1995–2013) MHCSR D #20

### ✠ Mr. Stan Aberle 6 Years of Service (2007-2013)

### ✠ Mr. Warren Stark 1 Year of Service (2012-2013)

**Thank you all for your Service!**

## Our Motto:

**"Showing the face of Christ to all."**

**HPV HUMAN PAPILOMA VIRUS VACCINE** – The Board passed the following motion at the October 08, 2013 Board Meeting:

- **"THAT** the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education reaffirms its position that the administration of some vaccines in Catholic Schools is incongruent with the educative mission of our Catholic Schools" **and;** **"THAT** the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Trustees disassociates itself from the elements of the Alberta Health Services vaccination program by requesting that Alberta Health Services distributes and collects consent forms directly from parents for vaccinations that are incongruent with the educative mission of our Catholic Schools" **and;** **"THAT** the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education allows Alberta Health Services to administer all vaccinations that are part of their public health program, while not participating in the distribution or collection of parental consent forms for vaccinations that are incongruent with the educative mission of our Catholic Schools".

**AMBASSADOR FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION** – The Board recognized two individuals as Ambassadors for Catholic Education: Ms. Christina Remeikis, a Teacher from St. Mary's School for her work in partnership with the City of Medicine Hat Street Art Works (SAW) Project painting a mural on the 1<sup>st</sup> St. underpass with students from St. Mary's School; Mrs. Lauren Getz for her dedication and volunteerism as a School Council Parent for 12 years. Both recipients were introduced by Mr. Chuck Hellman, Principal of St. Mary's School. Congratulations!



Mr. Chuck Hellman,  
Mrs. Lauren Getz  
Mr. Peter Grad

Mr. Chuck Ms.  
Christina Remeikis  
Mr. Peter Grad



The Long Service Award Celebration was held in August 2013, two employees did not receive recognition on that day, the Board acknowledged their years of service at the October Board Meeting. Mr. Stan Aberle, Trustee presented the Recognition. Congratulations to:

- ✠ 25 Year Employee–Louise Westland
- ✠ 15 Year Employee – Mary Kahl

## \*2014 EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

Since 1989 the Excellence in Teaching Awards program has recognized innovative and outstanding teaching that takes place every day in classrooms across Alberta.

This is your opportunity to nominate your **favorite Teacher or Principal.**

**Nominations Open from October 18, 2013 – February 7, 2014**

Nomination packages on-line @ [www.education.gov.ab.ca/teachers/excellence.aspx](http://www.education.gov.ab.ca/teachers/excellence.aspx)

### Upcoming Meetings:

Tues. Nov. 12, 2013 @ 3:00 pm

Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

Tues Nov. 26, 2013 @ 1:30 pm

Special Board Meeting to approve Financial Statements,  
Fall Budget Update; 3 year Ed Plan/Annual Education Results Report.

Meetings are held at the Catholic School Board Office, 1251-1<sup>st</sup> AVE SW, Medicine Hat. Everyone is welcome.