



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS BOARD MEETING BRIEFS



*Christ-centered
learning communities
where students
are cherished
and achieve
their potential.*

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EXECUTIVE TEAM

Superintendent
Chris Smeaton

Deputy Superintendent
Brian Macauley

Secretary-Treasurer
Lisa Palmarin

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The following positions and committees were established for the 2017/2018 school year:

BOARD CHAIR: Judy Lane (elected)

VICE CHAIR: Bob Spitzig (acclaimed)

STANDING COMMITTEES:

ATA Local No. 5 Negotiating Committee:

Bryan Kranzler (Committee Chair),
Judy Lane and Bob Spitzig

CUPE 290 Negotiating Committee:

Pat Bremner (Committee Chair),
Philip Mack and Danny Ponjavic

CUPE 1825 Negotiating Committee:

Bob Spitzig (Committee Chair),
Danny Ponjavic and Ken Tratch

Audit Committee:

Bob Spitzig (Committee Chair),
Danny Ponjavic and Ken Tratch

Share the Mission Award Committee:

Bob Spitzig (Committee Chair),
Frances Cote and Ken Tratch

EXTERNAL COMMITTEES:

Wisdom and Visioning Circle:

Judy Lane (Alt: Pat Bremner)

ACSTA: Pat Bremner (Alt: Keith McDonald)

ASBA Zone 6: Bryan Kranzler (Alt: Ken Tratch)

Business and Education Committee:

Ken Tratch

Joint City/School Boards' Committee:

Keith McDonald and Ken Tratch

Teacher/Board Advisory Committee:

Frances Cote, Bryan Kranzler, and Philip Mack

Teacher Employer Bargaining Authority:

Bob Spitzig

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

Team Lethbridge 2017

Danny Ponjavic and Ken Tratch

Holy Spirit Archiving and Legacy Committee:

Pat Bremner, Judy Lane, and Ken Tratch

SBCEC Signage Committee:

Frances Cote, Danny Ponjavic and Ken Tratch

SCHOOL LIAISONS:

The Board determined that Trustees would continue to serve as liaisons to assigned schools within the division for the 2017/2018 school year. This ensures that there is a Board member present at important school events and that better communication exists between the schools and the Board in general:

Catholic Central High: Danny Ponjavic

Children of St. Martha: Ken Tratch

Ecole St. Mary: Keith McDonald

Father Leonard Van Tighem: Danny Ponjavic

Our Lady of the Assumption: Ken Tratch

St. Catherine (Picture Butte): Philip Mack

St. Francis Junior High: Keith McDonald

St. Joseph (Coaldale): Frances Cote

St. Mary (Taber): Pat Bremner

St. Michael (Bow Island): Pat Bremner

St. Michael (Pincher Creek): Judy Lane

St. Patrick (Taber): Pat Bremner

St. Patrick Fine Arts : Bob Spitzig

St. Paul: Bob Spitzig

St. Teresa of Calcutta: Bryan Kranzler

REGULAR MEETING: PRESENTATION

Exam Report and Accountability Pillar

Director of Learning Lorelle Lenaour and Superintendent Chris Smeaton provided an overview of Holy Spirit Catholic School Division's results from the 2016/2017 Provincial Achievement Tests and Diploma Exams. The division's October 2017 Accountability Pillar Summary Report was also formally presented.

REGULAR MEETING: ACTION ITEMS

Catholic Education Sunday

To celebrate Catholic Education Sunday on the November 4-5, 2017 weekend, Board and Administration volunteered to provide a brief message at each Mass within the division's parishes.

Voluntary Retirement Opportunities

The Board makes the following offer to teachers:

Any eligible teacher who, by December 15, 2017, submits his/her notice of retirement, effective January 31, 2018, will be offered a temporary teaching contract for February 1, 2018 until the end of June 2018.

The Board makes the following offer to support staff:

Any eligible member of the Local Authorities Pension Plan (LAPP) who, by December 15, 2017, submits his/her notice of retirement, effective January 31, 2018, will be offered a temporary contract of employment for February 1, 2018 until the June 2018 end date for the eligible member's position.

Supplemental Integrated Pension Plan (SiPP)

The Board approved a recommended amendment to the "Final Average Earnings" section of the SiPP.

Sponsorship of the Lethbridge & District Music and Speech Arts Festival

The Board of Trustees approved a \$250 advertisement/sponsorship of the Lethbridge & District Music and Speech Arts Festival. This anticipated event, which highlights the talents of many from within Holy Spirit, is slated to take place from March 12-24, 2018.

Community and Social Development Committee

The Board recommended that the City of Lethbridge's Community and Social Development Committee be approached to expand its membership to include representation from both Lethbridge School District No. 51 and Holy Spirit Catholic School Division, rather than having an education representative cycle between the two jurisdictions.

Opting Out of the Alberta School Foundation Fund

After every election the Board passes a motion re-affirming Holy Spirit Catholic School Division's constitutional right to assess and tax residents by opting out of the Alberta School Foundation Fund (ASFF).

REGULAR MEETING: POLICY REVIEW

The Board reviewed *Policy 2: Role of the Board*, *Policy 3: Role of the Trustee*, and *Policy 4: Trustee Code of Conduct*. No changes were required for these policies at this time.

REGULAR MEETING: INFORMATION ITEMS

Daytona Homes Backpack Program

Holy Spirit Catholic School Division received \$16,960 through Daytona Homes' 10th Annual Backpack Program. These funds will be distributed by the next 'Read, Set, Go' campaign, which ensures back to school readiness for those families requiring additional assistance.

Catholic Education Advocacy

A request has been forwarded to all division parishes, asking for their assistance in advocating for Catholic Education.

Accountability Pillar Summary

The October 2017 Accountability Pillar Summary Report has been received from Alberta Education and placed on the division website.

ACSTA and ASBA Fall General Meetings

The Board received information about the Annual General Meetings that are scheduled for the Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association and the Alberta School Boards' Association.

ERDI Update

Superintendent of Schools Chris Smeaton updated the Board about his recent learnings from the past ERDI Conference.



HOLY SPIRIT STARS

Congratulations to the following students and staff:



Ethan Choi (St. Michael's, Pincher Creek) - Captured the gold medal in the "Individual Boys" division at the ASAA 2017 Golf Provincials.

Dawson Pahl (St. Michael's, Bow Island) - Competed at 4-H Selections and was awarded a trip to the NWT to take part in an Agriculture Development Tour. Dawson was also awarded the role of Ambassador for the Southern Region over the next two years.

Joseph Mastel (St. Michael's, Bow Island) - Received CTS honours from the Alberta Distance Learning Centre.

Taylor O'Grady (St. Mary, Taber) - Submitted a design for a bookmark through Scientists in School.

The following students were part of the team that won the Canadian Junior Little League Baseball Championships. They went on to represent Canada at the Little League Junior World Series:

- Ty Hubka (CCH)
- Josh Kabayama (CCH)
- Tate Pearce (CCH)
- Dawson Leroux (St. Francis)
- Ridly Greig (CCH)
- Seth Gurr (CCH)
- Easton Thomas (St. Francis)

LeeAnne Jetten (Staff at FLVT) - Recognized at the "Community Heroes Award Ceremony" on October 5, 2017 for aiding a child in medical distress earlier this year.

Lisa Palmarin and Amanda Lindemann (Staff at St. Basil) - Completed and achieved the rigorous standards required to receive a Certified Administrator of School Finance and Operation (SFO) designation through the Association of School Business Officials International.