



# 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

### Draft Three Year Capital Plan

The Board reviewed a draft version of the 2015-2018 Three Year Capital Plan. The finalized plan will be brought forward at the March meeting for approval.

### April Board Meeting Rescheduling

To avoid Easter holidays, the Regular Meeting for April 2014 will now be held on April 16, 2014.

### ASCA Conference Registration

The Board of Trustees determined that it would pay the registration fee for up to two (2) school council members, or interested parents, to attend the upcoming Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) Conference, which will be held from April 25-27, 2014 at the Delta Edmonton South Hotel in Edmonton, Alberta.

### Council of School Council Agenda

The Board of Trustees will meet with the Council of School Council Chairs on March 3, 2014. The Board added the following items for discussion:

- Parking Lot Safety
- Student Learner Assessments
- Curriculum Prototyping

### Share the Mission Award Committee

Trustee Ken Tratch, Trustee Garth Renyk, and Vice Chair Bob Spitzig agreed to serve on the Share the Mission Award Committee for 2013/2014.

### Toonies for Tuition

Vice Chair Bob Spitzig, Trustee Bryan Kranzler, and Trustee Pat Bremner agreed to serve on a committee to highlight and collect funds for the CCSTA's "Toonies for Tuition" Campaign, which works to assist students in provinces where the cost to attend a Catholic school is prohibitive. Alberta is very fortunate that Catholic education is publicly funded.

### ASBA Language Survey

The Board reviewed and provided feedback to the Superintendent regarding the Alberta School Boards' Association's (ASBA's) Second Languages Task Force (SLTF) survey.

### Opportunity Knocks Sponsorship

Holy Spirit Catholic School Division will purchase an exhibitor's booth for the "2nd Annual Opportunity Knocks" event that the Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce and Chinook Regional Foundation for Career Transitions are hosting on April 8, 2014 at the Exhibition Centre.

### APEX Youth Awards

Outstanding Taber youth are annually honoured through the APEX Youth Awards. The Board of Trustees purchased four (4) tickets to attend the APEX Youth Awards Banquet on April 10, 2014.

### Facilities Review: Request for Proposals

The Board directed administration to formulate a Request for Proposals, calling for additional expertise to assist the school division in analyzing current school facility needs and developing a long range plan for school maintenance and improvement.

### Modular Classrooms

Alberta Education has approved the addition of four (4) modulares, and a potential connecting link, for Father Leonard Van Tighem School. However, to address installation costs, the Government of Alberta has requested that the school division contribute \$50,000 per modular, and 100% of the installation cost for any linking structures. The Board authorized the use of up to \$350,000 from capital reserves to cover the anticipated installation costs.

## Information Items

### Building Bridges Between Education & Trades

The Official Ceremony to kick off the *Building Bridge Between Education & Trades Program*, that has been developed through close partnership with the Canadian Home Builders Association in Lethbridge and the Holy Spirit School Division, will be held March 4, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the St. Basil Catholic Education Centre.

### Science & Innovation Summit

EF Educational Tours has requested feedback from a number of superintendents across Canada on potential education tours to support student learning and experiences. Superintendent Chris Smeaton has been invited to participate in the, "Science & Innovation Summit," which will be held in Berlin, Germany from March 10-15, 2014.

### Capital Announcements

Holy Spirit Catholic School Division has recently received news regarding two (2) pending Capital projects.

- The modernization of St. Michael's School in Pincher Creek
- The construction of a new school on the north side of Lethbridge

### Catholic Education Sunday Collection

Holy Spirit Catholic School Division has been given \$10,786.77 as a result of the Catholic Education Sunday Collection held on November 3, 2013. These funds will be used to support the Board's Strategic Priority of, "Catholic Identity."

### Bishop's Dinner

The Board received a note of thanks and an overview of the Bishop's Dinner, which had been held on October 17, 2013. The proceeds of the event saw \$37,000 shared among the Sheldon Kennedy Child Advocacy Centre, St. Mary's University College, and the Centennial Seminary Endowment.

### 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.

## Reports

### Board Reports:

- Board Chair
- ASBA Zone 6
- Joint City of Lethbridge / Lethbridge School Divisions
- ACSTA
- Business and Education

### Administrative Reports:

- Superintendent
- Secretary-Treasurer
- Director of Learning
- Supervisor of Early Learning
- Deputy Superintendent
- Director of Student Services
- Director of Religious Education

## Policy Review

### DRAFT Policy 22: Vaccination Protocol

The third and final reading of *Policy 22: Vaccination Protocol* was conducted at the February 2014 Board Meeting. The policy will now be adopted into the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division Policy Manual.



## Holy Spirit Stars

*Congratulations to the following students and staff:*

**Alyssa Fraser** (St. Francis student) - Earned the title, "National Weightlifting Champion" in the 48 kg category from the recent Canadian Junior Weightlifting Championships. Alyssa also set 6 provincial records at this same competition.

**Deb Yawney** (CCH teacher) - Recipient of an Alberta Education Language Teacher Bursary to support her professional development from the past summer.

**Ethan Weste** (Assumption student) - Won a gold medal in archery.

**Coralee Pienkowski** (Assumption student) - Won a gold medal in Judo at the Fernie Invitational Tournament.

**Tyson Phillips** (St. Mary, Taber student) - Selected to perform with the Southern Alberta Junior Honour Band in Calgary from February 12-14. Tyson joined 80 other students from southern Alberta to rehearse and perform a diverse assortment of challenging music.

**Dawson Mandel and Hana Varsany** (CCH students) - Selected to compete with Canada's National Judo Team in Germany from March 19 to March 28, 2014.

The following St. Catherine's students placed in the Coalhurst Legion's, "Remembrance Day Poster and Literary Contests":

- **Ella Slomp** (Gr. 3) - 1st for Coloured Poster
- **Juanita Larranga** (Gr. 3)- 1st for Black & White Poster
- **Kourtney Serfas** (Gr. 3)- 2nd for Coloured Poster
- **Morgan Rasmussen** (Gr. 8) - 3rd for Poem
- **Teigan Vander Kooi** (Gr. 8) - 2nd for Poem

**Aaron Cooney** (Father Leonard Van Tighem student) - During the Canadian Long Track Speedskating Championship in February, as part of the Boys-Age 13 category, placed 12th overall in Canada, won 8th in the 500 m., and won a gold medal in the relay.

**Christian Hill** (Father Leonard Van Tighem student) - During the provincial Judo Tournament in February, won a gold medal in the U16 category. Christian went on to win a bronze medal during the Alberta Winter Games.

**Josh Hill** (Father Leonard Van Tighem student) - During the provincial Judo Tournament in February, won a silver medal in the U14 category.

These St. Patrick School students placed in the Speech Arts Competition:

#### First

- **Logan Meier** (Gr. 1)
- **Reese Merkl** (Gr. 3)
- **Quinlyn Bell** (Gr. 5)
- **Taylor O'Grady** (Gr. 2)
- **Preslee Muller**(Gr. 4)

#### Second

- **Aidynn Edwards** (Gr. 1)
- **Emilie Capner** (Gr. 3)
- **Brylan Span** (Gr. 5)
- **Patrick Waldner** (Gr. 2)
- **Jocelyn Planger** (Gr. 4)

#### Third

- **Kynlee Fallon** (Gr. 1)
- **Kyle Weinberger** (Gr. 4)
- **Sophia Reyes** (Gr. 2)
- **Beau Huseby** (Gr. 5)