



# 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

### Reconciliation Lethbridge Advisory Committee

While it is a great honour for both Holy Spirit and Lethbridge School District No. 51 to be invited to participate on the City of Lethbridge's *Reconciliation Lethbridge Advisory Committee* for rotating terms, the Board determined that a letter should be forwarded to the City requesting that both school jurisdictions be allotted permanent seats on the committee in order to ensure continuity of resources and information to all Lethbridge students.

### Staff Appreciation Lunches

It was agreed that Staff Appreciation Lunches for all division schools over the 2018/2019 school year will be arranged.

### Needles and Other Drug-Related Debris

Holy Spirit Catholic School Division, along with many other community partners, has been heavily impacted by the improper disposal of needles and other hazardous debris accompanying illegal drug use. The Board determined that continued advocacy is required to ensure safe school environments, free of needles and other drug related debris, for all division students.

### Bishop's Dinner

As the funds raised from the dinner, which will be held on October 19, will be used to support each of the five (5) school jurisdictions in the Diocese of Calgary, the Board approved the purchase of, a minimum of, three (3) tables for the event, as well as transportation to facilitate attendance.

### ASBA AGM Motion Regarding English Language Learners in Alberta

The Board agreed to support a motion being brought forward by Christ the Redeemer School Division, calling on the Alberta School Boards' Association to advocate for more resources for English Language Learning in Alberta.

### Mental Health Capacity Grant

The Board directed the Chair to pen a Letter of Support for Holy Spirit Catholic School Division's application for the "Mental Health Capacity Grant."

### St. Basil Catholic Education Centre Signage

The Board approved the lowest tender to begin constructing a sign for the St. Basil Catholic Education Centre.

## PRESENTATIONS

### Gift to Children Receiving Baptism

Joann Bartley, Director of Religious Education, informed the Board that the book, "I Love My Catholic School," and an accompanying growth chart, will be given to all newly baptized children within the division's parishes.

### Health and Safety Training

Secretary-Treasurer Lisa Palmarin outlined health and safety training initiatives taking place in the division in response to the requirements of the recently passed *Alberta Occupational Health and Safety Act*.

## POLICY REVIEW

The Board approved the amended **Policy Review Schedule for 2018/2019** so that Policy 18 will be reviewed in October 2018. This will allow taxation changes for Board honourarium and expenses to be addressed before the January 2019 deadline.

**Policy 1: Board Mandate, Mission, Vision, Values, and Goals** was also brought forward for Board review. Amendments made will better align with the philosophies of our Catholic Faith and ensure that families and the greater community are openly welcomed within all of our schools.

Please join us for the  
**Blessing and Rededication of**  
**St. Patrick School**  
**Wednesday, October 24, 2018**  
**5302 50 Street**  
**Taber, AB**  
**Beginning with Mass at 9:00 a.m.**



## REPORTS

### Board Reports:

- Board Chair
- ASBA Zone 6
- Archiving and Legacy *ad hoc* Committee
- Community and Social Development
- ACSTA
- Joint City / School Boards

### Administrative Reports:

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

## Prayer for A New School Year

**God of wisdom and might,**  
we praise you for  
the wonder of our being,  
for mind, body and spirit.  
Be with our children  
as they begin a new school year.  
Bless them and their teachers  
and staff. Give them strength and  
grace as their bodies grow;  
wisdom and knowledge to their minds  
as they search for understanding;  
and peace and zeal to their hearts.  
We ask this through  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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## INFORMATION ITEMS

### Clear Sky Radio - "Music in Schools"

Clear Sky Radio has donated \$1,500 to Holy Spirit Catholic School Division through their "Music in Schools" campaign. This year, these funds will be used to purchase instruments for St. Michael's School in Bow Island.

### Peigan Board - Education Service Agreement

The Peigan Board of Education and Holy Spirit Catholic School Division will meet on September 27, 2018 to discuss a new Education Service Agreement. Initially, Superintendent of Schools Chris Smeaton, Director of Religious Education Joann Bartley and Division Principal Annette BruisedHead will represent the division.

### Schedule for the Release of the 2017/2018 Provincial Achievement Test and Diploma Examination Results

The Board received the schedule for the release of the 2017/2018 Provincial Achievement Test and Diploma Examination Results.

### Practice Profiles

To assist school and system leaders in focusing their individual growth plans, Holy Spirit Catholic School Division has developed templates, based on work done by the College of Alberta School Superintendents (CASS), aligning with the leadership standards that are planned to come into effect in 2019.

### Allies for Catholic Education (ACE)

The Board received information regarding the recently formed, "Allies for Catholic Education (ACE)." Created by the Alberta/NWT Bishops, the Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association and the Council of Catholic School Superintendents of Alberta, ACE's mission is to "inspire, invigorate and embolden the spirit of Catholic education in order to unite, engage, educate and communicate with one voice on its behalf."

### ACSTA Board Meeting Executive Summary

The Board reviewed an executive summary from the ACSTA's Board Meeting, held on September 14, 2018.

### ACSTA Annual General Meeting

The ACSTA Annual General Meeting is scheduled for November 16-18, 2018 in Edmonton, Alberta.

### ASBA Employment Standards Regulation Request Survey

The ASBA has asked all school jurisdictions to respond to a survey regarding the exemption of school boards from *Employment Standards Regulation Section 11 – Employment for less than 3 hours*. As Holy Spirit Catholic School Division does not employ individuals for less than 3 hours, and will not be using the Minister's variance or exemption, this survey has been completed as such and forwarded.

### Alberta Smoke Free Spaces Award Program - News Release

The Board reviewed a news release indicating that Holy Spirit Catholic School Division has been selected as one of eight school jurisdictions to receive an award for showing "leadership in promoting smoke-free environments."