



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

International Student Tuition and Fees

To prepare for our expanding international student program, the International Student Tuition and Fees for 2016/2017 have been established:

	1 Semester (5 Months)	1 Year (10 Months)
Application Fee	\$ 200	\$ 200
Tuition	\$ 5,500	\$11,000
Student Services	\$ 700	\$ 700
Mandatory Insurance	\$ 250	\$ 500
TOTAL	\$ 6,650	\$12,400

Homestay fees will also be adjusted to take into consideration a one time \$450 finding fee and an \$800 monthly accommodation fee.

Teacher Employer Bargaining Association Representative

Bill 8: Public Education Collective Bargaining Act will officially come into force on January 1, 2016. In preparation, Trustee Bob Spitzig was appointed Board representative to the Teachers' Employer Bargaining Association.

Information Items

Bill 8

Bill 8: Public Education Collective Bargaining Act, and the December 8, 2015 amendments were provided for Board information.

International Travel

Superintendent of Schools Chris Smeaton apprised the Board that Holy Spirit will be reviewing each out-of-province field trip on a case-by-case basis. Alternate destinations will be made for itineraries that currently have France, Belgium, or any other country with a risk level of 2 or higher listed (as indicated by the Government of Canada's travel advisory services).

Student Fees

The Government of Alberta has committed to decreasing school fees for the 2016/2017 school year. The Board discussed how this will change procedures for division schools and will review the matter again in the New Year.

AERR 2014/2015 Summary Report

The division's Annual Education Results Report Summary has been prepared and distributed.

Greatness in Leadership Event

The "2nd Greatness in Leadership" Event is scheduled for February 23, 2016. Buzz Aldrin, Chris Hadfield, Chester Elton and Candace Carnahan have been slated to present.

Early Registration for 2016/2017

Registration will begin on January 4, 2016. Registration for the new Blessed Mother Teresa School will be accepted at the St. Basil Catholic Education Centre.

Financial Reporting Infographics

Secretary-Treasurer Lisa Palmarin provided the Board with the following infographics:

- Operating Fall Budget Update
- Budget Reserve



Holy Spirit Stars

Congratulations to the following students and staff:

Senior Boys' Volleyball Team (St. Michael's, Pincher Creek) - Placed 5th during the Provincial Tournament held in Grand Prairie, AB over the November 28/29, 2015 weekend.

Chet Root (St. Michael's, Pincher Creek student) - Recipient of one out of only four sportsmanship pins awarded during the Volleyball Provincials Tournament

Sierra Serediak (FLVT student) - With her Ringette team, won the gold during the November 14/15, 2015 Tournament in the U14 division.

The following St. Francis students were selected to play with the Zone 1 Alberta Winter Games Hockey Team:

- **Joel Mabin**
- **Evan Merrimen**
- **Easton Thomas**

Policy Review

The Board reviewed *Policy 8: Policy Making* and determined that no changes were required for either policy at this time.

The language of *Policy 9: Role of the Superintendent* was updated to indicate that the Superintendent is responsible for "overseeing the preparation of the budget, not preparing the budget.

In *Policy 10: Board Delegation of Authority*, the phrase "Special Education" was removed from clause 2.3, in favour of "Inclusive Education. Clauses 12 and 13 were reordered to become clauses 2 and 3, respectively.

Reports

Board Reports:

- Board Chair
- Teacher Board Advisory Committee (TBAC)
- 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

Mary the Blessed Virgin

Feast Day: January 1

Patron of: Humanity

Mary possesses a unique relationship with all three Persons of the Trinity, thereby giving her a claim to the title of Queenship. She was chosen by God the Father to be the Mother of his Son; God the Holy Spirit chose her to be his virginal spouse for the Incarnation of the Son; and God the Son chose her to be his mother, the means of incarnating into the world for the purposes of the redemption of humanity. This Queen is also our Mother. While she is not our Mother in the physical sense, she is called a spiritual mother, for she conceives, gives birth, and nurtures the spiritual lives of grace for each person.

http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=4967



She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").
- Matthew 1: 21-23 NJV

Patron of the following Holy Spirit Catholic Schools:

- *Ecole St. Mary in Lethbridge*
- *Our Lady of the Assumption in Lethbridge*
- *St. Mary School in Taber*