



Holy Spirit Catholic Schools Board Meeting Briefs

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



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Presentations

Blessed Mother Teresa Update

Principal Anthea Boras and Associate Principal Carmen Larsen provided a presentation to the Board regarding the preparation being undertaken to open the new North Lethbridge elementary. They also discussed some of the financial challenges they are working to overcome in order to ensure that the school is adequately outfitted so that students are well-served in an inviting and clearly Catholic environment.

Wellness Update

Anita Lethbridge Gross, Coordinator of Counselling and Wellness, updated the Board about work that has been conducted to further the health and wellness mandate in the division this year. Her current focus is to identify and support school based "Health Champions" who advocate, educate, and implement health and wellness programming. She also aims to further engage students into the process.

Information Items

Division Calendars 2016/2017

The draft calendars were reviewed and will now be placed on the division website.

Support for Canada 150 Grant

A letter of support was written for the grant application of Lethbridge and St. Laurent, Quebec, to fund their respective celebrations aimed at commemorating the 50th year of their twinning.

Delegation from Anyang, China

The City of Lethbridge has facilitated meetings with Lethbridge educational partners and a delegation from Anyang, China who would like to discuss the potential for student exchange and teacher training.

Terry Fox Run - Holy Spirit Contributions

According to the Terry Fox Foundation, \$93,335.82 has been received through the generous donations of the division's students, parents, staff, and community members over the past years.

Action Items

Locally Developed Courses

The Board reviewed and approved a series of locally developed courses for use within the division.

St. Michael's / St. Therese Fundraiser

St. Michael's Health Centre and St. Therese Villa are part of Covenant Health, Canada's largest Catholic Health Care Organization, and provide care to elderly citizens of Lethbridge and area. The Board approved supporting the group's fundraiser, "Drive for the Green," which will be held on July 12, 2016.

TBAC Terms of Reference

The Board reviewed and approved the Teacher Board Advisory Committee's (TBAC) recently revised Terms of Reference, which were amended to align with the ATA Collective Agreement.

MLA Meeting Agendas

In preparation for upcoming meetings with local rural and urban MLAs, the Board suggested that the following items be added to the agenda:

- Appreciation for keeping education a priority (growth funding and IMR)
- Locally acquired costs for new schools
- Carbon tax implications
- Architectural tendering process
- Wellness programming

Clergy Meeting Agenda Preparation

In preparation for upcoming meetings with local clergy, the Board suggested that the following items be added to the agenda:

- New Division Faith Plan for 2016-19
- Highlighting Catholic Education in the parish
- Encouraging student participation at church
- Invitations to division events
- Process of Bishop selection/election/discovery

Policy Review

Policy 21: Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) and Policy 22: Vaccination Protocol were reviewed. No changes were required.



Holy Spirit Stars

Congratulations to the following students and staff for their achievements



Jordan Goruk (FLVT) - Merit Award Finalist for her art work in the Jr. High /Middle School category at the Southern Alberta Art Gallery.

Renee Wilson (FLVT) - Merit Award Finalist for her art work in the Jr. High /Middle School category at the Southern Alberta Art Gallery.

Ryker Bruised Head (Children of St. Martha) - Received an Excellence Award at the Regional Heritage Fair, held at the Galt Museum, for his display and presentation, "History of an Indian Cowboy."

Morgan Gresdal, Abraham Efunbajo, Myah LeBleu, and Lucas Alexander (FLVT) - During the Lethbridge Regional Science Fair's "Science Olympics," built a spaghetti bridge and won Gold for having the longest structure.

Thomas Little (St. Francis) - Selected for the U15 Canadian Baseball Team that travelled to Cuba to play in the Canada/Cuba Goodwill Tour.

Ethan Merriman (St. Francis) - Received the "Exemplary Player Award" by both his Lethbridge Bantam AA Hockey Team and the South Central Alberta Hockey League for both academic and athletic leadership.

Kyra Collier (FLVT) - Selected to play for the U14 Alberta Basketball team.

Evan Saunders (FLVT) - Received High Gold, Gold and Silver for his Hip Hop and Modern dances at various competitions over the past month.

Nelz Vance (St. Michael's, Pincher Creek) - Ranked 3rd in Alberta for Junior High Rodeo Chute Dogging. Will be competing at the High School Championships in Lebanon, Tennessee.

