

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: A. McBeath, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: “An Act to Follow” Staff Recognition Program

ORIGINATOR: K. Tranter, Student Achievement Services

INFORMATION

The *Act to Follow* initiative was designed to recognize and celebrate outstanding performances of staff that have resulted in tangible gains in student achievement, and to share the expertise and experience of these staff throughout the district in the An Act to Follow publication.

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Fran Galbraith – Grade 3 Teacher, Sifton School

Fran Galbraith’s leadership as an educator has taken place in the classroom, and at the provincial and national levels with the Alberta Teachers Association and Canadian Federation of Teachers. She is actively involved as a leader of Sifton School’s instructional leadership team that has participated in number of the Focus related activities in the district.

Les Hansen – Assistant Principal, Baturyn School

Les Hansen’s energy and enthusiasm is reflected in his approach to his work and his relationship with his students, colleagues, and parents. Baturyn’s instructional focus is “Reading for Meaning”. His leadership in this work is evident in the overwhelming success of the school’s revitalized home reading program and the Buddy Reading Club.

Craig Needham – Science Teacher, McNally School

Craig Needham is known for his passion for teaching and his outstanding rapport with his students. Attendance in his classes is above school average. Results achieved by Craig’s students are evidence of his superb qualities as a teacher: He is respected by his colleagues for innovative approach to curriculum, development and sharing of materials for the biology and chemistry courses he teaches.

Marilyn Norton – Administrative Assistant, Avonmore School

Marilyn Norton is a key member of the Avonmore staff. Her management skills and ability to deal with situations permits the principal to teach grade two language arts, visit

classrooms, and collaborate with staff. Marilyn is also involved in parent evenings, new staff orientation, working with students in a variety of activities, and professional development.

Jackie Underhill – Language Arts Department Head, S. Bruce Smith School

Evidence of Jackie Underhill’s commitment to improving student achievement is evident in a number of areas at S. Bruce Smith including the implementation of their AISI project, development of interim measures for Focus work, and collaboration with staff in developing Language Arts and Social Studies course materials. Staff appreciate her professionalism and willingness to share her expertise.

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Appendix I – An Act to Follow - Act One Booklet