



Highlights 2009 – 2010

Edmonton Catholic Schools Inclusion Parent Interest Group

A collaborative working group

The **vision** of this group is that ALL students are welcomed as members and appropriately supported in their community school in order to achieve their highest academic and social success. Our **mission** is to promote, support and improve and increase authentic inclusive education within the Edmonton Catholic School District community.

- Steering committee of 11 members (parents, AACL, ECSD consultants, district principal, assistant superintendent); parent contact list of over 50 ECSD parents (elementary to high school)
- New addition to the steering committee of a representative from *Gateway Association for Community Living*
- Five steering committee meetings held during this school year
- Submitted stakeholder input to Alberta Education for "Setting the Direction"
- Copies of Revised Inclusive Education District Brochure present in each ECSD school site
- Inclusion group
- Webpage accessed through ECSD homepage updated to include parent session information and website links
- Input submitted to Superintendent Carr relating to her focus on establishing "District Big Rocks" for future district planning and direction
- Submission of positive response to the news of greater inclusive direction of ECSD
- Updated Mission/Vision and Purpose
- Establishment of re-focused goals and Objectives of the group to ensure relevance and applicability in ECSD

Presentations:

- January 2010 ~ Learning Team Coordinators session
- October 2009 ~ Parent session titled: Parents on the Learning Team
- 2008 & 2009 ~ "What Parents of Children with Disabilities want from Educators" to Concordia University pre-service teachers
- 2008 ~ "Parent/Professional Collaboration for Inclusion" to U of A pre-service teachers
- 2007, 2008 & 2009 ~ "Individual Program Plans/Transitions" to ECS parents
- 2008 & 2009 ~ "Inclusive Education, A Parent's Perspective" to GETCA
- 2009 ~ "The Role of Teaching Assistants in Inclusive Education" to Teachers Assistants
- 2008 ~ Interest Group presentation at the Edmonton Regional Coalition for Inclusive Education (ERC) meeting in November
- 2006 & 2008 ~ Presentations to ECS Board of Trustees