



# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS BOARD MEETING BRIEFS

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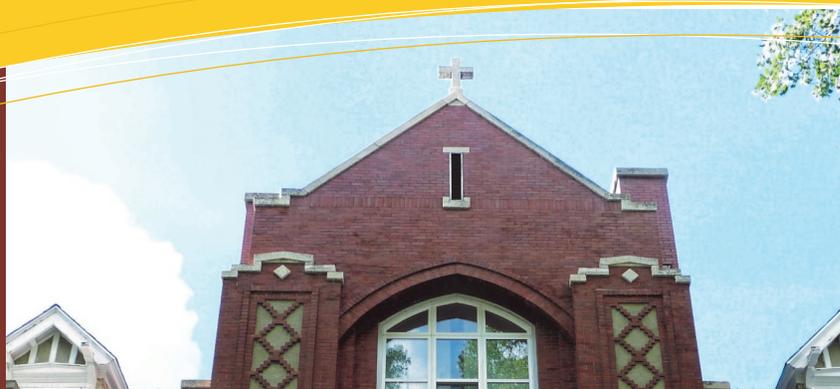
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## EXECUTIVE TEAM

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

## ACTION ITEMS

### Invitation to Meet New Bishop

The Board requested that a letter of congratulations and invitation be forwarded to Bishop William McGrattan, who will be installed as the Bishop of the Diocese of Calgary on February 27, 2017.

### ASCA Conference Registration

The Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) will be holding its Conference and Annual General Meeting from April 28-30, 2017 at the Delta Edmonton South Hotel in Edmonton. To support the organization and the division's school councils, the Board agreed to pay the registration for five (5) school council members/parents who wish to attend.

### Greatness in Leadership Event

The Board of Trustees approved the purchase of a table to attend the 3rd "Greatness in Leadership" event on March 7, 2017. The event's organizing committee has also gifted the division with 75 tickets to be given to Grade 11 and 12 students.

### International Student Tuition and Fees

The Board approved the following International Student Tuition and Fees for 2017/2018:

	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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,650</b>	<b>\$12,400</b>

Homestay fees will remain set at a one time \$450 finding fee and \$800 monthly accommodation fees.

### Telecommunications Tower Placement

In June 2016, the division had been informed that Rogers Communications Inc. plans to place a tower north and west of Chinook High / Catholic Central High West. The Board passed a motion to continue to oppose the current placement plan of the tower and directed the Superintendent to collaborate with Lethbridge School District No. 51 to develop a communications strategy that will inform the community about the school divisions' concerns and encourage public support for relocating the telecommunications tower to a safer location if an appropriate alternate location is not found.

### Alberta SuperNet Privatization

On hearing of the pending privatization of the Alberta SuperNet, the Board directed that letters to the Ministers of Service Alberta and Education be forwarded, expressing concern about how this plan may impact equitable and affordable internet service for all school divisions, particularly those in rural areas.

### Bylaw 2017/01 - Electoral Boundaries

To include Bow Island into the division's electoral boundaries in time for the October 2017 election, the Board completed the first two readings of Bylaw 2017/01. The third and final reading will be conducted at the February 22, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Board.

### Innovative Scholarships

The Board formed a committee to identify a set of possible parameters, characteristics, and descriptors for a junior / senior high scholarship program that would challenge our students to develop creative projects that demonstrate innovation.

## PRESENTATIONS

### St. Mary School (Taber) Wellness Project

Mirthe Kleinjan, Tyson Phillips, and Samy Tams, student health champions from St. Mary School in Taber, provided the Board with a presentation regarding the health and wellness initiatives that they have undertaken at the school using the information gained from the *Tell Them From Me* survey, as well as their own local survey. Examples of some of the projects they have spearheaded include the development of outdoor spaces, educating peers about the impact the quality of food has on their bodies, and improving the healthiness of food currently being offered in the school.

### Leveraging System Leadership

Superintendent Chris Smeaton presented a video webinar on "creating a culture of innovation" that he shared as part of CASS's "Leveraging System Leadership" series of webinars.

To view: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pnYkJR7UT4E&t=15s>

## INFORMATION ITEMS

### 2017 ACSTA SPICE and Blueprints Retreat

The ACSTA will be hosting this year's SPICE Retreat from April 27-30, 2017 and Blueprints from May 2-5, 2017. Both events will be held at the Delta Lodge at Kananaskis.

### Little Free Library

The St. Basil's Catholic Education Centre is considering hosting a "Little Free Library," an outdoor cupboard that serves as a "take a book, return a book" repository.

### Lethbridge Transit Video Surveillance Notice

Effective January 16, 2017, the City of Lethbridge announced that all Lethbridge Transit vehicles, including school buses used to transport Holy Spirit Catholic Schools students, will operate video surveillance cameras to help monitor accidents and incidents.

### Joint Carillon Advertisement

The school jurisdictions within the Diocese of Calgary have put together a joint advertisement congratulating Bishop Henry and thanking him for his years of dedicated service to Catholic education.

## POLICY REVIEW

The Board reviewed *Policy 11: Staff Code of Conduct*, *Policy 12: Teaching Staff Reduction*, and *Policy 13: Hearings on Teacher Matters*, and determined that no changes were required at this time.



## HOLY SPIRIT STARS

*Congratulations to the following students and staff:*



**Instrumental School Bands, under the direction of Kyle Harmon and Sarah Harmon** (St. Francis Junior High & Catholic Central High, Lethbridge) - Submitted a video of the group playing an arrangement of the Tragically Hip's, "Ahead by a Century" and won the CBC Canadian Music Challenge in the High School Instrumental Category.

## REPORTS

### Board Reports:

- Board Chair
- ASBA
- Joint City / School Boards' Liaison Committee
- Business and Education Committee

### Administrative Reports:

- Superintendent
- Deputy Superintendent
- Secretary-Treasurer
- Director of Learning
- Director of Religious Education
- Director of Support Services
- First Nations, Metis and Inuit Update



Pompeo Giralamo Batoni (1708-1787),  
St. Paul, Basildon Park, The National Trust, UK.  
Retrieved from: <http://www.jesus>

## St. Paul

**Feast Day:** June 29. Also honoured on January 25 for his conversion, February 16 for his shipwreck, and November 18 for the dedication of his Basilica

**Patron of:** missionaries, evangelists, writers, journalists, authors, public workers, rope and saddle makers, and tent makers.

St. Paul is one of the most important and influential of all the saints. Many of his writings are contained in the Canon of the Bible and have influenced the growth and development of the Church since the first century.

St. Paul was originally known as Saul. He was a Roman citizen and Pharisee who had presided over the persecutions of the early Christians and was even present at the martyrdom of St. Stephen. However, Saul experienced a powerful vision that caused him to convert to Christianity while on the road to Damascus. He was duly baptized and took the name Paul.

Paul traveled the world, preaching ceaselessly, often drawing criticism and ire from those who rebuffed his message. After establishing his churches, Paul remained in communication with the faithful, often writing letters to answer questions and resolve disputes. The letters that have survived have become part of the Bible. It is believed that Paul wrote other letters, which were lost even before the Bible was established by the Church. Paul's writings are important because they provide good advice for how Christians should live.

In 67 AD, Paul was arrested in Rome for a second time and this time he was beheaded under the insane Emperor Nero. According to John Chrysostom, Nero knew Paul personally.

[http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\\_id=91](http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=91)

Patron of the following division school:

- *St. Paul Elementary School (Lethbridge)*