



# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS BOARD MEETING BRIEFS



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

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Board Chair**  
Judy Lane

**Vice Chair**  
Bob Spitzig

**Trustee**  
Pat Bremner

**Trustee**  
Frances Cote

**Trustee**  
Bryan Kranzler

**Trustee**  
Philip Mack

**Trustee**  
Keith McDonald

**Trustee**  
Danny Ponjavic

**Trustee**  
Ken Tratch

## EXECUTIVE TEAM

**Superintendent**  
Chris Smeaton

**Deputy Superintendent**  
Brian Macauley

**Secretary-Treasurer**  
Lisa Palmarin

## PRESENTATION

### First Quarter Fiscal Accountability Report

Secretary Treasurer Lisa Palmarin provided the First Quarter Fiscal Accountability Report to the Board.

### Field Trips and Risk Management Categories

Allen Herbst spoke to the Board regarding field trip activities and their classifications.

## ACTION ITEMS

### Board Faith Retreat

To enhance Trustee faith formation, Director of Religious Education Joann Bartley will facilitate a Board Faith Retreat on January 18, 2019.

### Wood's Homes 15th Annual Children's Benefit Dinner

The Board approved the purchase of tickets to support the Wood's Homes fundraiser on March 30, 2019.

### Appointment of Auditor

The Board appointed KPMG as its Auditor for the 2018/2019, 2019/2020, 2020/2021, 2021/2022, and 2022/2023 fiscal years.

### Three Year Faith Plan Representatives

Trustee Danny Ponjavic and Trustee Pat Bremner agreed to serve as the Board's representatives in developing the division 2019-2022 Faith Plan.

## REPORTS

### Board Reports:

- Board Chair
- ACSTA
- ASBA
- TBAC

### Administrative Reports:

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

## INFORMATION ITEMS

### Team Lethbridge

The Board reviewed Holy Spirit Catholic School Division's participation in the 2019 Team Lethbridge initiative spearheaded by Economic Development Lethbridge. Trustee Danny Ponjavic, Trustee Keith McDonald and Superintendent of Schools Chris Smeaton will serve as the Board's representatives.

### Auditor General's Report on Education

The Auditor General's Report contains information and recommendations regarding financial reporting for Alberta school jurisdictions.

### IMR Reporting

Secretary Treasurer Lisa Palmarin provided IMR reports for the Board to review.

### Early Registration 2019/2020

The Board reviewed a sample of the Early Registration campaign, which begins on January 7, 2019.

## POLICY REVIEW

The Board reviewed *Policy 5: Role of the Board Chair*, *Policy 6: Role of the Vice Chair* and *Policy 7: Board Committees and Board Representation* and determined that no changes were required at this time.





## HOLY SPIRIT STARS



*Congratulations to the following students and staff:*

The following students (Father Leonard Van Tighem) on the Grade 9 Hawks team, captured gold at the "Dawg Pound Basketball Tournament" in Medicine Hat

**Charlie Kambeitz**  
**Sam Lindo**  
**Marty Scott**  
**Nathan Schreiber**  
**Michael Friesen**  
**Liam Metzler**  
**Patrick Bulger**  
**Kyle Metzler**  
**Zac Gray**  
**Riley Pearce**  
**Emilio Hurtado**  
**Mofi Popoola**

**Allison Planger** (St. Mary, Taber) - Received her red belt in Taekwondo.

**Kaden Gross** (St. Mary, Taber) - Earned a bronze medal in Patterns and a silver medal in Sparring at the "Taekwondo Nationals".

**Wyler Langhofer** (St. Mary, Taber) - Captured first in the Light Weight category at the "Fun Box Exhibition" tournament.

The following students (Father Leonard Van Tighem) won silver together at the Aurora Open U13 Tier One Premier.

**Emery Dortman**  
**Jaydyn Hay**  
**Sydney McDonald**  
**Katherine Huculak**

**Hannah Couture and Rebecca Giacchetta** (students at Catholic Central) - Participated in a Discussion Panel on Curriculum at Holy Spirit Catholic School Division's PD Day.

The following students (St. Mary, Taber) placed first in the "Cardboard Boat Races" that took place recently at the University of Lethbridge.

**Joseph Reyes**  
**Jack Murphy**  
**Seth Duell**  
**Beau Huseby**

## *An Advent Prayer*

*Loving God,*

*During this Holy season of Christmas, we ask for your blessings on all families.*

*Let Mary's openness to your wondrous ways be an inspiration to place all trust in you.*

*Let Joseph's courage provide hope during times of anxiety and uncertainty.*

*Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit of light and love.*

*May the grace that encircled the Holy Family widen to embrace all families.*

*For this we pray.*

*Amen*

