



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

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 third and final reading before approving of Bylaw 2017/01.

Three Year Capital Plan (2017-2020)

A draft version of the 2017-2020 Capital Plan was reviewed. The final version will be presented at the March 2017 Board Meeting.

Council of School Council Agenda

The Board indicated that it would like to engage in a facilitated conversation during the upcoming March 6, 2017 meeting to discuss the school division's current priorities. Information about the following items will also be provided for review:

- ASCA Annual General Meeting
- Continuous Improvement Plan Update
- Capital Plan / Enrolment Projections

Use of Capital Reserves for St. Patrick School (Taber) Decanting

The construction phase for the modernization of St. Patrick School in Taber is to begin July 2017. To expedite this phase of the project, the students of St. Patrick School will need to be decanted to an alternate location. Since the Government of Alberta does not cover the costs associated with decanting, the Board of Trustees set aside capital reserves to fund this necessary expenditure.

Appointment of Returning Officer

The Board appointed City of Lethbridge Clerk and Returning Officer, Aleta Neufeld, as the division's Returning Officer for the October 16, 2017 School Board Elections.

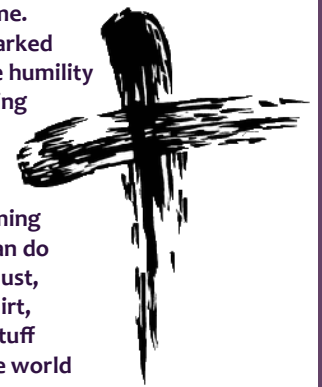
Advocacy and Support

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:

- APEX Youth Awards (March 22, 2017)
- Volunteer Lethbridge's "Leaders of Tomorrow" Gala (April 26, 2017)
- Wood's Homes 13th Annual Children's Benefit Dinner (May 6, 2017)

A Prayer for Ash Wednesday

So let us be marked
not for sorrow.
And let us be marked
not for shame.
Let us be marked
not for false humility
or for thinking
we are less
than we are



but for claiming
what God can do
within the dust,
within the dirt,
within the stuff
of which the world
is made,
and the stars that blaze
in our bones,
and the galaxies that spiral
inside the smudge
we bear.

- Jan Richardson

PRESENTATION

Continuous Improvement Plan—Quarterly Update

Superintendent Chris Smeaton provided the 2nd quarterly update to the Board regarding their Continuous Improvement Plan. He spoke about those activities conducted over the last three months that relate to the Board's four priorities: Catholic Faith, literacy & numeracy, First Nations, Metis and Inuit education, engaged educational stakeholders.

INFORMATION ITEMS

A Gift and a Legacy

In November 2016, Trustee Ken Tratch presented a third stained glass creation to the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division, which is displayed in the board room at the St. Basil Catholic Education Centre.

Enrolment Projections

To assist in planning for 2017/2018, and beyond, the Board was provided with enrolment projections for 2017-2026.

Financial Reporting Profile

Secretary-Treasurer Lisa Palmarin provided the division's Financial Reporting Profile analysis for the 2015/2016 school year.

Joint Carillon Advertisement

The school jurisdictions within the Diocese of Calgary have put together a joint advertisement welcoming Bishop McGrattan.

Lethbridge Performing Arts Centre

The Board reviewed a brochure developed by the Allied Arts Council of Lethbridge, advocating for the development of a new Performing Arts Centre.

C21 Canada Meetings

Superintendent Chris Smeaton provided a verbal report about the C21 Canada Meetings he recently attended.

POLICY REVIEW

The Board reviewed *Policy 18: Board Governance and Operations*, and associated appendices, and determined that the following changes were required:

- Given the increased geographic area of Ward 5, clause 4.4, was amended so that travel between the town sites of Taber and Bow Island may be eligible for reimbursement.
- The section of Appendix A referring to "Hospitality" was moved within *Policy 18*, as a new section 5.
- The newly numbered section 6, pertaining to "Signing Officers of the Board," was amended to reflect the precedence of those positions listed.
- The newly number clause 6.2 was amended to align with clause 4 in *Policy 10: Board Delegation of Authority*.
- For both clause 6.2 in *Policy 18* and clause 4 in *Policy 10*, the value of the contracts for which the Superintendent of Schools may sign was increased to \$250,000.

REPORTS

Board Reports:

- Board Chair
- ACSTA
- Standing Committee Update
- ASBA Zone 6
- Wisdom & Visioning Circle

Administrative Reports:

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



HOLY SPIRIT STARS

Congratulations to the following students and staff:



Christian Berthiaume (St. Michael's, Pincher Creek) - Attended the "Faces West Modelling and Talent Conference," where he was first runner-up in Sportswear Runway and second runner-up in Photography. With his combined points and votes of modelling agencies from around the world he received the Top Male Model award. He has received call-backs from agencies in New York, South Korea, Vancouver and Milan. He also has received a role in the TV series, " Fargo."

David DeVos, Samy Tams, and Tyson Phillips (St. Mary, Taber) - Will be participating with the University of Lethbridge Honor Band on February 23 and February 24, 2017. Tyson will also be travelling to Edmonton to participate with the University of Alberta Honor Band.

Ethan Fekete and Charissa Beuckert (St. Mary, Taber) - Joined 100 other southern Alberta students to perform with the Southern Alberta Band Association Junior Honor Band in Calgary from February 15 to February 17, 2017.

Kade Duell and Eric Grimson (St. Patrick, Taber) - With their team, won the Can/Am PeeWee hockey tournament in Great Falls, Montana over the January 28/29, 2017 weekend.

Elizabeth Davis and Rayna Whipple (FLVT, Lethbridge) - During the 33rd Annual Rose Bowl Synchronized Skating Competition in Calgary, received gold in the elementary level.

Gabrielle Hoff (FLVT, Lethbridge) - During the 33rd Annual Rose Bowl Synchronized Skating Competition in Calgary, received gold in the pre-novice and intermediate levels. Gabrielle also competed in the synchronized skating competition in Burnaby, B.C. and received gold in the novice and intermediate levels.

Senior Boys' Volleyball Team (St. Michael's, Pincher Creek) - Received the ASAA Provincial Sportsmanship Banner.

Junior Varsity Girls' Basketball Team (St. Catherine, Picture Butte) - Won the COLJHAA JV tournament held February 3-4, 2017.

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Senior Boy & Girls' Basketball Teams (St. Joseph, Coaldale) - Won the COLJHAA Championships held February 10-11, 2017.