



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD MEETING BRIEFS

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

ACTION ITEMS

Southland Transportation Contract

The Board authorized the Superintendent, in partnership with Lethbridge School Division, to enter into cost negotiations with Southland Transportation for the provision of services within Lethbridge limits.

Voluntary Retirement Opportunities

The Board makes the following offer to teachers:

Any eligible teacher who, by December 13, 2024, submits a notice of retirement, effective January 31, 2025, will be offered a temporary teaching contract beginning February 1, 2025 until June 30, 2025.

The Board makes the following offer to support staff:

Any eligible member of the Local Authorities Pension Plan (LAPP) who, by December 13, 2024, submits a notice of retirement, effective January 31, 2025, will be offered a temporary contract of employment for February 1, 2025 until the June 2025 end date for the eligible member's position.

Council of School Council Chairs Agenda

The first meeting between School Council Chairs and the Board of Trustees will be Monday, December 2, 2024 and items discussed will be:

- Introduction of New Superintendent
- Boundary Reconfiguration
- Proposed Policy 7D: Parish Communities
- Communities of Practice

Election Bylaw:

In preparation for the 2025 School Board elections, the Board completed the second reading of Bylaw 2024/01 regarding the arrangement of the electoral wards and trustees elected to each ward.

FLVT Outdoor Classroom Request

The Board approved the construction of an outdoor classroom at Father Leonard Van Tighem School. Funding for the project will be through donations, grants, and fundraising, at no cost to the Board.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Administrative Procedures Update

The Board received the following revised Administrative Procedures:

- AP 103: Communicable Diseases
- AP 206: English as an Additional Language
- AP 303: Attendance of Non-Alberta Students
- AP 512: School Generated Funds
- AP 104: Harassment
- AP 127: Naming of Educational Facilities
- AP 304: Out of Division Program Sponsorship
- AP 513: Fundraising
- AP 208: Locally Developed Courses
- AP 209: School Libraries

ASBA Fall General Meeting

The Board received information about the Annual General Meeting for the Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA).

ACSTA Fall General Meeting

The Board received information about the Annual General Meeting for the Alberta Catholic School Trustees Association (ACSTA).

Holy Spirit Retiree Mass

The annual Holy Spirit Retiree Mass hosted by the Board of Trustees, will be held on November 5, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at St. Basil Catholic Education Centre.

Correspondence from Minister Nicolaides

The Honourable Minister of Education Demetrios Nicolaides, congratulated Catholic Central High School for the implementation of their Trades Foundations program.

IMR and CMR Expenditure Report

Acting Secretary Treasurer Amanda Lindemann provided for Board information the Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal (IMR) and the Capital Maintenance and Renewal (CMR) Expenditure Report for the year ending August 31, 2024.

PRESENTATIONS

Vivien Kossuth, Director of Facilities, gave an overview of the ongoing progress for the new West Lethbridge school expected to open the fall of 2026. Sean Marks, Communications Coordinator, provided a [rendering](#) of the new school's layout. Aaron Skretting, Director of Religious Education, outlined the communication plan to engage, involve and collaborate with the public regarding the [boundary reconfigurations](#) occurring with the opening of the new school.

POLICY REVIEW

The Board rescinded *Policy 8: Policy Making*, as *Policy 7: Appendix C: Policy Development and Review Committee - Terms of Reference* was adopted at the September 25, 2024 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting making *Policy 8: Policy Making* redundant.

The Board reviewed proposed *Policy 7: Appendix D: Parish Communities* and *Policy 25: Program Reviews* and determined that further examination and deliberation of these policies is warranted.

REPORTS

Board Reports:

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

Administrative Reports:

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

HOLY SPIRIT STARS

Gunner Fox (Catholic Central High School) - Won the Youth Reconciliation Award through the City of Lethbridge for contributing to the preservation of the Blackfoot language and appreciation of Indigenous culture by creating and sharing videos.

Tom Little Bear (Blackfoot Elder and Bus Driver) - Won the Education Reconciliation Award through the City of Lethbridge for promoting Indigenous culture and fostering respectful relationships through reconciliation.

The following Holy Spirit Catholic School Division school administrators recently received their Master of Education in Educational Leadership:

Jill Weatherhead St. Michael's School, Bow Island

Tom Collier St. Patrick School, Taber

Mary Tillemann St. Patrick School, Taber

Verna Mabin St. Patrick School, Taber

Justin Harper École St. Mary

Kate Machacek (St. Francis Junior High School) - Won 1st in the province for the 100M Freestyle, 100M Individual Medley, 200M Individual Medley and 100M Butterfly. Kate is ranked #1 in the province for swimming.

Tise Atoa (St. Francis Junior High School) - Made the U15 Samoan National Basketball team and will be heading to Australia to play in the Oceanic World Games.

Ella Tillsley (Father Leonard Van Tighem School) - Made the U14 Girls Team Alberta Baseball team this summer. The team won Westerns for a second year in a row and Ella was awarded Defensive Player of the tournament.

Tucker Tillsley (Father Leonard Van Tighem School) - Tucker's U13 AA Lethbridge Hurricane team won the Thanksgiving Classic for the second year in a row. Tucker was awarded second team all-star.

Jaxon Kraemer (St. Francis Junior High School) - Jaxon's U13 AA Lethbridge Hurricane team won the Thanksgiving Classic for the second year in a row. The following students from Father Leonard Van Tighem School's Senior Boys Volleyball team won gold at the Senior Hawks Classic and finished second in the league this season:

Asher Hengeveld

Colby Loman

Will Kambeitz

Tate Thompson

Cole Craddock

Charlie Lindo

Anderson Atkins

Sebastian Castrillon

Bentley Mifflin

Kallen Weighill

Lucas Spiess

Emilio Palacios Ruiz

Evans Day Chief

The following students from Father Leonard Van Tighem School's Senior Girls Volleyball team won silver at the Senior Hawks Classic and finished first in the league this season as they were undefeated:

Brooke Pilsner

Vivian Lavens

Lexi Marsh

Jane Wobschall

Leah Coleman

Kinzley Harty

Caprice Robertson

Stephana Harty

Ella Tillsley

Treu Schnitzerling

Aniston Weenk

Addison Comchi

Brynnleigh Zentner

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)

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)

