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Holy Spirit School Division Board Meeting Briefs

MAY 25, 2011

Presentations

Certified School Business Official

The Board formally congratulated Secretary-Treasurer Lisa Palmarin on successfully completing her *Certified School Business Official* designation, through the Association of School Business Officials of Alberta.

Information Items

"Spirit Sings" CD

During the week of May 9 to 13, 2011, each school choir, as well as a combined staff choir, practiced and performed a song for a compilation CD of spiritual music. All Saints' Parish kindly hosted these recordings at St. Patrick Church.

Kinder Kare

In partnership with the "It's a BLAST" program in Lethbridge and the "Boys and Girls Club" in Coaldale, Holy Spirit School Division is pleased to be able to offer care to Kindergarten children each day after their school program concludes at Our Lady of the Assumption School, Children of St. Martha School, and St. Joseph School.

Modular Requests

The Board was provided with an update regarding the Division's current requests for new modulars, as well as requests to move existing modulars.

May 2011 Accountability Pillar Results

The Board reviewed the information provided by Alberta Education to the division regarding the initial release of the 2010-2011 Accountability Pillar results.

CASS Article

Superintendent Christopher Smeaton and Division Principal MaryAnne Murphy recently published an article in the magazine, "CASS Connections," entitled, "Improved Learning for FNMI Students."

Brief for Rural MLAs

On May 13, 2011, the Board of Trustees had an opportunity to meet with the MLAs for the constituencies of Little Bow and Livingstone-Macleod. The information provided to the MLAs was brought forward for information purposes.

Enrolment Data Update

Enrolment Data current to April 21, 2011 was provided.

Regular Meeting of the Board

2011-12 Preliminary Operating Budget

The Board approved the finalized version of the 2011-2012 Preliminary Operating Budget. It will now be forwarded to Alberta Education and placed on the division website.

Policy Review

Policy 11: Staff Code of Conduct

The Board of Trustees reviewed *Policy 11: Staff Code of Conduct* and made the following revisions:

- Clause 3 was updated to reflect the recent changes in the status of the division's Communication Protocol.
- The ATA Code of Conduct was added to the policy's legal references, since it is another document by which certificated staff are expected to abide in matters relating to professional conduct.

Policy 19: Nepotism

The Board of Trustees reviewed *Policy 19: Nepotism* and made the following revisions:

- The title of the policy was expanded to include, "Conflicts of Interest."
- A series of definitions were incorporated to ensure clarity of meaning.
- Procedures 1 to 5 were added to the policy to govern circumstances where employees or trustees take employment in addition to that which they hold with the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division.
- The previously existing clause 2 was removed as it will now be addressed in the policy's new definitions.
- Legal references to sections 60, 61, 113, and 121 of the *School Act* were added.

Reports

The following reports were presented at the May 25, 2011 Regular Board Meeting:

Board Reports:

- Board Chair
- ASBA

Administrative Reports:

- Superintendent
- Deputy Superintendent



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Holy Spirit Stars

Congratulations to the following students and staff :

Amie Machacek - Selected as an APEX Award Winner.

Our Lady of Assumption School Community - Raised \$1229.31 through their "Share Lent" Project for the reconstruction of Japan.

Jean Luc Couture - grade 6 student at Father Leonard Van Tighem School, captured the bronze medal in the High Bar event at the Provincial Gymnastics Competition.

Kory Cheshire - grade 9 student at Father Leonard Van Tighem School, selected to play on the U-15 "Canada Prospects" Volleyball team that will be representing Canada at the International Open in Orlando, Florida from June 17-22, 2011.

Dillon Collett - student at St. Mary School, captured the bronze medal with his team, the South Senators, at the Alberta Cup Tournament (Hockey).

Tyler Verloop - student at St. Mary School, won the PeeWee Division's, "Jean Bowman Memorial Award."

Jordyn Jensen - student at St. Mary School, captured 1 gold and 2 high silver medals at a dance competition in Red Deer, as well as 1 gold, 1 high silver, and 1 silver medal at another competition in Medicine Hat.

Jocelyn McClelland - student at St. Mary School, captured 1 gold and 2 high silver medals at a dance competition in Red Deer, as well as 1 gold, 1 high silver, and 1 silver medal at another competition in Medicine Hat.

Taylor Marchuk - student at St. Mary School, captured 1 bronze medal at a dance competition in Red Deer, as well as 1 high silver and 1 silver at another competition in Medicine Hat.

Caraline Smith - student at St. Mary School, received 85% on her International Ballet Examination.

Jonny Hogue - student at St. Francis Junior High School, drafted to the WHL's "Lethbridge Hurricanes."

Cavin Leth - student at St. Francis Junior High School, drafted to the WHL's "Swift Current Broncos."

Brendon Benson - student at St. Francis Junior High School, drafted to the WHL's "Victoria Cougars."

Anna Schwark - student at Catholic Central High School, awarded a full volleyball scholarship to play for Coker College in Hartsville, South Carolina, USA.

Katie Lowen - student at Catholic Central High School, awarded a full basketball scholarship to play for Simon Fraser University.

Sawyer Korthius - student at Catholic Central High School, received a gold medal in "Carpentry" at the 2011 South West Regional Skills Canada Competition.

Keith Morgan and Jaelynn Zook - students at Catholic Central High School, received a silver medal "TV/Video Production" at the 2011 South West Regional Skills Canada Competition.

Paul Cooney - student at Catholic Central High School, received a gold medal in "2D Animation" at the 2011 South West Regional Skills Canada Competition.

Chase Vandenberg and Jordan Brodie - students at Catholic Central High School, received a gold medal in "3D Animation" at the 2011 South West Regional Skills Canada Competition.

Rob Jetten - teacher at Catholic Central High School, qualified for the "Iron Man" Competition in St. George, Utah on May 7, 2011.

Raegan Abrey, Brooke Jolicoeur, McKenna Murray, and Tiana Vandenberg - students at St. Joseph School, raised \$115.18 for the Jack Aday Cancer Centre at the Lethbridge Regional Hospital.

Eddie Many Guns - student at St. Michael's School, selected to play in the Alberta Bantam Bowl Football Game in Edmonton over the Victoria Day long weekend.

