



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

Three-Year Education Plan 2024-2027

The Board reviewed and approved the 2024/2025 year of the Three-Year Education Plan 2024-2027. The document will be submitted to Alberta Education and placed on the division website.

Operating Budget 2024/2025

The Operating Budget for 2024/2025 was approved and will be submitted to Alberta Education and placed on the division website.

Locally Developed Courses

The Board reviewed and approved a series of locally developed courses for use within the division.

Meeting with Local Priests - Agenda

A meeting with the division's local parishes is set to occur in June. The items to be discussed include:

- Diocesan Renewal • GrACE Advocacy
- Year 3 Faith Plan • Sacramental Preparation
- Role of Clergy / Deacons in Schools
- Ministry Training for Students / Staff

Meeting with Local MLAs - Agenda

Meetings with the division's local Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) are set to occur soon. The items to be discussed include:

- Weighted Moving Average • Funding Shortfalls
- Capital Plan • Bill 18 • Cell Phone Usage

Memorandum of Agreement CUPE 1825

Local negotiations between Holy Spirit Catholic School Division and CUPE 1825 has come to a conclusion. The Board ratified the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) which will be effective between September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2024.

Outreach School Status

The Board authorized the Superintendent of Schools to make an application to Alberta Education for approval of Outreach School Status for Trinity E-Learning School which provides alternate education programming to students.

Superintendent Replacement

The Board authorized the Board Chair to appoint an interim Superintendent and post the position when applicable.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Division Calendars 2024/2025

The most recent drafts of the 2024/2025 school calendars were presented for Board information. The calendars will be posted on the division website.

Holy Spirit Family Gathering

The Division will be holding the third annual Family Gathering on May 30, 2024 starting at 5:00 pm at Father Leonard Van Tighem School.

Holy Spirit Retirement Celebration

Holy Spirit will be holding the division's retirement celebration on June 11, 2024 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Lethbridge Sandman Signature Lodge.

Ready, Set, Go Program Donation

The Board reviewed the letter of gratitude to the Knights of Columbus #5726 for the recent donation of \$5,700.00 to the Ready, Set, Go program which helps those students in need arrive equipped on the first day of school.

Terry Fox Foundation Contributions

With the participation of many of our division schools in Terry Fox events, \$6,108.70 was raised for cancer research over the 2023 year.

Correspondence to Minister of Education

The Board Chair penned a letter to the Honourable Minister Demetrios Nicolaides detailing Holy Spirit Catholic School Division's funding shortfall particularly in light of recent local bargaining agreements and requested additional funding be provided to the division.

POLICY REVIEW

Policy 21: Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) and Policy 22: Vaccination Protocol were reviewed and it was determined that no changes were required at this time.

New policies, *Policy 23: Extra-Curricular Activity* and *Policy 24: Budget*, were given two readings and approved and adopted as policies.

REPORTS

Administrative Reports:

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

Board Reports:

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| • ASBA | • GrACE |
| • TBAC | • PCCELC |

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 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)

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)



HOLY SPIRIT STARS

Congratulations to the following students and staff:

Claire Peake (Father Leonard Van Tighem School) - Won bronze at the Canadian Youth Short Track Speed Skating Championships in the U12 800 meters event.

Abi Maier (Father Leonard Van Tighem School) - Placed 2nd with her team at the Canadian Cheerleading National Finals in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Zenyn Roth (Father Leonard Van Tighem School) - Won gold for their project titled, "High Kick" at the Lethbridge Regional Science Fair and Science Olympics held at the University of Lethbridge.

Chloe Boutland (Father Leonard Van Tighem School) - Won bronze for their project titled, "How do Flowers Absorb Water?" at the Lethbridge Regional Science Fair and Science Olympics held at the University of Lethbridge.

Ene Idoko (Father Leonard Van Tighem School) - Won The Kitchen Chemist Award for their project titled, "Can we Crack the Case?" at the Lethbridge Regional Science Fair and Science Olympics held at the University of Lethbridge.

Isabelle Litzenberger (Father Leonard Van Tighem School) - Won The Ruby Larson Award for their project titled, "Who's Got Gas?" at the Lethbridge Regional Science Fair and Science Olympics held at the University of Lethbridge.

Olivia Kang (Father Leonard Van Tighem School) - Won bronze as well as The Clear Display Board Award for their project titled, "Magic of Yeast" at the Lethbridge Regional Science Fair and Science Olympics held at the University of Lethbridge.

Sarah Skinner and Colby Loman (Father Leonard Van Tighem School) - First place in the City of Lethbridge Badminton Mixed Doubles Tournament as well as went on to win first place in Zones.

Lexi Marsh and Leah Coleman (Father Leonard Van Tighem School) - First place in the City of Lethbridge Badminton Girls Doubles Tournament as well as went on to win second place in Zones.

Molly McIntosh (Father Leonard Van Tighem School) - Third place in the City of Lethbridge Badminton Girls Singles Tournament.

Lucas Spiess and Caprice Robertson (Father Leonard Van Tighem School) - Third place in the City of Lethbridge Badminton Mixed Doubles Tournament.

Blake Schafer and Lily Ehlert (Father Leonard Van Tighem School) - Second place in the City of Lethbridge Badminton Mixed Doubles Tournament as well as went on to win second place in Zones.

Tristan Howes (Father Leonard Van Tighem School) - Competed in the Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour as a 14-year-old against 15/16-year-olds. Tied for 12th and received the Best Performance Award.

Tyson Howes (Father Leonard Van Tighem School) - Won the Gord Laurie Jr. Golf Scholarship.

Brady Oberg and Cohen Lencucha (St. Francis Junior High School) - Won the Silver Division Championship in The Best of the West Baseball Tournament.

Sophia Lavoie (St. Francis Junior High School) - Placed 2nd with her team at the Canadian Cheerleading National Finals in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Gaylene Duke (Teacher at Our Lady of the Assumption) - Was recognized by the University of Lethbridge and her intern student for her amazing mentorship of practicum students.

Mary Tedder (Volunteer at Our Lady of the Assumption) - A retired teacher, she was recognized for volunteering her time and expertise with the Grades One and Two reading program.

Nolan Pilsner (Father Leonard Van Tighem School) - Selected to play in the Alberta Cup 2024 in Red Deer, Alberta. Was also selected to play in the World's Selects Invitational in Philadelphia, PA. Nolan is presently playing for the Western Canadian Team.