2016 Kiwanis Music Festival

Hannah Birell (Ecole St. Mary) - Received 1st in her category and was awarded the *Cathy Fancher Firth Memorial Scholarship* for "Deserving Junior Pianist."

Cameron Boulter (St. Patrick FAE) - Awarded "Outstanding Competitor in Junior Guitar."

Grade 1 Class (St. Patrick FAE) - Awarded "Deserving Presentation of Classroom Music" and "Best Performance for a Primary Grade Chorus."

Grade 3 Class (St. Patrick FAE) - Awarded "Deserving Choral Speech Group for K-9."

Grade 4 Class (St. Patrick FAE) - Awarded "Deserving French Choral Speech Group K-9" and "Best Performance in Choral Speech Classes."

Martial Arts

Elijah Hill (FLVT) - Won Gold in Kata during the Edmonton International Judo Championships held March 11 to 13, 2016.

Zac Render (FLVT) - Won Silver in the U16 division at the Judo Provincials held in January.

Madison Arnold (St. Michael's, Pincher Creek) - Received her First Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon-Do on May 14, 2016.

Sara Saulnier (St. Michael's, Pincher Creek) - Received her Black Stripe Belt in Tae Kwon-Do on May 14, 2016.

Soccer

The following FLVT students were provincial medalists in Boys' soccer:

- **Zander Oishi** - Silver U12
- **Mofi Popoola** - Silver U12
- **Ronan Oishi** - Bronze U16
- **Will Hughes** - Bronze U16
- **Blake Dudas** - Silver U12
- **Diego Bello** - Silver U14
- **James Marriner** - Bronze U16
- **Callum Campbell** - Bronze U16

Badminton

Grade 8 Team (FLVT) - Aggregate City Badminton Champions for 2015/16.

Badminton Team (St. Mary) - Placed 1st for the fifth year in the 3J Division with a total of 113 points.

The following FLVT students placed during the Badminton City Finals:

- **Riley Pearce** - Gold Gr 6 Boys' Singles
- **Blake Dudas & Mofi Popoola** - Silver Gr 6 Boys' Doubles
- **Brooklyn Milroy & Jack Roden** - Silver Gr 6 Mixed Doubles
- **Patrick Bulger** - Silver Gr 6 Boys' Singles
- **Kiera McCulloch** - Silver Gr 6 Girls' Singles
- **Mackenzie Leroux & Tolu Awoderu** - Bronze Gr 6 Girls' Doubles
- **Kennedy Koshuta** - Silver Gr 8 Girls' Singles
- **Josh Kabayama & Brad Forest** - Gold Gr 8 Boys' Doubles
- **Jordan Goruk & Emma Marriner** - Silver Gr 8 Girls' Doubles
- **Matt Hoffart** - Silver Grade 8 Boys' Singles
- **Noah LeBleu** - Bronze Grade 8 Boys' Singles
- **Will Hughes & Ronan Oishi** - Gold Gr 9 Boys' Doubles

The following students placed during the South Zone Badminton Championships:

- **Alyssa Pavka** (St. Mary) - Silver Gr 7 Girls' Singles
- **Ty Kiss & Max Nevil** (St. Mary) - Bronze Gr 7 Boys' Doubles
- **Emmanuel Adra & Dallas Bodnar** (St. Mary) - Gold Gr 8 Boys' Doubles
- **Josh Kabayama & Brad Forest** (FLVT) - Silver Gr 8 Boys' Doubles
- **Matt Hoffart** (FLVT) - Bronze Grade 8 Boys' Singles
- **Spencer Phillips & Carl Rodrigo** (St. Mary) - Gold Gr 9 Boys' Doubles
- **Will Hughes & Ronan Oishi** (FLVT) - Bronze Gr 9 Boys' Doubles

Landon French & Tyson Phillips (St. Mary) - Captured Bronze in Intermediate Boys' Doubles during the Provincial Tournament.

Social Justice / Acts of Generosity

Jesse Otto (Assumption) - Raised \$2,115 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation through the school's Jump Rope for Heart event. The school raised a total of \$8,320 through this event.

Sapphire Wall (St. Mary, Taber) - Nominated for an APEX Youth Award for outstanding leadership and community volunteerism.

Mirthe Kleinjan (St. Mary, Taber) - Received a \$1500 bursary at the APEX Youth Awards for outstanding leadership and community volunteerism.