



Holy Spirit Catholic Schools Board Meeting Briefs

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

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Presentation

Cheers 4 Lethbridge

Travis Hillier, Marketing and Communications Consultant for the City of Lethbridge, introduced the Board to the *Cheers 4 Lethbridge* initiative, which aims to inspire citizens to share stories and good deeds that enhance the positive culture of our community. For more information visit cheers4lethbridge.ca.



Action Items

Strategic Priorities

The Board reviewed and approved its Strategic Priorities for 2016 to 2019. This document will be placed on the division's website.

Three Year Capital Plan and IMR Plan

The Board reviewed and approved the Three Year Capital Plan (2016-2019) and the Three Year Infrastructure Maintenance Renewal (IMR) Plan (2016-2018). Both of these documents will be submitted to Alberta Education and Alberta Infrastructure and placed on the division website.

LACL Annual Fundraiser

The Lethbridge Association for Community Living (LACL) advocates for families and individuals with developmental disabilities. To support the LACL, the Board approved the purchase of two tickets to attend the fundraiser on Friday, May 13, 2016.

"A Public Education" Season 8 Proposal

The Board approved the division's continued participation in the eighth season of the joint advertising campaign, "A Public Education."

Information Items

Catholic Education Sunday Collection

As a result of the generosity of our local parishes and the Diocese of Calgary, Holy Spirit has received \$11,472.28 from the Catholic Education Sunday Collection held October 31 / November 1, 2015.

Administrative Procedures Revisions

The following Administrative Procedures have been updated and will now be published on the division website:

- 115: Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy
- 116: Copyright
- 302: Student Attendance Areas
- 350: Student Transportation
- 350A: Student Transportation Fee Schedule
- 517: Expense Reimbursement

Budget Assumptions 2016/2017

Secretary-Treasurer Lisa Palmarin provided the Board with the division's Budgetary Assumptions to prepare for the 2016/2017 school year.

Second Quarter Financial Report

The Board received and reviewed the division's Second Quarter Financial Report with year end projections.

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.

Policy Review

Policy 14: Appeals on Hearings and Student Matters, Policy 16: School Closures, and Policy 17: Awards, were reviewed. No changes were required.

St. Patrick

Feast Day: March 17 **Patron of:** Ireland

One of the world's most popular saints, St. Patrick was born in Roman Britain. When he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans, but Patrick turned to God. Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain and was reunited with his family.

A few years after returning home, Patrick saw a vision that prompted his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years. He was later ordained a bishop and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland.

Patrick arrived in Slane, Ireland on March 25, 433. While several legends have emerged around St. Patrick, we do know that he preached, converted many people, and built churches across the country for 40 years. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering, he died on March 17, 461.

Patrick often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing his message.

"The Breastplate,"

"Christ be within me,
 Christ behind me,
 Christ before me,
 Christ beside me,
 Christ to win me,
 Christ to comfort
 and restore me,
 Christ beneath me,
 Christ above me,
 Christ inquired,
 Christ in danger,
 Christ in hearts
 of all that love me,
 Christ in mouth
 of friend and stranger."



http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=89

Patron of the following Holy Spirit Catholic Schools:

- St. Patrick Fine Arts Elementary in Lethbridge
- St. Patrick School in Taber

Reports

Board Reports:

- Board Chair
- Business and Education
- Community and Social Development
- ASBA Zone 6
- Health and Wellness

Administrative Reports:

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



Holy Spirit Stars

Congratulations to the following students and staff:



Tyson Philips (St. Mary Taber student) - Selected as one of the top 16 Hockey Officials to officiate the Alberta Winter Games.

Alexis DeMaere (St. Francis student) - Won a silver medal for figure skating at the Alberta Winter Games

Dawn Marie L'Heureux (St. Francis student) - Won two gold medals and one silver medal at the recent Provincial Age Group trials for swimming in Calgary, and went on to participate in the Provincial A Championships.

Thomas Alexander (St. Michael's Pincher Creek student) - Swam four provincial qualifying times at the Speedo Alberta Age Group Championships in Calgary.

Christopher Alexander (St. Michael's Pincher Creek student) - Swam two national qualifying times in the 100m backstroke and 200m backstroke at the Speedo Western Canadian Open in Winnipeg. His 200m is the 9th fastest 16 year old time in Canada.

Anna Fujita and Katherine Allen (St. Joseph students) - Invited to play their winning flute duet at the Kiwanis Stars of the Festival.

Grade 3 and 4 Classes (St. Patrick FAE) - Earned 'Superior' ratings for their Kiwanis Festival Choral Speech performances and will advance to the Provincial competition in May.

Senior Boys Basketball (St. Michaels Pincher Creek) - Placed 2nd in the 1A ASAA South Zone championships and competed in Provincials.

Herman Wiebe and Jobert Cruz (St. Mary Taber students) - Selected for the River Ridge Basketball All-Star Team.

These St. Michael's Pincher Creek students were selected for the All-Star Teams in the Chinook Basketball League:

- **Rebecca Lowry** (First Team)
- **Mitchell Zoratti** (First Team)
- **Michael Svab** (First Team)
- **Chet Root** (Second Team)

Ethan Richards and Jesson Luco (St. Michael's Pincher Creek students) - With their Midget hockey team, the "Pincher Creek Huskies," won the silver medal at the 2016 Provincial Championships in Provost, Alberta over the March 12/13, 2016 weekend.

Kattie Dyck (St. Catherine student) - Won a medal at the Edmonton International Judo Championships in the U12 category.