



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS BOARD MEETING BRIEFS



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ACTION ITEMS

Advocacy for Catholic Education

The Board discussed the recent rhetoric surrounding the removal of Catholic education in favour of a single publicly funded education system. Further consideration was given to how best to advocate for Catholic education provincially and locally. Among other means of communication with Catholic stakeholders, a Catholic Education Roundtable will be hosted in September 2017.

Cancellation of Special Board Meeting

Since the deadline for Budget reporting has been extended, the Board cancelled the previously scheduled May 31, 2017 Special Board Meeting. The Budget for 2017/2018 will now be reviewed and approved in June 2017.

Covenant Foundation Fundraiser

The Board agreed to sponsor a hole for the, "Drive for the Green," fundraising event that the Covenant Foundation is hosting to support St. Michael's Health Centre, St. Therese Villa, and Martha's House; facilities that provide essential care to the elderly citizens of Lethbridge and area.

Canada 150 Pavilion at Whoop Up Days

As an institution with a long history in the Lethbridge area, Holy Spirit has been invited to provide an historical display to honour Canada 150 during Lethbridge's Whoop Up Days. Board interest and participation was sought to enhance the exhibit.

Meeting with Local Parish Priests-Agenda

The Board suggested that the following items be added to the meeting agenda with the division's local parish priests:

- Threats to Catholic Education
- Publicly Funded Catholic Education—
How does it work in Alberta?
- Sacramental Preparation

ASCA Membership

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

PRESENTATION

Gift from Carol and Lee Koran

CCH Principal Carol Koran, on behalf of herself and her husband, Lee, gifted the school division with a framed print entitled, "A World United," which had hung in both her and Lee's office over their accumulated 69 years of service to the school division. Mrs. Koran also expressed appreciation to the Board for their willingness to take risks and their ability to trust division educators while still holding them accountable for excellence. Though Mrs. Koran will be retiring from Holy Spirit Catholic School Division in June 2017, she plans to bring her expertise to Tokyo, Japan where she will continue to serve as a leader in education.

POLICY REVIEW

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

ADVOCACY

Meeting with Lethbridge MLAs

The Board hosted a meeting with the Honourable Shannon Phillips (MLA, Lethbridge West) and Maria Fitzpatrick (MLA, Lethbridge East) on May 19, 2017. Items discussed included: Catholic Education, Bill 1: An Act to Reduce School Fees, Strategic Priority Outcomes, and Capital Planning.



HOLY SPIRIT STARS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS AND STAFF FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS



Sean Sander (CCH) - Selected to be a 2017 Schulich Leader at the University of Alberta, winning \$100,000 in scholarship funding.

Karin Goble and the English 10-1 Class, Quarter 3 2016/2017 (CCH) - Collaboratively worked together to write and publish an anthology of prose and poetry entitled, "Fantastic Writings & Where to Find Them."

Niko Saler (Former CCH Graduate) - Recipient of the University of Alberta's, "Wilson Challenge Trophy," which is annually awarded to the University's top male student-athlete.

Raquel Adrian (St. Francis) - Selected as the "Junior High Division Grand Prize Winner" of the Martyn Godfrey Young Writers Award, a short story contest sponsored by the Young Alberta Book Society.

Ethan Slomp (St. Catherine) - Placed 1st in the Intermediate category during the Southern Alberta 4-H Regional Judging Competition.

Kyle Oliver (CCH) - Won the Canadian National Boxing Championships in Quebec City in the 63 kg Junior Class category.

Logan Meier (St. Patrick, Taber) - Won 4 Gold, 3 High Silver and an "Outstanding" in the musical theatre group during the Dance Festival held in Medicine Hat in April 2017.

Niasha Three Persons (FLVT) - Finalist for the "Junior High/Middle School Award of Merit," during the Arts Alive and Well in the Schools event held over the May 6/7, 2017 weekend.

