



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD MEETING BRIEFS



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

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ACTION ITEMS

Ten Year Capital Plan (2026-2036)

The finalized Ten Year Capital Plan (2026-2036) was reviewed and approved. It will now be placed on the division website.

Three Year Capital Plan (2027-2030)

The finalized Three Year Capital Plan (2027-2030) was reviewed and approved. It will now be placed on the division website and forwarded to Alberta Education and Alberta Infrastructure.

Board Evaluation

The Board has directed the Board Chair to coordinate the services of an independent consultant to conduct the annual Board evaluation for 2025/2026.

Infrastructure and Capital Committee Members

The Board appointed the following Trustees to the newly formed Infrastructure and Capital Committee: Kevin Kinahan, Carmen Mombourquette, Tricia Doherty, and Board Chair Linda Ellefson will serve as Committee Chair.

INFORMATION ITEMS

“Share the Mission” Award - Nominations

The Board received the nomination information for the 2025/2026 “Share the Mission” Award. Nominations will be accepted until June 5, 2026. The online form will be available on the division’s website.

Second Quarter Financial Statement

The Board received and reviewed the division’s Second Quarter Financial Statement for the period from September 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026.

ADVOCACY

Meetings with MLAs

The Board hosted meetings with local MLAs in our division to discuss the following items:

- Holy Spirit’s Capital Plans
- Classroom Size and Complexity
- Holy Spirit’s Annual Education Assurance Measures Results

PRESENTATIONS

Schollie Surveys

Ms. Elan Buan, Project Consultant for Schollie Research & Consulting, provided an overview of the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division results from the recently administered survey. The Schollie Survey is a satisfaction survey designed to gather opinions from division stakeholders - students, parents, and staff - on how education is being delivered in division schools.

REPORTS

Board Reports:

- Board Chair
- ACSTA
- ASBA
- GrACE
- Economic Development

Administrative Reports:

- Superintendent
- Deputy Superintendent
- Secretary Treasurer
- Associate Superintendent
- Director of Support Services
- Director of Technology
- Director of Facilities

POLICY REVIEW

The Board’s Policy Development and Review Committee completed a thorough review of the following policies and presented them to the Board for approval:

- Policy 13: Hearing on Teacher Matters
- Policy 14: Appeals and Hearings on Student Matters
- Policy 16: School Closure
- Policy 20: Fiscal Stewardship
- Policy 24: Budget
- Policy 7: Board Committees and Board Representation

HOLY SPIRIT STARS

Congratulations to the following staff and students:

- Vanessa Ramirez** (St. Mary School, Taber) - Nominated for her exceptional kindness. She baked cupcakes for the entire school and personally distributed them on Valentine's Day to spread joy and school spirit.
- Easton Belcourt** (Father Leonard Van Tighem School) - In recognition of Easton's outstanding support and willingness to serve his school community. He consistently volunteers his time to assist with School Council events and activities, demonstrating a strong sense of responsibility and HAWKS school spirit.
- Aiden Bastien** (Father Leonard Van Tighem School) - Qualified and competed in the 2026 Alberta Winter Games in Alpine Skiing while achieving a personal best.
- Rachel Peake** (Father Leonard Van Tighem School) - Qualified and competed in the 2026 Alberta Winter Games in Artistic Gymnastics.
- Gracelynn Maier** (Father Leonard Van Tighem School) - Qualified and competed in the 2026 Alberta Winter Games in Artistic Swimming and placed 7th overall.
- Charley Evans** (Father Leonard Van Tighem School) - Qualified and competed in the 2026 Alberta Winter Games in Artistic Gymnastics, winning Gold in Vault, Bronze in Floor, and Bronze in the Team event.
- Brooklyn Seeman** (Father Leonard Van Tighem School) - Qualified and competed in the 2026 Alberta Winter Games in Judo, winning Gold.
- Claire Peake** (Father Leonard Van Tighem School) - Qualified and competed in the 2026 Alberta Winter Games in Speedskating, winning 3 individual Golds and a Bronze in the Team Relay.

The following students from Father Leonard Van Tighem School qualified and competed in the 2026 Alberta Winter Games in Volleyball, winning Gold:

Aniston Weenk, Brooke Pilsner, Ella Tillsley, Vivian Lavens

The following students from Catholic Central High School's Boys Senior Basketball Team won Zones, bringing home the banner:

Andy Puszkar, Tahmid Faizul, Stephen Bolarinwa, Sola Popoola, Juan Monsalve, Kylar Loman, Lucas Spiess, Colby Loman, Peter Cahill, Treid Many Guns, Nun Barach, Kashton Many Grey Horses, Jack Hewlett, JJ Avila



Strengthening Our Catholic Faith

- We foster a Catholic worldview of reflection, service and sacramentality
- Our staff and students demonstrate knowledge of faith and commit to faith development
- We create Communities of Accompaniment in our school

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven"
Matthew 5:16



Learning Through Quality Teaching

- We prepare students for career pathways
- All students demonstrate growth in literacy and numeracy
- Schools reflect collaborative teaching and learning environments

"May my teaching drop like the rain, my speech condense like the dew; like gentle rain on grass, like showers on new growth"
Deuteronomy 32:2



Living Truth and Reconciliation

- Our First Nations, Métis and Inuit students will continue to see increasing success rates
- We foster reconciliation through listening, accompaniment and recognition of the ongoing impacts of the past
- We will deepen our understanding of our collective responsibilities as Treaty People

"These are the things that you shall do: Speak the truth to one another, render in your gates judgments that are true and make for peace"
Zechariah 8:16



Belonging In Our Diverse Community

- We will assist students in navigating various pathways of support
- We provide programming and support for student and staff well-being
- We celebrate and respect all cultures and ethnicities in our schools

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope"
Jeremiah 29:11