



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

Three Year Capital Plan (2016-2019)

A draft version of the 2016-2019 Capital Plan was reviewed by the Board of Trustees. The Superintendent will take all Board suggestions into consideration and present the finalized version at the March 2016 Regular Board Meeting.

Three Year Education Planning

The Board arranged for a working session on March 2, 2016 to establish the division's 2016/2017 strategic priorities.

ASCA Conference Registration

The Board of Trustees determined that it would pay the registration fee for up to 4 school council members, or interested parents, to attend the upcoming Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) Conference, which will be held from April 22-24, 2016 in Edmonton, Alberta.

Council of School Council Agenda

The Board of Trustees will meet with the Council of School Council Chairs on March 7, 2016. The following items will be added to the agenda for discussion:

- Response to Alberta Education's, "Guidelines for Best Practices: Creating Learning Environments that Respect Diverse Sexual Orientations, Gender Identities and Gender Expressions"
- School Fees
- ASCA Conference and Annual General Meeting Support
- Capital Plan (Information Item)

Women of Distinction Awards

The Board purchased tickets to attend the Lethbridge and District YWCA's "40th Annual Women of Distinction Award Ceremony" on March 11, 2016. Two of this year's recipients have close ties to Holy Spirit Catholic School Division:

- Mrs. Anthea Boras, current principal of Blessed Mother Teresa School, is being recognized for the "Education & Mentorship" Award.
- Ms. Suzanne Lint, who has served as a Board Chair in the division in the past, is being recognized for the "Arts, Culture & Heritage" Award.

Advocacy and Support

A number of fundraising events are being held by organizations that support Holy Spirit Catholic School Division students. As a result the Board of Trustees approved purchasing tickets to attend the following events:

- 5th on 5th Youth Services Fundraiser, "A Taste of Lethbridge" (April 9)
- APEX Youth Awards (April 13)
- Volunteer Lethbridge's "Leaders of Tomorrow" Gala (April 13)
- St. Catherine School Biennial Fundraising Dinner (April 16)
- Wood's Homes 11th Annual Children's Benefit Dinner (April 30)

Policy Review

The Board reviewed *Policy 18: Board Governance and Operations*, and all related appendices. No changes were required at this time.

New School Parent Information Night

Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

St. Basil Catholic Education Centre - 620 12B Street North, Lethbridge



BLESSED MOTHER TERESA
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Information Items

Enrolment Projections

To assist in planning for 2016/2017, and beyond, the Board was provided with enrolment projections from 2016-2025.

Financial Reporting Profile

Secretary-Treasurer Lisa Palmarin provided the division's Financial Reporting Profile analysis for the 2014/2016 school year.

ASBA Zone 6 Second Language Caucus

The Board reviewed correspondence from the ASBA, indicating that they are seeking trustees interested in serving on the ASBA Second Language Task Force.

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.

St. Michael the Archangel



Feast Day:

September 29

Patron of: grocers, mariners, paratroopers, police, and sickness.

The name Michael signifies "Who is like to God?" and was the warcry of the good angels in the battle fought in heaven against Satan and his followers. Holy Scripture describes St. Michael as "one of the chief princes," and leader of

the forces of heaven in their triumph over the powers of hell. He has been especially honored and invoked as patron and protector by the Church from the time of the Apostles.

http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=308

Patron of the following Holy Spirit Catholic Schools:

- St. Michael's School in Bow Island
- St. Michael's School in Pincher Creek

Reports

Board Reports:

- Board Chair
- ASBA Zone 6
- ACSTA
- Business and Education Report

Administrative Reports:

- Superintendent
- Secretary-Treasurer
- Director of Learning Midterm CIP Report
- Director of Religious Education Midterm CIP Report
- FNMI Midterm CIP Report
- Deputy Superintendent
- Director of Support Services Midterm CIP Report



Holy Spirit Stars

Congratulations to the following students and staff:

Josh Hill (FLVT student) - Won the bronze medal in Judo U16 during the Saskatchewan Open Tournament in Regina on January 23, 2016. Also won the silver medal in fighting for the U16 category at the Judo Alberta Provincial Championships in Fort Saskatchewan on January 30, 2016.

Elijah Hill (FLVT student) - Won the bronze medal in fighting and the silver medal in Kata for the U14 category at the Judo Alberta Provincial Championships in Fort Saskatchewan on January 30, 2016.

Ethan Fekete (St. Mary Taber student) - With 95 other students, was asked to perform with the Southern Alberta Band Association's Junior Honour Band in Calgary from February 10-12, 2016.

Dane DeGraw (St. Patrick Taber Kindergarten student) - Recognized for his quick thinking and bravery when he called 911 to get help for his mother, who was unresponsive.

Damian Unrau (St. Patrick Taber student) - Won 1st place in the "New Ewe 4-H Club Junior Speak Offs."

Sierra Serediak and Brooklyn Bittman (FLVT students) - With their team, the "Lethbridge Rattlers," won the U14 silver medal in the Esso Golden Ring "World's Largest Ringette Tournament," held in Calgary from January 15-17, 2016.

Emma Gross (FLVT student) - Qualified to represent the Lethbridge Skating Club at the Alberta Winter Games from February 13 to 16, 2016 in Medicine Hat.

Ronan Gelber (St. Michael's Pincher Creek student) - Honored during the Crowsnest Pass Track & Field Club Provincial Awards as the "Best Cross Country Runner in Alberta" for the 2015 season in the Peeewe Boys category (10-11 years).

Mathias Gelber (St. Michael's Pincher Creek student) - Honored during the Crowsnest Pass Track & Field Club Provincial Awards as the "Best Cross Country Runner in Alberta" for the 2015 season in the Bantam Boys category (12-13 years).

Chris Hartman (St. Francis staff) - Holy Spirit Catholic School Division's Recipient of the CCSSA's "Excellence in Catholic Education Award for 2015/2016."