Laura Bran (FLVT) - Recipient of the "Junior High/Middle School Award of Merit," during the Arts Alive and Well in the Schools event held over the May 6/7, 2017 weekend.

Grade 2 Class (St. Patrick FAE) - Won the "Bowman Shield" for "Best Performance in Choral Speech Class" during the 2017 Kiwanis Music and Speech Arts Festival.

Grade 3 Class (St. Patrick FAE) - Won the "Green Acres Kiwanis Club Award" for "Deserving Choral Speech Group, K-9" during the 2017 Kiwanis Music and Speech Arts Festival.

Grade 4 Class (St. Patrick FAE) - Won the "Holy Spirit Catholic School Award" for "Deserving Choral Speech Group, K-9" during the 2017 Kiwanis Music and Speech Arts Festival.

Grade 5 Class (St. Patrick FAE) - Won the "ATA Trophy" for "Best Performance in School Action Song Classes" during the 2017 Kiwanis Music and Speech Arts Festival.

French Language Excellence

William Johnson Jr. and Sofia Citrigno (St. Michael, Pincher Creek) - Represented the school in an international French dictation competition on May 12, 2017.

The following CCH students were recognized during the Canadian Parents for French (Alberta Branch) annual Concourse d'art oratoire on May 6, 2017.

- **Charlène Golsteyn** (1st Place in the Francophone category)
- **Christian Theriault** (2nd Place in the Francophone category)
- **Chloe Devoy** (3rd Place in the Francophone category)
- **Sean Sander** (1st Place in the Early Immersion category)
- **Blake Miller** (3rd Place in the Early Immersion category)

Badminton

The following FLVT students placed during the Lethbridge City Championships:

- **Jackson Heimbecker** (Bronze in Gr.6 Boys' Singles)
- **Riley Pearce** (Gold in Gr. 7 Boys' Singles)
- **Dianna Prawdzik** (Bronze in Gr. 8 Girls' Singles)
- **Noah LeBleu** (Silver in Gr. 9 Boys' Singles)
- **Matthew Hoffart** (Bronze in Gr. 9 Boys' Singles)
- **Kyra Collier** (Bronze in Gr. 9 Girls' Singles)
- **Josh Kabayama and Brad Forrest** (Gold in Gr. 9 Boys' Doubles)
- **Tori Tamayose and Jordan Goruk** (Silver in Gr. 9 Girls' Doubles)
- **Ty Hubka and Raine Mateo** (Silver in Gr. 9 Mixed Doubles)

The following students placed during the Badminton Zone Championships

- **Noah LeBleu** (4th in Gr. 9 Boys' Singles)
- **Josh Kabayama and Brad Forrest** (Gold in Gr. 9 Boys' Doubles)

INFORMATION ITEMS

School Board Elections Advertisement Plan

The Board reviewed a tentative advertisement plan to inform interested individuals about the upcoming school board elections on October 16, 2017. The Board also received information about sessions for prospective Catholic Trustee Candidates being organized by the ACSTA and the Alberta Bishops.

Division Calendars 2017/2018

The most recent drafts of the 2017/2018 school calendars were presented for Board information.

Support Our Students-Documentary Event

Support Our Students is a volunteer run, non-profit organization advocating for an equitable, accessible and quality public education system. The Board received information about an event they are hosting to view and discuss the film, "Backpack Full of Cash."

Division Accountability Pillar Results

The Board received the division's May 2017 Accountability Pillar Overall Summary.

High School Redesign

The Board reviewed information about the panel format discussions held by Holy Spirit Catholic School Division's four high school principals with other division administration and trustees. Each principal spoke about their successes, challenges, and future plans in regards to High School Redesign.

ThoughtExchange Results

From March 6, 2017 to April 3, 2017, the division requested feedback from staff, parents, and community members through the use of ThoughtExchange. The Board reviewed a summary of the results received. This information will now be shared with the community through the "Discover" phase of the project.