



Holy Spirit Catholic Schools Board Meeting Briefs

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

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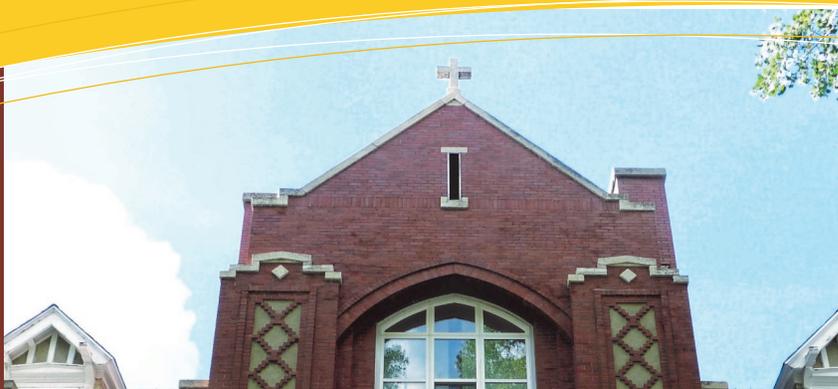
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Action Items

Operating Budget 2016/2017

The Operating Budget for 2016/2017 was approved and will now be placed on the division's website.

Truth & Reconciliation Recommendations

To better review and implement the recommendations forwarded by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the Board directed the Superintendent to initiate a committee to begin the work required.

Meeting Schedules

The Board Meeting and School Council Chair/Board Meeting schedules for the 2016/2017 school year were reviewed and approved.

Share the Mission Award

A recipient was selected for the 2015/2016 Share the Mission Award and will be honoured at the division's Opening Mass on August 31.

Proposed Telecommunications Facility

Rogers Communications Inc. has advised that they intend to raise a telecommunications tower north and west of Chinook High School / Catholic Central High School, Campus West. Given the proximity to the two schools, both school jurisdictions have determined that correspondence will be forwarded opposing the placement of the telecommunications infrastructure.

ASBA Executive Director Recruitment

The Board completed a brief survey from the ASBA regarding the qualities the division feels will be required of the newly hired ASBA Executive Director.

ASCA Membership

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

Information Items

Modernized Municipal Government Act

The Alberta Government intends to update and amend the *Municipal Government Act*, which will also impact education. The Board reviewed an email from the ASBA President as well as a questionnaire from the government requesting feedback on the *Act's* pending amendments. Efforts will be made to have Board and Administration attend planned consultation sessions over the summer.

Youth Advisory Council of Lethbridge

The Board reviewed correspondence from the City of Lethbridge's Youth Advisory Council, indicating their desire "to establish a consistent, and professional relationship" with Holy Spirit Catholic Schools.

ACSTA Annual Report

The ACSTA's Annual Report was provided for Board reference.

Award Magazine

Award Magazine, an award-winning national architecture/design magazine, has approached the division about writing an article profiling the Blessed Mother Teresa Elementary School project in its August 2016 issue.

Quality Education Standards

Alberta Education has recently released draft versions of the updated Teaching Quality Standard, the School Leadership Quality Standard and the School Authority Leadership Quality Standard.

Off Campus Newsletter

The June 2016 Newsletter from the division's Off-Campus office was provided for Board review.

Policy Review

The Board approved the Policy Review Schedule for the 2016/2017 school year.

St. Joseph

Feast Days: March 19 (Joseph the Husband of Mary) and May 1 (Joseph the Worker)

Patron of: the Universal Church, unborn children, fathers, workers, travelers, immigrants, and a happy death.



We know very little about the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus. We know he was a carpenter, and a working man, who wasn't rich. Despite his humble work and means, Joseph came from a royal lineage as a "son of David," a royal title also used for Jesus.

We know Joseph was a compassionate, caring man. When he discovered Mary was pregnant after they had been betrothed, he knew the child was not his but was as yet unaware

that she was carrying the Son of God. He knew women accused of adultery could be stoned to death, so he resolved to send her away quietly and not expose her to shame or cruelty. However, when an angel came to Joseph in a dream and told him to take Mary as his wife, "because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins," he did as the angel told him and took Mary as his wife. (Matthew 1:19-25).

We know Joseph loved Jesus. His one concern was for the safety of this child entrusted to him. Not only did he leave his home to protect Jesus, but upon his return he settled in the obscure town of Nazareth out of fear for his life.

Since Joseph does not appear in Jesus' public life, at his death, or resurrection, many historians believe Joseph had probably died before Jesus entered public ministry. Joseph is the patron saint of the dying because he died with Jesus and Mary close to him the way we all would like to leave this earth.

Saint Joseph, patron of the universal Church, watch over the Church as carefully as you watched over Jesus, help protect it and guide it as you did with your adopted son.

Amen

Patron of the following division school:

- Catholic Central High School in Lethbridge
- St. Joseph School in Coaldale

http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=4

Presentations

ThoughtExchange Results

The Board reviewed the results provided by the ThoughtExchange process, which will now be made publically available.

Accountability Pillar Reports

Superintendent Chris Smeaton provided a presentation regarding the division's Accountability Pillar Summary for May 2016.

Reports

Board Reports:

- Board Chair
- ASBA Zone 6
- ACSTA
- Business and Education
- CCSTA

Administrative Reports:

- Superintendent
- Secretary-Treasurer
- Director of Support Services
- First Nations, Metis and Inuit Learning
- Deputy Superintendent
- Director of Learning
- Director of Religious Education



Holy Spirit Stars

Congratulations to the following students and staff:



Chelsea Joseph (FLVT student) - Won 1st Place in the Nike Junior Tournament at Henderson Lake. Placed 4th out of 123 participants in the Paradise Canyon Junior Tournament.

James Marriner (FLVT student) - Aggregate winner during the City Track and Field Meet in the Juvenile Boys' category.

Josh Hill (FLVT student) - Placed 7th during Judo 2016 Canadian National Championships in Calgary in the U16 Category.

Zach Render (FLVT student) - Placed 6th during Judo 2016 Canadian National Championships in Calgary in the U16 Category.

Carson Gallant (St. Paul student) - 1st to cross the finish line (out of 500 students) at the Little Souls Marathon. He ran 2.2 km in 8 minutes.

Caleb Campmans (FLVT student) - 2nd to cross the finish line (out of 500 students) at the Little Souls Marathon.

Deacon Stang (St. Paul student) - Won first place in his age category for the Helen Schuler Nature Centre's Art Contest "Get to Know," which encourages youth to connect, create and celebrate our local natural heritage while inspiring others to explore the outdoors.

Kaleb Muller (St. Mary Taber student) - Qualified and made the Alberta Mountain Bike team. Kaleb will be travelling to Missoula from June 15-19 to compete in the Pro XCountry race and to Montreal from July 13-18 to compete in the Mountain Bike National Championships.

Mason Muller (St. Mary Taber student) - Representing Zone 1 in the Mountain Bike competition at the Alberta Summer Games in Leduc from July 14-18. Alberta over the March 12/13, 2016 weekend.

Sean Sander (CCH student) - Selected as one of Canada's 25 French for the Future Ambassadors for 2016/17.