



# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS BOARD MEETING BRIEFS



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

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## EXECUTIVE TEAM

Superintendent  
Chris Smeaton

Deputy Superintendent  
Brian Macauley

Secretary-Treasurer  
Lisa Palmarin

## ACTION ITEMS

### Operating Budget 2017/2018

The Operating Budget for 2017/2018 was approved and will now be placed on the division's website.

### Share the Mission Award

Given the prestigious nature of the Share the Mission Award, the committee indicated that the nominations received this year did not provide sufficient evidence to make a sound decision. As a result, it was determined that no Share the Mission Award recipient would be selected for the 2016/2017 year.

### Board and Superintendent Evaluations

The Board reviewed and approved the summary reports from its self-evaluation and the Superintendent's evaluation, both of which were conducted on June 15, 2017. Mr. Smeaton was commended for his work over the 2016/2017 year.

### Signage for the St. Basil Education Centre

The Board reviewed a potential sign for the exterior of the St. Basil Catholic Education Centre. It was requested that additional options be sought that better align with the historical nature of the building.

### Meeting Schedules

The Board Meeting and School Council Chair/Board Meeting schedules for the 2017/2018 school year were reviewed and approved.

### ASBOA Past President's Scholarship

In appreciation to the Board for supporting the past work of Mrs. Palmarin as President of the Association of School Business Officials of Alberta (ASBOA), \$1500 will be provided to the school division to fund scholarships. The following parameters were set:

- Two scholarships of \$750 will be awarded.
- The funds be given to two deserving alumni who graduated between 2009 and 2017.
- The successful recipients will be entering their second year of study in the Business Administration Program offered at Lethbridge College. Preference will be given to students majoring in Accounting.

## PRESENTATION

### School Fees

In compliance with recent government legislation, Superintendent Chris Smeaton and Secretary Treasurer Lisa Palmarin provided a presentation to the Board regarding the development of a new administrative procedure for school fees, as well as a summary of costs that are expected to be charged by each division school over the 2017/2018 school year. This information will now be forwarded to Alberta Education for the Minister's review and approval.

## POLICY REVIEW

The Board approved the Policy Review Schedule for the 2017/2018 school year.

## ADVOCACY

### Coaldale Meeting

The Board met with the Town of Coaldale and Palliser School Division on May 31, 2017 to discuss items of mutual interest.

### Meeting with Rural MLAs

The Board hosted a meeting with Cypress-Medicine Hat MLA Drew Barnes, Cardston-Taber-Warner MLA Grant Hunter, Little Bow MLA David Schneider, and Livingstone-Macleod MLA Pat Stier on June 23, 2017. The items discussed included: Catholic Education, *Bill 1: An Act to Reduce School Fees*, strategic priority outcomes, and capital planning

### Meeting with Local Parish Priests

The Board hosted a meeting with local Parish Priests on June 27, 2017. The items discussed included: threats to Catholic Education, current publicly funded Catholic Education in Alberta, sacramental preparation, and the "Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ" Grades 1-4 Parish Portal.

## INFORMATION ITEMS

### St. Michael's School Blessing and Rededication

The Blessing and Rededication of the newly modernized St. Michael's School in Pincher Creek will take place on St. Michael's Feast Day; Friday, September 29, 2017.

### "A Public Education" Hiatus

Production for the television series, "A Public Education," will be paused over the 2017/2018 school year to reconsider the show's format given changes in public television viewing habits.

### ACSTA Brochure: Your Taxes for Your Catholic Schools

The ACSTA's updated brochure, "Your Taxes For Your Catholic Schools," was provided for Board information.

### Odyssey Full Time Language Assistant

A full time French Language Assistant is coming this 2017/2018 school year, as a result of the generous assistance of Alberta Education's *Odyssey Program*.



## HOLY SPIRIT STARS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS AND STAFF FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS



**Ann Neumeyer** (Staff member at St. Catherine) - Represented Canada in archery at the World Masters Games in Auckland, New Zealand.

**Marin Schultz** (CCH) - Won the Senior Silver Excellence Award for his project, "Novel Prosthetic AutoGrasp Control System and Human Prosthetic Interface," at the Canada Wide Science Fair.

**Zac Coupland** (Staff member at St. Joseph) - Recipient of British Petroleum's Energy A+ \$10,000 Grant for the 6th time!

**Elliot Pilsner-Roberts** (FLVT) - Received a "High Achievement Award" during Lethbridge Summer Swim Club for her outstanding performances at regionals and provincials in 2016 and for accumulating the most points in the 7/8 year old age group.

