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# Holy Spirit School Division Board Meeting Briefs

APRIL 25, 2012

## Action Items

### Locally Developed Courses

The Board reviewed and approved a list of Locally Approved Courses to Alberta Education. These courses will now be submitted to Alberta Education.

### SRB Request

The Board approved the purchase of the SRB Leave Management Automated Dispatch Lite (Absence Entry) products for the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division, and further approved the use of capital reserves for the purchase.

### Edwin Parr Banquet

The Board of Trustees approved the purchase of 16 tickets for the upcoming Edwin Parr Award Banquet on May 9, 2012.

### Letters of Congratulations to local MLAs and Premier

In light of the results from the April 23, 2012 provincial election, the Board directed that the Board Chair write letters of congratulations to the Division's local MLAs, as well as the new Premier of Alberta.

### Council of School Council Meeting

The next meeting for the Board of Trustees with the Council of School Council Chairs is scheduled for May 14, 2012. In preparation for this meeting, the Board provided items for discussion that should be brought forward.

### Our Lady of the Assumption Playground Request

In keeping with the newly revised *Policy 2: Role of the Board*, community efforts to replace or build school playground structures must first be approved by the Board of Trustees. The Board reviewed correspondence from the parent community of Our Lady of the Assumption School, requesting approval to renovate their current playground structure. The Board of Trustees approved the proposal by the parent community of Our Lady of the Assumption School to renovate their current playground structure, which will conform to current Canadian safety standards.

### "A Public Education," Season 4 Proposal

The Board of Trustees approved the continued participation of the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division for the fourth season of the joint advertising campaign, "A Public Education."

## Presentation

Nicole Parkin was recognized as the Division's nominee for the upcoming Zone 6 Edwin Parr Award. Nicole Parkin received a bouquet from the Board of Trustees during the Board Meeting. The Edwin Parr recognizes excellence in first year teaching.

## Information Items

### Spiritual Development Day Feedback

The Board reviewed documents which show the 2012 Feedback Results from this year's Spiritual Development Day.

### AISI Funding

The Board reviewed the revised, "Form A – Use of AISI Funds for Cycle 5 Preparation."

### Pastoral Reference for the Catholic Educator

The Board reviewed the "Pastoral Reference for the Catholic Educator."

### St. Patrick FAE Modular Costs

The Board reviewed correspondence received from Alberta Education approving the use of capital reserves for a previous modular at St. Patrick Fine Arts Elementary School.

### Lethbridge Community Grants

The Board reviewed the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta Spring/Summer 2012 Newsletter titled, "Community Matters." Congratulations to both St. Joseph and St. Patrick Fine Arts Elementary for accessing grants.

### Candidates' Letter

To ensure education and student needs received the attention they deserve in the provincial election, the Board reviewed the sample letter that was sent to all 20 MLA candidates via email.

### Alberta Healthy School Community Wellness Fund: "The Ripple Effect Project"

The Board reviewed a copy of the correspondence with the Board wherein it is mentioned that the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division is the proud recipient of a \$75,000.00 grant from the Alberta Healthy School Community Wellness Fund.

### Leaders of Tomorrow Youth Volunteer Awards

The Board is pleased to have celebrated the achievements of students mentioned in Volunteer Lethbridge's "Leaders of Tomorrow."

## Holy Spirit Stars

**Congratulations to the following students and staff:**

The following students from St. Patrick Fine Arts Elementary School were all invited to perform at the Kiwanis Musical Theatre Showcase on Saturday, March 24, 2012: Eden Bartlett, Jada Bartlett, Laura Forrest, Madi Hanelt, Carter Henderson, Gabby Hoff, Hailey Hoff, Britain Nelson, Kate Orenstein, and Maria Pickering.

The Grade 5 Class from St. Patrick Fine Arts Elementary School were invited to perform the "Black Bear Legend Classroom Music," under the direction of Val Lazzaretto, at the Kiwanis Stars of the Festival Showcase on Saturday, March 31, 2012.

Joseph Boser from Ecole St. Mary, Joel Mabin from St. Patrick Fine Arts Elementary School, Ethan Merrimen from Ecole St. Mary, and Easton Thomas from Father Leonard van Tighem School were members of the Tier I Novice Central Alberta Hockey League Championships.

Carson Dyck, Griffen Fraser, Ridly Greig, Ethan Klemen, and Tristan Lambert, from Our Lady of the Assumption School, were all part of the hockey team, "The Lethbridge Giants," who won the Tier I 2A Provincials.

Jocelyn Dufresne, from Catholic Central High School, was chosen as one of nine Canadian students to participate in *Sister Cities International's*, "Youth Ambassador Program," this summer. She will spend 18 days in Los Angeles, CA and Washington, DC with students from Mexico and the US, participating in activities focused on poverty and the environment.

Dallas Bodnar, Tristan Miller, Brayden Peters, and Spencer Phillips from St. Patrick School won the 2012 Atom Hockey Provincials in Taber.

Takoa Degenstein from St. Paul School won in the Junior Category of the General Stewart Branch #4 "Poster & Literacy Contest" and received second place for her Black & White Poster.

Zac Lohues, Mila Demers, Christina Schmidt, and James Reti from St. Joseph School were recognized for their outstanding performances at the recent Kiwanis Music and Speech Arts festival.

From Our Lady of the Assumption School, Nathaniel Dansereau, Emily Wauters, Alyssa Reis, and Lochlyn Davidson received silver in the Science Olympics at the Lethbridge Regional Science Fair. Mackenzie Smith, Shaylynn Amen, Ethan Mintz and Suzana Brkic placed bronze in the Science Olympics. Tia Van de Bennett and Samantha Mikado placed Bronze in the Physical Sciences Category.

Carson Haycock from St. Francis Junior High placed as a winner in the 7-12 Physical Sciences for Project Title: The Dirty Details. Cole Gerber from St. Michael's School was accepted in the Explore Program.

## Policy Review

The Board reviewed *Policy 18: Board Governance and Operations* and determined that amendments were required at this time.

The Board reviewed *Policy 20: Fiscal Stewardship* and determined that amendments were required at this time.

## Reports

Reports presented at the April 25, 2012 Regular Board Meeting:

Board Reports:

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

Administrative Reports:

- Superintendent
- Deputy Superintendent
- Secretary-Treasurer
- Director of Student Services

