



# Holy Spirit Catholic Schools Board Meeting Briefs



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

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## Action Items

### Naming of New North Lethbridge School

The Board determined that the name of the new north side Lethbridge elementary school will be *Blessed Mother Teresa*.

Blessed Mother Teresa was the most popular choice provided by community and was further endorsed by the division's FNMI Wisdom and Visioning Circle. It was further noted that the name and the lessons learned from the life of this beatified woman both reflect the Catholic values that we wish to emulate in our schools and remain true to the 'tribute to pioneering women' theme that is woven into the Legacy Ridge community.

### Board Working Session

The Board scheduled a Working Session for September 29, 2015 to finalize the 2015/2016 working plan and discuss the Collective Bargaining process.

### Continuous Improvement Plan

The Board approved the division's 2015/2016 Continuous Improvement Plan, which will be placed on the division website.

### Board Meeting Schedule for 2015/2016

As the Team Lethbridge mission is scheduled around the November 25, 2015 Board Meeting, the Board approved altering its meeting date to November 30, 2015. This will ensure that there is sufficient time to prepare the Budget and Audited Financial Statements, while still meeting the provincial deadline.

### Transportation—City of Lethbridge

The Board approved the five year extension of its current Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Lethbridge, allowing students within Lethbridge to continue to access the City's bus services.

## Presentation

### ThoughtExchange

Based on the survey data gathered from the April/May ThoughtExchange processes, the company has developed a summary website that can be shared with all survey participants. A message for participants to access results will be sent out by September 28, 2015.

## Policy Review

### Policy Review Schedule

The Board reviewed and updated its Policy Review Schedule for the 2015/2016 school year.

### Policy 1: Board Mandate, Mission, Vision, Values and Goals

Bow Island was added to Policy 1.



## Information Items



## Holy Spirit Stars



### Trustee Resignation

Trustee Garth Renyk and his family have recently relocated. As Mr. Renyk will no longer be a resident of Lethbridge, and in keeping with the *School Act*, he is no longer eligible to serve as a Trustee. The Board received Mr. Renyk's resignation, thanked him for his service to the division, and wished him well as he begins a new chapter in his career.

### Bishop's Dinner

The Bishop's Dinner is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 22, 2015 at the Commonwealth Centre in Calgary, Alberta. This year's theme is "The Jubilee of the Divine Mercy." Proceeds of the event will support Acadia Place in Calgary, the Champions Centre in Brooks and Medicine Hat, and the Taber & District Housing Foundation in Taber.

### ACSTA and ASBA Fall General Meetings

The ACSTA's Annual General Meeting and Convention is scheduled for November 13-15, 2015 in Edmonton, Alberta. Bishop Hagemoen, of the Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith, will provide the keynote address. The ASBA's Fall General Meeting is scheduled to follow on November 15-17, 2015 in Edmonton, Alberta.

### Intelligent Communities

As part of Lethbridge's "Intelligent Communities Steering Committee," Superintendent Chris Smeaton has been attending a number of workshops in preparation for an upcoming public forum. A schematic map of the work conducted by the committee thus far was presented for Board information.

### Letter from Bishop Bolen

Donald Bolen, the Bishop of Saskatoon, has released a letter entitled, "Create a Climate of Change," through his work with the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace. The letter calls on all people to work to address the environmental needs of our planet.

### Official Languages in Education Protocol (OLEP)

The Board reviewed the Official Languages in Education Protocol (OLEP) Final Report prepared by Wendy Urquhart, the division's French Language and International Education Consultant, in compliance with Alberta Education requirements.

### Alberta Education Zone 6 Director's Report

The "Director's Report" from Mr. Ron Taylor, Director of Alberta Education's Zone 6 Branch Services, was provided for Board information.

*Congratulations to the following students and staff:*

**Chelsea Joseph** (FLVT student) - Won 1st Place in the Junior Tournament at Evergreen Golf Centre in the 12 and up category.

## Reports

### Board Reports:

- Board Chair
- ASBA Zone 6
- ACSTA
- Team Lethbridge

### Administrative Reports:

- Superintendent
- Secretary-Treasurer
- Director of Religious Education
- Director of Support Services
- Deputy Superintendent
- Director of Learning
- FNMI Update

## Blessed Mother Teresa



Feast Day: September 5

Patron of: World Youth Day

Mother Teresa left a testament of unshakable faith, invincible hope and extraordinary charity. Her response to Jesus' plea, "Come be My light," made her a Missionary of Charity, a "mother to the poor," a symbol of compassion to the world, and a living

witness to the thirsting love of God. As a testament to her most remarkable life, Pope John Paul II permitted the opening of her Cause of Canonization. On December 20, 2002 he approved the decrees of her heroic virtues and miracles.

[http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\\_id=5611](http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=5611)

Patron of the following division school:

- Blessed Mother Teresa (Opening September 2016)