



Holy Spirit Catholic Schools Board Meeting Briefs



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

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Organizational Meeting

The following positions and committees were established for the 2015/2016 school year:

BOARD CHAIR: Bryan Kranzler (elected)

VICE CHAIR: Pat Bremner (elected)

STANDING COMMITTEES:

ATA Local No. 5 Negotiating Committee:

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

CUPE 290 Negotiating Committee:

Terry O'Donnell (Committee Chair),
Pat Bremner and Danny Ponjavic

CUPE 1825 Negotiating Committee:

Bob Spitzig (Committee Chair),
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Audit Committee:

Pat Bremner (Committee Chair),
Danny Ponjavic and Ken Tratch

Share the Mission Award Committee:

Pat Bremner (Committee Chair),
Frances Cote and Ken Tratch

EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION:

ACSTA: Judy Lane (Alt: Ken Tratch)

ASBA Zone 6: Bob Spitzig (Alt: Pat Bremner)

FNMI Parent Advisory Council:

Pat Bremner (Alt: Judy Lane)

Business and Education Committee:

Ken Tratch

Joint City/School Boards' Committee:

Bryan Kranzler and Ken Tratch

Parent Inclusive Education Roundtable:

Pat Bremner (Alt: Frances Cote)

C2 Committee:

Terry O'Donnell (Alt: Bryan Kranzler)

Teacher/Board Advisory Committee:

Bryan Kranzler, Judy Lane and
Danny Ponjavic

SCHOOL LIAISONS:

The Board determined that each Trustee would serve as a liaison to specific schools in the division. This ensures that there is a Board member present at important school events and better communication between the schools and the Board in general.

Catholic Central High: Danny Ponjavic

Children of St. Martha: Ken Tratch

Ecole St. Mary: Bryan Kranzler

Father Leonard Van Tighem: Danny Ponjavic

Our Lady of the Assumption: Ken Tratch

St. Catherine (Picture Butte): Terry O'Donnell

St. Francis Junior High: Bryan Kranzler

St. Joseph (Coaldale): Frances Cote

St. Mary (Taber): Pat Bremner

St. Michael's (Bow Island): Pat Bremner

St. Michael's (Pincher Creek): Judy Lane

St. Patrick (Taber): Pat Bremner

St. Patrick Fine Arts Elementary: Bob Spitzig

St. Paul: Bob Spitzig

Presentation:

Exam Report and Accountability Pillar

Director of Learning Lorelie Lenaour provided an overview of Holy Spirit Catholic School Division's results from the 2014/2015 Provincial Achievement Tests and Diploma Exams. She also presented the division's October 2015 Accountability Pillar Summary Report, which continues to show high achievement.

*Lord, let me be a light to
others for you have filled
me with your light.*



Regular Meeting: Action Items

Catholic Education Sunday

In recognition of Catholic Education Sunday, Trustees and administration will bring a message to all Masses over the October 30 / November 1, 2015 weekend.

Board Work Plan 2015/2016

The Board reviewed and approved the Work Plan for the 2015/2016 school year, developed during the September 29, 2015 Working Session.

CCH—Renaming of Chapels

In honour of the school's 50th Anniversary, and in keeping with *Administrative Procedure 127: Naming of Educational Facilities*, the Board approved CCH's request to rename and rededicate the East and West Chapels, which are both called, "The Chapel of St. Joseph." As a result, the East Campus Chapel will be referred to as, "St. Joseph the Husband of Mary," and the West Campus Chapel, "St. Joseph the Worker."

Voluntary Retirement Opportunities

The Board makes the following offer to teachers:

Any eligible teacher who, by December 15, 2015, submits his/her notice of retirement, effective January 31, 2016, will be offered a temporary teaching contract for February 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016.

The Board makes the following offer to support staff:

Any eligible member of the Local Authorities Pension Plan (LAPP) who, by December 15, 2015, submits his/her notice of retirement, effective January 31, 2016, will be offered a temporary contract of employment for February 1, 2016 until the end of the school year for that member's position.

All staff electing to participate in this program may be collect their pension during the temporary contract period, as well as their salary.

Regular Meeting: Policy Review

The Board reviewed and updated *Policy 2: Role of the Board*. *Policy 3: Role of the Trustee*, and *Policy 4: Trustee Code of Conduct*, were also reviewed. It was determined that no changes were required for these policies at this time.

Regular Meeting: Reports

Board Reports:

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

Administrative Reports:

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

Regular Meeting: Information Items

Daytona Home "Backpack Program"

The division received \$12,337.50 through Daytona Homes' annual "Backpack Program." These funds will be distributed through the "Ready, Set, Go" project campaign next year to ensure that those students requiring additional school resources will receive what they need.

Lethbridge Herald "Food for Thought" Campaign

The division received \$16,844.61 through the Lethbridge Herald's "Food for Thought" campaign, which will be distributed by the Mother Teresa Committee to ensure that all school nutrition programs have the resources required to continue to serve our students.

Accountability Pillar Summary Report

A copy of the October 2015 Accountability Pillar Summary Report was provided for Board information.

CHBA Banquet

An invitation from the Canadian Home Builders' Association (CHBA) has been received, indicating that a "Bridge Builders Banquet" will be held on November 24, 2015.

Staff Appreciation Lunch Schedule

A draft schedule for the Staff Appreciation Lunches the Board hosts at each division school was provided for Board information.

ASBA Annual Report

The ASBA has supplied an infographic depicting the 2014 Annual Report.

ERDI Update

Superintendent Chris Smeaton updated the Board regarding his recent learnings from the past ERDI Conference.



Holy Spirit Stars:



Congratulations to the following students and staff:

Josh Cruz (St. Mary, Taber) - Recipient of the Alberta School Athletic Association's "Pay it Forward" \$500 scholarship, given to a student who both participates in athletics and contributes to the athletic community through volunteering.

Lynette Baisch (ABC Program Family Intervention Worker) - Recognized by the University of Lethbridge's Faculty of Health Services Department for her contributions as a partner to the Addictions / Counseling Program.

Jamie Medicine Crane (Holy Spirit Teacher) - Selected as a member of the Board of Directors for the World YWCA.

Dianne Brody's Grade 3 Class (St. Joseph, Coaldale) - raised \$345 by selling Peruvian coffee to support a school and orphanage in Chincha, Peru. The class also wrote stories about their lives that will be shared with learners working on the project.

The following St. Michael's (Bow Island) students were recognized by the Alberta Distance Learning Centre (ADLC):

- **Grace Evans** - "CTS Honours"
- **Hannah Evans** - "CTS Honours"
- **Jonah Gouw** - "CTS Honours"
- **Kayl Byam** - "Top Marks for Workplace Safety Systems"