



# 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

### Transfers to Operating and Capital Reserves for the 2014/15 Fiscal Year

Before the Audited Financial Statements could be approved, the following transfers were ratified:

- \$261,883 - from instruction operating reserve to fund board capital additions.
- \$52,110 - from board and system administration operating reserve to fund board capital additions.
- \$66,567 - from board capital reserve to fund board capital additions.
- \$426,593 - from instruction operating reserves to unrestricted surplus.
- \$9,751 - from board and system administration operating reserve to unrestricted surplus.
- \$163,953 - from board transportation operating reserve to unrestricted surplus.
- \$28,388 - from unrestricted surplus to restricted operating reserves for operations and maintenance.
- \$47,208 - from unrestricted surplus to restricted operating reserves for transportation
- \$769,475 - from unrestricted surplus to capital reserves
- \$67,600 - from the capital reserve to fund the Xerox capital lease.

### SiPP

As a participant employer of the Alberta School Boards' Association's (ASBA) Supplemental Integrated Pension Plan (SiPP) the Board reviewed and approved a series of amendments to the plan.



### Audited Financial Statements 2014/15

The Auditors issued a clear opinion of the division's Audited Financial Statements for the 2014/15 Fiscal Year. The Board approved the statements and directed that they be placed on the division website.

### Fall Budget Update 2015/16

The updated 2015/16 Fall Budget takes into consideration additional revenues and expenditures, as well as actual September 30, 2015 enrolment numbers. The Board approved the updated budget and directed that it be placed on the division website.

### 2014/15 AERR and 2015-2018 TYEP

The Board of Trustees approved the combined 2014/15 Annual Education Results Report (AERR) and 2015-2018 Three Year Education Plan (TYEP), which will be placed on the division website.

### Meeting with School Council Chairs

The following items will be added to the agenda for the Monday, December 7, 2015 meeting between School Council Chairs and the Board of Trustees:

- Student Mental Health
- School Council Involvement
- Updated Budget Information

A representative from the City of Lethbridge has also offered to come before the meeting to provide interested Lethbridge School Council Chairs with information about future plans for school development.

### CUPE 290 Memorandum of Settlement

Negotiations between the division and CUPE 290 staff have come to a successful conclusion. The Board ratified the newly drafted Memorandum of Settlement, effective September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2018.

*Waiting is a period of learning. The longer we wait, the more we hear about him for whom we are waiting. - Henri Nouwen*



## Holy Spirit Stars

Congratulations to the following students and staff:

**Grace Dunn** (St. Paul student) - Cut her hair to raise funds and awareness for cancer over the November 21/22, 2015 weekend.

**Peyton and Rachelle Racette** (Assumption students) - Asked their birthday party guests to bring socks for the CUPE 290 Sock Drive instead of gifts. They received 74 pairs to contribute to the cause!

**Maria Pickering** (St. Patrick FAE student) - Selected as the vocalist for this year's Remembrance Day ceremonies at Exhibition Park and the Cenotaph.

**Ruthanne Witke** (CCH student) - Awarded a regional gold medal from the Royal Conservatory of Music for Level 5 flute; the highest mark in her discipline in the region.

**Jocelyn Planger** (St. Mary, Taber, student) - Received a gold medal in sparring and a bronze medal in patterns during the International Taekwon-Do Federation's North American and Caribbean Championships 2015.

**Easton Thomas** (St. Francis student) - Selected as one of 40 athletes across Canada for the First Nation Athletic (FNA) Team.

The following FLVT students placed during the November 14/15, 2015 City Ringette Tournament:

- **Sydney McDonald** - With her team, won gold in U10 division
- **Myah LeBleu** - With her team, won silver in U12 division
- **Brooklyn Bittman** - With her team, won gold in U14 division

The following FLVT students performed during Jeunesse Classique Ballet Society's production of *The Nutcracker*.

- **Ronnie DeLaGarza**
- **Kadi Gaumont**
- **Julia Zahourouski**

The following FLVT students performed during the Moscow Ballet's *Great Russian Nutcracker*:

- **Ronnie DeLaGarza** (snowmaiden)
- **Gabrielle Abramson** (snowflake)

The following St. Mary, Taber students won 1st in Career Transition's Cardboard Boat Races, held at the University of Lethbridge.

- **Andrew Meisner**
- **Tyson Phillips**
- **Kaleb Muller**
- **Mason Muller**

### Volleyball

**Senior Varsity Girls' and Boys'** (St. Joseph) - Won the league tournament and moved on to Zones.

**Celtics Boys'** (St. Mary, Taber) - Won the South Zone Banner and are off to compete at Provincials.

**Senior Boys'** (St. Michael's, Pincher Creek, Taber) - Won the South Zone Championship and are off to compete at Provincials.

Recognized during the Southern Alberta High School Volleyball League's 2015 Individual Awards Ceremony:

- **Taya Mikado** (CCH) Girls' 1st Team Varsity All-Star
- **Andrew Primeau** (CCH) Boys' 1st Team Varsity All-Star
- **Jordan Baynham** (St. Mary) Girls' 2nd Team Varsity All-Star
- **Ellie Kabayama** (CCH) Girls' 2nd Team Varsity All-Star
- **Mylanda Miller** (CCH) Girls' 2nd Team Varsity All-Star
- **Jared Boras** (CCH) Boys' 2nd Team Varsity All-Star
- **Janelle Groten** (CCH teacher) - Tied for "Girls' Junior Varsity Coach of the Year."

## Information Items

### C21 Leadership Academy

Superintendent Smeaton updated the Board about his recent work with the national C21 Leadership Academy at their past meeting in Calgary.

### Vimy 100 Tour Update

Superintendent Smeaton apprised the Board of his recent trip with EF Tours to preview and prepare for the 100th Anniversary to celebrate the Battle of Vimy Ridge in 2017.

### Student Information System

Holy Spirit Catholic School Division and Lethbridge School District No. 51 are co-hosting presentations by Maplewood and PowerSchool, two PASI compliant Student Information System providers.

### Recycling in Holy Spirit Catholic Schools

The Board discussed the practice of recycling in all division schools, as well as the City of Lethbridge's expectations regarding recycling now and in the future.

### Administrative Procedure 322: VTRA

In keeping with updates made to the VTRA Protocol, Administrative Procedure 322: Violence Threat Risk Assessment has been amended, and will be placed on the division website.

### 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.

## Policy Review

The Board reviewed *Policy 5: Role of the Board Chair* and *Policy 6: Role of the Vice Chair* and determined that no changes were required for either policy at this time.

*Policy 7: Board Committees and Board Representation* was amended to update the name of the "FNMI Parent Advisory Council" to the "Wisdom and Visioning Circle." The section of the policy pertaining to the Teacher Board Advisory Committee was also updated to reflect the committee's current Terms of Reference.

## Reports

### Board Reports:

- Board Chair
- ASBA Zone 6
- C2 Committee
- Team Lethbridge

### Administrative Reports:

- Superintendent
- Deputy Superintendent
- Director of Learning
- Director of Religious Education
- Supervisor of Early Learning
- FNMI Update
- Director of Support Services