



# Holy Spirit Catholic Schools Board Meeting Briefs



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

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### Presentation

#### **Edwin Parr Nominee: Jorin Gaudet**

Mr. Jorin Gaudet, a teacher from St. Francis Junior High School in Lethbridge, has been selected as the division's nominee for ASBA's, "Edwin Parr Award," which recognizes excellence in first year teaching. The Board reviewed the video created for Mr. Gaudet's interview and formally congratulated him on his nomination.

#### **Faith Plan 2016-2019**

Director of Religious Education Joann Bartley presented the division's Three Year Faith Plan for 2016 to 2019, "Growing in Faith Together—GIFT." The first year will be focused on being "Rooted in Christ," the second, "Growing in Spirit," and the third, "Sharing our Bounty."

### Action Items

#### **"Architects of Tomorrow"**

Tickets were purchased to attend Lethbridge Leadercast's, "Architects of Tomorrow" event; a series of webinars that will be aired at Lethbridge College on May 6, 2016. All event proceeds will be donated to Lethbridge and Taber KidSport.

#### **Edwin Parr Award Banquet**

Tickets were purchased to attend the ASBA Zone 6 Edwin Parr Nominee Banquet on May 11, 2016.

#### **Lethbridge Regional Police Fundraiser**

Tickets were purchased to support Lethbridge Police Services' fundraiser for, "The Missing Children Society of Canada," on June 4, 2016.

#### **Meeting Scheduling**

The Superintendent was directed to schedule meetings to discuss matters of mutual interest with the Minister of Education, local MLAs, and the division's Parish Priests.

### Information Items

#### **ERDI Update**

Superintendent Smeaton updated the Board about the past ERDI Conference held in Victoria.

#### **ASBA Budget and Bylaws Bulletin 2016**

To prepare for the 2016 ASBA Spring General Meeting, the Board reviewed the ASBA's Budget and Bylaws Bulletin.

#### **Alberta Teacher Workload Study**

The Board reviewed the Executive Summary of the, "Alberta Teacher Workload Study."

#### **OECD Visit to Holy Spirit Catholic Schools**

Researchers from the Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) wish to visit this May to explore Holy Spirit Catholic School Division's promising practices in indigenous education.

#### **Bull Creek Wind Facility Commissioning**

BluEarth Renewables Inc. is hosting an event to mark the completion of the Bull Creek Wind Facility on June 9, 2016.

#### **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 19: Conflict of Interest and Nepotism.**  
No changes were required.

#### **Policy 20: Fiscal Stewardship**

Clause 2.5 will be updated to align with the increased interim financial reporting requirements from Alberta Education.

## Reports

### Board Reports:

- Board Chair
- ASBA Zone 6
- C2 Committee
- Health and Wellness Committee
- Joint City / School Boards' Liaison Committee
- Community and Social Development Committee

### Administrative Reports:

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



## Holy Spirit Stars

*Congratulations to the following students and staff for their achievements*

**Taylor Deley** (St. Michael's, Pincher Creek) - During the Alberta Junior Lifesaving Sport Competition in March 2016, broke provincial records in three individual races ("100m Manikin Carry with Fins," "100m Obstacle," and "50m Manikin Carry without Fins"), assisted her relay team in breaking provincial records in two races ("200m Obstacle Relay" and "200m Medley Relay"), and received a silver medal in "Line Throw." Her performance has qualified her to compete in four events during the Junior World Competition that will be held in Holland this September.

**Rachel Nicol** (former Holy Spirit student) - Qualified to represent Canada in the 100m breaststroke during the Summer Olympic Games scheduled for Rio de Janeiro this August 2016.

**Finley Lothian** (Ecole St. Mary) - Ranked 8th in Alberta for the 800m in swimming.

**Emma Gross** (FLVT) - With her 4-person team, won the Gold medal in "Interpretive Skating" during the Chinook Open Skating Competition from April 1 to 3, 2016.

**Amy Serfas** (St. Catherine) - Won Gold for her tap, jazz and ballet group dances in Fort Saskatchewan at the Standing Ovation Festival.

**Zachery Rowley** (CCH) - Won Gold for "Photography" during the Regional Skills Competition and will be going to compete in the Provincial Competition in Edmonton in May 2016.

**Christian Miklos** (CCH) - Won Gold for "Graphics" during the Regional Skills Competition and will be going to compete in the Provincial Competition in Edmonton in May 2016.

### Science Fair

During the Lethbridge Regional Science Fair, held on April 9/10, 2016:

- **Isaac Van Schothorst** (Assumption) - Won Bronze in the Grade 4 category for his project, "Do Plants Need Water?"
- **Sean Hazell** (Assumption) - With his impromptu team at the Science Olympics, built a bridge using mainly spaghetti and won Gold for having the strongest, tallest, and best overall structure.
- **Audrey Golsteyn** (St. Francis) - Won Best Intermediate, Genome Alberta Senior, Best French Project, and Gold in the Grade 9 category. Audrey will go on to compete in the National Science Fair in Montreal.

## Advocacy

### Long Service Awards

The Board of Trustees' Long Service Recognition Awards will take place on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at St. Martha's Church. Mass will begin at 5:00 p.m. The award ceremony and a social/reception will follow.

### Retirement Banquet

The Board's Retirement Banquet, honouring retiring staff members, will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at the Lethbridge Lodge. Cocktails will begin at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.



### Hockey

The following St. Francis students, with their team, won the Bantam Tier 1 Female Provincial Championships:

- **Hayleigh Craig**
- **Maritza Craig**
- **Isabelle Dyck**
- **Sarah Mucha**

The following St. Patrick (Taber) students, with their team, won the Spud League Championships for Atom B Division:

- **Ainsley Duell**
- **Eric Grimson**
- **Ashton Lukacs**
- **Logan McCombe**
- **Owen Ruggles**
- **Hayden Span**

**Jack Murphy** (St. Mary, Taber) - Received the Jean Bowman Memorial Award for being the "Peewee Player's Player" during the Taber Minor Hockey Award Banquet in March 2016.

**Brylan Span** (St. Mary, Taber) - Received "Peewee Best Defencemen" during the Taber Minor Hockey Award Banquet in March 2016.

**Ty Kiss** (St. Mary, Taber) - Received the Brett Forchuk Memorial Award for being the "Bantam Best Defencemen" during the Taber Minor Hockey Award Banquet in March 2016.

### Badminton

The following St. Mary (Taber) students placed during the tournament hosted over the April 16/17, 2016 weekend:

- **Jaiden Cranston & Seth Muller** - Gold in "Mixed Doubles"
- **Jocelyn Planger & Neah Salazar** - Gold in "Girls' Doubles"
- **Tristan Miller** - Gold in "Boys' Singles"
- **Spencer Phillips** - Gold in "Boys' Singles"
- **Emmanuel Adra and Dallas Bodnar** - Gold in "Boys' Doubles"

### Social Justice / Acts of Generosity

**Ainsley Schweitzer** (St. Catherine, Picture Butte) - Donated 8 inches of her lovely blonde hair to assist others sick with cancer.

**Grade 7 Class** (St. Mary, Taber) - Hosted a "Hollywood" themed dance to fundraise for the school's Chalice Project, raising \$687.00.

**Junior High** (St. Catherine, Picture Butte) Raised \$231.50 for the Lethbridge Humane Society and \$231.50 for the Jack Ady Cancer Centre by baking in CTF class on Wednesdays and selling their treats on Thursdays, during refreshment break.