**Blake Miller, Christian Theriault, Chloe Devoy, and Charlene Golsteyn** (CCH) - Earned 2nd place overall during the University of Lethbridge's High School Finance Competition. This team also won 1st place in the Investment Challenge category.

**Mitchell Zoratti, Jesson Luco, Beau Walter, Josh Conley, and Tyler Gerber** (St. Michael's, Pincher Creek) - With their baseball team, the Pincher Creek Hawks, won the Tier Two Provincial Championships.

**Sofia Citrigno and William Johnson Jr.** (St. Michael's, Pincher Creek) - Will represent Alberta in the International Finals for "La Dictée PGL."

**Dion Velarde** (St. Mary, Taber) - As part of the Taber Viper Swim Club, Dion finished 2nd in the 100m backstroke, 2nd in the 50m backstroke, and 3rd in the 50m breaststroke in the Boys' 11/12 year old category during the swim meet against the Claresholm Kraken.

**Charlene Golsteyn** (CCH) - Won 2nd place in the Francophone 5 category during the Canadian Parents for French 15th annual National *Concours d'art oratoire* finals, held in Ottawa, Ontario on June 3, 2017.

**Logan Meier** (St. Patrick, Taber) - Recipient of the *Eileen Liu Memorial Award* for "Dedication and Passion in Dance."

### Lethbridge Early Years Coalition

The Board received the spring newsletter put forward by the Lethbridge Early Years Coalition.

### South Region Parents as Teachers Certificate

The division was recognized for ten years of partnership with the South Region Parents as Teachers Program.

### Third Quarter Financial Report with Year End Projections

Secretary Treasurer Palmarin provided the 2016/2017 Third Quarter Financial Report with Year End Projections for Board information.

### Ministerial Orders

The following Ministerial Orders were provided for Board information :

- Ministerial Order #035/2017: The Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Separate Regional Division No. 4 Electoral Ward Order
- Ministerial Order #036/2017: School Fees and Costs Regulation
- Ministerial Order #037/2017: School Transportation Regulation
- Ministerial Order #038/2017: Modified Voting Procedure Regulation

**Morgan Munroe** (Retiree from CCH) - Inducted into the of the Lethbridge Sports Hall of Fame on May 6, 2017 for his initiative, leadership, and dedication to sport in the community of Lethbridge.

**Brandon Fox** (CCH) - Received a First Nations, Métis and Inuit Mentorship Award from the Education, Employment & Training Committee at the Lethbridge Community Honor Night on June 20th, 2017.

### Taekwon-do

The following students were successful during the June Testing at Merritt Ultimate School of Taekwon-do:

- **Kaden Gross** (St. Patrick, Taber) - Green Stripe Belt
- **Allison Planger** (St. Mary, Taber) - Blue Belt
- **Jocelyn Planger** (St. Mary, Taber) - 1st Degree Black Belt

### Track and Field

The following students placed during the Track and Field South Zone Championships held in Medicine Hat on May 30, 2017.

- **Hayden Devoy** (St. Francis) - Gold in Midget Boys' 800m and Bronze in Midget Boys' Hurdles
- **Derek Trapp** (St. Francis) - Gold in Bantam Boys' Shot Put
- **Conner Furukawa** (St. Francis) - Gold in Midget Boys' Shot Put
- **Ciana Viney, Hannah Birrell, Jenna Chomiak and Zedona Bruinsma** (St. Francis) - Gold in Bantam Girls' 4x100 Relay
- **Adam Boras** (FLVT) - Silver in Midget Boys' High Jump
- **Jordyn Musial** (St. Francis) - Silver in Midget Girls' Hurdles
- **Madison Borbely** (St. Francis) - Silver in Bantam Girls' Hurdles
- **Alexis DeMaere** (St. Francis)-Bronze in Juvenile Girls' Triple Jump
- **Tyler Palmer** (St. Francis) - Bronze in Midget Boys' Triple Jump

**Mathias Gelber** (St. Michael's, Pincher Creek) - Ran a qualifying time for the Legion National Track and Field Championships being held in Brandon Manitoba from August 11 to 13, 2017. Currently, he is ranked first in Canada in the Midget Boys' 2000m.

**Ethan Richards** (St. Michael's, Pincher Creek) - Placed 10th in Senior Men's 200m, 10th in the 4x100m relay, and 12th in the 400m during the Track and Field Provincials held June 2 and 3, 2017 in Edmonton.