



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS BOARD MEETING BRIEFS



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

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PRESENTATIONS

Enrolment Data

Superintendent Chris Smeaton updated the Board about current enrolment for the 2016/2017 school year.

Continuous Improvement Plan

The Superintendent provided a presentation regarding the division's 2016-2019 Continuous Improvement Plan. The Board approved the plan, as presented.

POLICY REVIEW

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

After reviewing the Policy Review Schedule for 2016/2017, the Board considered and approved the suggested amendments to Policy 1, which were intended to more closely align with current Board direction and practice.

REPORTS

Board Reports:

- Board Chair
- ACSTA
- ASBA Zone 6
- Board and Education
- Wisdom and Visioning Circle

Administrative Reports:

- Superintendent
- Deputy Superintendent
- Director of Learning
- Director of Religious Education
- First Nations, Metis and Inuit Update
- Director of Support Services

ACTION ITEMS

Renaming the North Lethbridge School

Aligning with the September 4, 2016 canonization of Blessed Mother Teresa, the Board of Trustees approved changing the name of the new north Lethbridge School constructed in Legacy Ridge to, "St. Teresa of Calcutta School."

Board Working Session

The Board scheduled a Working Session for November 9, 2016 to finalize the 2016/2017 working plan and consider the practice surrounding per diem and mileage claims.

Board Retreat

To model effective faith formation, the Board directed the Superintendent to organize a Board Retreat early in 2017.

Bishop's Dinner

The Board approved the purchase of two tables to attend the Bishop's Dinner on October 20, 2016. This year, proceeds from the event will support agencies fighting against human trafficking in Southern Alberta.

TBAC Meeting

The Teacher Board Advisory Committee meets two times per year; once in the fall and once in the spring. The Board directed the Superintendent to arrange for the first of these meetings.



INFORMATION ITEMS

Official Languages in Education Protocol (OLEP)

The Board reviewed the Official Languages in Education Protocol (OLEP) Final Report, which had been prepared and submitted in June 2016 in compliance with Alberta Education requirements.

City of Lethbridge 100K

Information regarding the City of Lethbridge's efforts to consult with the community to produce a robust Cycling Master Plan, especially as the City comes closer to serving a population of 100,000 people, was reviewed.

Donations to the School Division

Holy Spirit Catholic School Division has recently received the following donations:

- **Clear Sky Radio** has donated \$1,500 to Holy Spirit Catholic School Division through their "Music in Schools" campaign. These funds will be used to purchase musical instruments for division schools.
- The **Lethbridge Herald** has donated \$19,625.76 through its "Food for Thought" campaign. These funds will be used to support all division nutrition programs.
- **Davis Buick GMC** coordinated and hosted a Whoop Up Days pancake breakfast that raised \$1,108.00 to support Children of St. Martha School's literacy project, "One Book, One School."

Provincial Dual Credit Strategy Correspondence

The Board reviewed correspondence with the Minister of Education regarding the Provincial Dual Credit Strategy.

Administrative Procedures Update

The Board reviewed the following recently amended Administrative Procedures:

- 133: Safe and Caring Schools
- 143: Flag Protocol
- 315: Student Code of Conduct
- 356: Student Discipline and Intervention
- 415: Faith Formation for Teachers New to Holy Spirit Catholic Schools
- 445: Designation of an Acting Principal

Fall General Meetings

The Board received information regarding the upcoming ACSTA General Meeting, scheduled for November 18-20, 2016, and the ASBA Annual General Meeting, scheduled for November 20-22, 2016.

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.



HOLY SPIRIT STARS



Congratulations to the following students and staff:

Liam Kitt (St. Teresa) - Won 6th place during the National BMX races held in Calgary this past summer and will go on to race in the BMX World Championships in South Carolina in July 2017.

As members of the Lethbridge Giants Baseball Team, the following students won the Canadian Intermediate Little League Nationals and represented Canada at the Little League Intermediate World Series this past summer in Livermore, California:

- **Ridley Greig** (SFJH)
- **Ty Hubka** (FLVT)
- **Josh Kabayama** (FLVT)
- **Dawson Leroux** (SFJH)
- **Tate Pearce** (FLVT)
- **Easton Thomas** (SFJH)

These students were part of the team that won the U12 Provincial Gold medal in soccer this past August.

- **Hannah Birrell** (SFJH)
- **Jenna Chomiak** (SFJH)
- **Kiara Jankowiak** (SFJH)
- **Katanna Chervenka** (SFJH)
- **Kiera McCullough** (FLVT)
- **Haley Parady** (SFJH)
- **Ciana Viney** (SFJH)

St. Francis of Assisi



Feast Day: October 4

Patron of: animals, merchants and ecology

St. Francis was a wealthy young man of privilege, who served as a soldier and was a prisoner of war. He heard God's call and went on to be one of the most venerated Catholic saints. He designed the first Nativity set and was the first man ever recorded to receive the Stigmata, the wounds of Christ.

(https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=50#fun-facts)

Patron of the following division school:

- *St. Francis Junior High School (Lethbridge)*