



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD MEETING BRIEFS

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

PRESENTATIONS

3 Year Faith Plan - Year 2: Love God

Aaron Skretting, Associate Superintendent, spoke to the Board detailing the theme for Year 2: Love God which is part of our 2025-2028 Faith Plan "Open Wide The Doors. Sent to Share Christ's Love". We are called to love God, by encountering Him in the Mass, in communion with one another, and the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Utility Right of Way for St. Kateri Elementary

ACTION ITEMS

The Board directed the Superintendent of Schools to submit a letter to the Minister of Education and Childcare to obtain ministerial approval for the authorization to register Utility Right of Way with the City of Lethbridge to accommodate utility services for St. Kateri Elementary School.

Board Strategic Priorities Engagement

The Board directed the Board Chair to initiate the process of developing new Board Strategic Priorities by engaging ASBA consultant Dr. Bryan Szumlas as facilitator.

Superintendent Evaluation

The Board approved the report from the evaluation that was established on June 24, 2026.

Council of School Council Chairs Meetings

With the development of new Board Strategic Priorities, key stakeholder input and engagement will be essential. Therefore, an additional meeting was added to the Council of School Council Chairs / Board of Trustees Meeting schedule.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Catholic Education Week

Catholic Education Week is October 17-23, 2026. On October 17-18, 2026 Catholic Education Sunday will be celebrated throughout the Diocese of Calgary.

Division Pow Wow

On Thursday, October 8, 2026 Children of St. Martha School will be hosting a division wide Piitawaani Traditional Pow Wow. The Grand Entry will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Our Lady of the Assumption 70th Anniversary

Our Lady of the Assumption School celebrated its 70th Anniversary this month.

Minister's Back to School Letter

Minister Nicolaides welcomed the students of Alberta back into the classroom with a letter to parents and guardians.

Board Correspondence

The Board received correspondence by the Board Chair congratulating Dr. Scott Morrison on his appointment as the 5th President of St. Mary's University in Calgary.

Administrative Procedures Update

The Board received the following revised Administrative Procedures:

- AP 314: Safe and Caring Learning Environments
- AP 113: Use of Personally Owned Electronic Devices
- AP 350: Student Transportation
- AP 350A: Student Transportation Fee Schedule
- AP 441: School Leaders: Principals and Associate Principals

These have been posted to the division website.



Dear Lord,

*As our students begin a new school year,
I pray that you will keep them in your care.*

*Send your Spirit to open their minds to all that is true and beautiful and good
Help them to see the gifts and talents you have given them and to use them well.
Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom.*

Amen

POLICY REVIEW

The Board's Policy Development and Review Committee completed a thorough review of the following amended policies and their associated appendices, which were presented to and approved by the Board:

- **Policy 7: Board Committees and Board Representation**
 - Appendix 7A: Negotiations Committee: Terms of Reference
 - Appendix 7B: Audit Committee: Terms of Reference
 - Appendix 7C: Finance Committee: Terms of Reference
 - Appendix 7D: Share the Mission Committee: Terms of Reference
 - Appendix 7E: Teacher Board Advisory Committee: Terms of Reference
 - Appendix 7F: Policy Development and Review Committee: Terms of Reference
 - Appendix 7G: GrACE Committee: Terms of Reference
 - Appendix 7H: Infrastructure and Capital Committee: Terms of Reference
- **Policy 18: Board Governance and Operations**
 - Appendix 18A: Governance Budget, Trustee Compensation, Budget Expenses, and Reimbursement
- **Policy 21: Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection)**

REPORTS

Board Reports:

- Board Chair
- ACSTA
- ASBA
- GrACE

Administrative Reports:

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

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD PRIORITIES

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 schools and school division.

"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)

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 to 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)

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)

