



# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS BOARD MEETING BRIEFS



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

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Superintendent  
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Secretary-Treasurer  
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### SPECIAL BOARD MEETING -AUGUST 31, 2017-

#### Holy Spirit Returning Officer

After learning that the Returning Officer appointed in February 2017 could not serve the division for the upcoming elections, the Board rescinded the previous appointment and recognized Secretary-Treasurer Lisa Palmarin as the division's Returning Officer for the 2017 School Board Elections, as per the Local Authorities Election Act Section 13(2).

### REGULAR MEETING -POLICY REVIEW-

#### Policy 1

After reviewing the Policy Review Schedule for 2017/2018, the Board evaluated *Policy 1: Board Mandate, Mission, Vision, Values and Goals* determined no changes were required.

### REGULAR MEETING -REPORTS-

#### Board Reports:

- Board Chair
- ACSTA
- ASBA Zone 6
- Team Lethbridge
- Joint City / School Boards Committee Report

#### Administrative Reports:

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

### REGULAR MEETING -PRESENTATION-

#### ASBOA President's Plaque

Christine Lee, Associate Superintendent of Business Affairs with Lethbridge School District No. 51, came to present the ASBOA President's Plaque to Secretary-Treasurer Lisa Palmarin in recognition of her past work with the association.

### REGULAR MEETING -INFORMATION ITEMS-

#### New Trustee Orientation

Mr. Jim Gibbons, ASBA Senior Education Advisor, has agreed to facilitate a Trustee Orientation Session for the newly elected Board on October 30, 2017.

#### Clear Sky Radio - "Music in Schools"

Clear Sky Radio has donated \$1,500 to Holy Spirit Catholic School Division through their "Music in Schools" campaign. This year, these funds will be used to purchase instruments for St. Michael's School in Pincher Creek .

#### ACSTA's Request for Music for the FGM

Holy Spirit Catholic School Division is very pleased to have the opportunity to provide a 5 to 8-minute video featuring the collaborative efforts of our choirs from St. Francis Junior High School and Catholic Central High at this year's Fall Annual General Meeting.

#### Official Languages in Education Protocol

The Board reviewed the Official Languages in Education Protocol (OLEP) Final Report, which had been prepared and submitted in June 2017 in compliance with Alberta Education requirements.

## REGULAR MEETING - ACTION ITEMS

### AP 510: School Fees

In response to *Bill 1: An Act to Reduce School Fees*, all provincial school jurisdictions were required to forward their respective policies and procedures to the Minister of Education in June 2017. The Board reviewed email correspondence received by the Minister's office, acknowledging receipt of *Administrative Procedure 510: School Fees*, and requesting specific changes. Though Administrative Procedures do not generally require Board approval, as per the Minister's instructions, the Board ensured compliance of the document's revision and approved submission to the Minister of Education.

### Letter to Minister regarding Protocol

The Board directed the Chair to pen a letter to the Minister of Education, responding to his direct letter to provincial School Council Chairs. The letter should indicate that, though the Minister's desire to consult with parents is admirable, his actions fail to consider the protocol of also including school board officials in his correspondence, despite the fact that they are elected by parents and community members to advocate for education.

### Staff Appreciation Lunches

It was agreed that Staff Appreciation Lunches for all division schools over the 2017/2018 school year will be arranged.

### Holy Spirit Archiving

In order to ensure that the legacy of Board and Administration in the division is captured, the Board directed that pictures be framed and hung in the Boardroom. The Board also agreed that, after the October 2017 election, a committee be struck to further consider how best to preserve the history of Holy Spirit Catholic School Division into the future.

### St. Basil Centre Signage

The Board determined that, after the October 2017 election, a committee will be formed to consider sign designs that reflect the historical nature of the St. Basil Catholic Education Centre.

### Advocacy and Support

A number of fundraising events are being held by organizations that support the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division community. As a result the Board of Trustees approved purchasing tickets to attend the following events:

- Lethbridge and Area Community Foundations "Friends of the Foundation Dinner" (September 28, 2017)
- Bishop's Dinner (October 19, 2017)

### Emergent ASBA Joint Motion:

#### Telecommunications Towers Near Schools

That Board approved jointly sponsoring an emergent policy position, alongside Lethbridge School District No. 51, calling on the ASBA to advocate for legislation that would see telecommunications providers included in municipal planning processes to ensure that the placement of future towers is in areas that ensures public safety and minimizes exposure to students at school sites.

### Stakeholder Engagement Consultation

Holy Spirit Catholic School Division will follow up on the *School Act* consultation sessions hosted by Alberta Education from September 21 to 22, 2017 by providing a written submission of the school division's position on potential amendments.

### Superintendent Reappointment

Based on the Superintendent's positive evaluation conducted in June 2017, and recognizing that a new contract must be negotiated before August 2018, the Board approved a motion to formally request that the Minister of Education reappoint the Superintendent for a five year term, effective August 2017.

## SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS 2017

CANDIDATES' PROFILES NOW AVAILABLE  
BE INFORMED FOR ELECTION DAY - OCTOBER 16, 2017



### HOLY SPIRIT STARS



*Congratulations to the  
following students and staff:*

The following Taber students volunteered to altar serve for Holy Spirit Catholic School Division's Opening Mass and Spiritual Development Day on August 31, 2017.

- **Linden Kuryvial** (St. Patrick)
- **Matthew Gensorek** (St. Mary)
- **Logan Meier** (St. Patrick)
- **Edan Meier** (St. Mary)
- **McKenzie Siemens** (St. Patrick)

These FLVT students were recognized for their "Outstanding illustrated story about Canada's past" in the "2017 Kayak Kids' Illustrated History Challenge" in June 2017.

- **Kami Iwaasa**
- **Ethan Mulroy**
- **Cole Johns**
- **Tytus Prawdzik**
- **Kyler Johnson**
- **Isla Roden**
- **Xander McIntyre**
- **Ezra Roth**

**Landon French** (St Mary School, Taber) - Received a badminton sponsorship from Li-Ning Badminton (Extreme Sales Group Inc.) that will allow him to demonstrate all of the newest and best Li-Ning products.

**Madison Many Bears** (St Paul School, Lethbridge) - Crowned the "Tiny Tot Princess" at the 2017/2018 Kainai Pow Wow Celebration.

**Macy Obara** (FLVT, Lethbridge) - Selected by the Canadian National Dance Team to represent Canada at the World Dance Championships in Germany. Macy is one of 22 dancers chosen to form this Elite Team Canada.