



# 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

#### ASCA Membership

The Board renewed the division's membership with the Alberta School Councils' Association. School Councils are encouraged to utilize the services this organization can provide to ensure the effectiveness of these important parent-led groups within our schools.

#### Contract with Foothills Church

The Board approved the contract to rent the Foothills Church facility in Pincher Creek. This space will house St. Michael's High School students during the school's modernization.

#### Sale of School Bus

Due to budget constraints and increasing compliance requirements, the transportation of children in ECS programs will be outsourced beginning in the 2015/2016 school year. Consequently, the Board approved the sale of a 14 passenger school bus previously used for this purpose.

#### Bull Creek Wind Project

In an effort to provide sustainable, green energy for division schools at a relatively low and predictable cost, the Board of Trustees directed the Superintendent to pursue a Power Purchasing Agreement with the Commodity Purchasing Consortia on December 21, 2011. On May 22, 2013, the Board further approved its participation in the Bull Creek Wind Power Project, authorizing the execution of a Direct Sales Agreement with BluEarth Renewables Inc. After reviewing the Direct Sales Agreement with legal counsel to ensure that none of the ancillary agreements leave the school division liable, the Board was asked to review and approve the Bull Creek Wind Power Project Resolutions.



*And there appeared to them  
tongues as of fire; these  
separated and came to rest on  
the head of each of them.  
They were all filled with the  
Holy Spirit and began to  
speak in different languages  
as the Spirit gave them power  
to express themselves.*

*Acts of the Apostles 2: 3-4*

### Presentations

#### Semi-Finalist 2015 Teaching Excellence

Mr. Rob Jetten, a teacher from Catholic Central High School in Lethbridge, was recognized at the meeting as being a successful semi-finalist for Alberta Education's "2015 Excellence in Teaching Award." Mr. Jetten's nomination was initiated by a CCH student and is well-supported by the CCH community.

#### Connect 2015 Conference

Superintendent Smeaton spoke to the presentation he made at the Connect 2015 Conference attended earlier in the month.

## Information Items

### Accountability Pillar Summary

Alberta Education has recently released the updated Accountability Pillar reports for all school divisions. The overall summary for Holy Spirit Catholic School Division shall be placed on the division website.

### LIFE Framework Update

An updated version of the Conference of Catholic School Superintendents of Alberta's (CCSSA's) "LIFE" (Lived Inclusion For Everyone) Framework was provided for Board reference. The Framework is intended to address the Bill 10 legislation calling for the formation of Gay-Straight Alliances in schools, while still maintaining the perspective of our Catholic teachings.

### C21 Canada Leadership Academy

The C21 Canada Leadership Academy has recently launched the document, "Shifting Minds 3.0 – Redefining the Learning Landscape in Canada."

### National Principals' Leadership Institute

Superintendent Chris Smeaton updated the Board about a recent invitation he has received to serve as a Leadership Consultant at the 18th Annual National Principals Leadership Institute this summer in New York.

### Divisional Calendars 2015-16

The Board reviewed the division's calendars for the upcoming 2015/2016 school year.

### Heritage Days

A press release was sent out on May 15, 2015, apprising the public of upcoming FNMI / Heritage day celebrations taking place in Holy Spirit Catholic School Division over May and June 2015.

## Policy Review

### Policy 21 and Policy 22

Though significant amendment will be required when the new *Education Act* comes into effect, the Board determined that no alterations were required for *Policy 21: Public Interest Disclosure* and *Policy 22: Vaccination Protocol* at this time.

## Reports

### Board Reports:

- Board Chair
- ASBA Zone 6
- Teacher Board Advisory Committee

### Administrative Reports:

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



## Holy Spirit Stars

*Congratulations to the following students and staff:*

**Keely Cernetic** (CCH) - With her group, won Gold in the HipHop Category at the Medicine Hat Dance Competition.

**Terrence Reis** (Assumption) - Won Silver in his category during the Alberta Provincial Boxing Championships.

**Bryson Reis** (Assumption) - Won Silver in his category during the Alberta Provincial Boxing Championships.

### South West Regional Skills Canada

The following CCH students placed during the South West Regional Skills Canada Competition:

- **Jared Dyck** - 1st place in Carpentry
- **Brett Leeb** - 2nd place in Culinary Arts
- **Christian Miklos** - 1st place in Graphic Design
- **Carson Haycock** - 2nd place in Graphic Design
- **Quentin Golsteyn and Casey Van Mannen** - 1st place in TV/Video Production

### Lethbridge Sports Hall of Fame

The following gentlemen were inducted into the 30th Annual Lethbridge Sports Hall of Fame on May 2, 2015. Each is, or has been, closely associate with the school division:

- **Morgan Munroe** - Retired CCH teacher / administrator
- **Cal O'Brien** - Retired CCH teacher / administrator
- **Dave Wells** - Lethbridge Herald Reporter (often found in CCH)

### Arts Alive and Well in the Schools

- **Carly Ironshirt** (CCH) - Art 30 Award of Merit and Creativity
- **Abigail Schaaf** (CCH) - Curator's Pick Award
- **Reggie Lozano** (FLVT) - Jr. High/Middle School Merit Award Finalist

### Badminton

The following FLVT students placed during the Lethbridge City Finals Badminton Tournament:

- **Kyra Collier** - Gold Gr.7 Girls' Singles
- **Matthew Hoffart** - Gold Gr.7 Boys' Singles
- **Ty Hubka & Tori Tamayose** - Bronze Gr.7 Mixed Doubles
- **Tate Pearce & Brad Forrest** - Silver Boys' Doubles
- **Nolan Jetten** - Gold Gr. 9 Boys' Singles
- **Dalton Demers** - Silver Gr. 9 Boys' Singles
- **Sara Jane Takeyasu & Isaac Gokarn** - Bronze Gr.9 Mixed Doubles
- **Ben Hoveling & Logan Boras** - Silver Gr. 9 Boys' Doubles

The following St. Michael's (Bow Island) students placed during the County Tournament:

- **Lauren Ladders & Karsten Van Tryp** - Gold Gr.6 Mixed Doubles
- **Karsten Van Tryp** - Gold Gr.6 Boys' Singles
- **Adriana Van Tryp & Willian Van Es** - Gold Juvenile Mixed Doubles