



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

Transfers: Operating and Capital Reserves

Before the 2023/2024 Audited Financial Statements could be approved, the following transfer was ratified:

- \$526,965 from unrestricted surplus to Restricted Capital Reserves

Audited Financial Statements 2022/2023

The Auditor issued a clear opinion of the division's Audited Financial Statements for the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year. The Board approved the statements and directed that they be placed on the division website.

2023/2024 AEAM

The Board approved the 2023/2024 Annual Education Assurance Measures Report (AEAM), which will be placed on the division website.

International Student Fees 2025/2026

The Board reviewed and approved the International Student Fee Schedule for the 2025/2026 school year.

Election Bylaw

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

Boundary Engagement

The Board will be holding public engagement sessions in the new year regarding the adjustments to existing attendance boundaries within Lethbridge.

REPORTS

Board Reports:

- Board Chair
- Economic Development
- GrACE
- ACSTA
- Joint City / School Boards
- Team Lethbridge

Administrative Reports:

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

INFORMATION ITEMS

Administrative Procedures Update

The Board received the following revised Administrative Procedures:

- AP 105: Fire Drills and Fire Prevention
- AP 105A: Fire Drill Form
- AP 516: Purchasing Cards
- AP 516A: Cardholder Agreement
- AP 516B: Distribution of Division Purchase Cards
- AP 107: Emergency School Closure & Evacuation
- AP 210: Challenges to Learning Resources
- AP 517: Expense Reimbursement
- AP 108: Instructional Year
- AP 211: Distance Learning
- AP 308: Parent/Guardian - Teacher Conferences
- AP 439: Liaison with Parish Priests

ATA Invitation to Advent Liturgy and Dinner

The Board received an invitation from the local ATA to attend their annual Advent Liturgy and Dinner on December 3, 2024.

Correspondence from Minister of Education

The Board received as information correspondence from Minister Nicolaides a response to the division's query regarding clarification on transportation funding.

Prime Minister's Teaching Excellence Awards

The Board reviewed the nomination material for the 2024 Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence in all disciplines, STEM and Early Childhood Education.

Holy Spirit Christmas Event Schedule

The Board was presented with the schedule of Christmas events occurring in Holy Spirit schools.

Holy Spirit Financial Overview 2023/2024

The Board received as information a report providing the 2023/2024 Financial Overview for the division.

PRESENTATIONS

Off Campus Coordinator Mark Boschee presented to the Board of Trustees a synopsis of the Off Campus programming available in the division. Offered at each high school, the programs assist student's transition into the work force and post-secondary education while the student attains a high school diploma.

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 adoption:

Policy 2: Role of the Board

Policy 3: Role of the Trustee

Policy 17: Awards

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)

HOLY SPIRIT STARS

Kati Banda (St. Francis Junior High School) - Received player of the game and Kati's U16B ringette team won gold.

Rylee Cruse (St. Francis Junior High School) - Was named Hockey Alberta Player of the Month for leadership and presence on the ice.

Tifany Cheruto and **Ryan Lagat** (Our Lady of the Assumption) - Became Canadian citizens early this month.

Brooklyn Seeman (Father Leonard Van Tighem School) - As a green belt, Brooklyn received a gold medal for U-16 Judo at a tournament in in Montreal.

The following Father Leonard Van Tighem School students placed second in the Southern Alberta Minor Football League finals:

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| • Caden Barnett | • Liam Heilman | • Lucas Lam |
| • Carter Moore | • Ty Whalen | • Jack Kolebaba |
| • Hugh Prather | • Matthew Lindo | |

Ryder Yellow Horn (St. Michael's School, Pincher Creek) - Plays guitar, bass, drums and keyboard. Ryder mixes his own music with musicians from all over Canada.

Claire Prakach (St. Catherine School, Picture Butte) - Finished first in the 2K Bantam Junior Girls race at the South Zones Cross Country competition in Medicine Hat.

The following students from St. Mary School, Taber won the South Zone High School Golf banner and placed 4th at the Provincial level in Grande Prairie.

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| • Nixen Miller | • Mason Kuryvial | • Lyndon Kuryvial |
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The following students from Catholic Central High School won silver at Zones with their girls golf team.

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| • Alexis Speelman | • Cait Gibb |
| • Sydney Speelman | • Lola Caputo |

Santa's Anonymous Committee (Catholic Central High School) - Raised \$1920 at their pumpkin sale used to create Christmas Hampers for Holy Spirit Catholic School Division families in need.

The following students from Father Leonard Van Tighem School on the Senior Boys Volleyball Team won bronze at the 4J Volleyball Zones.

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| • Asher Hengeveld | • Cole Craddock | • Will Kambeitz |
| • Evans Day Chief | • Charlie Lindo | • Lucas Spiess |
| • Sebastian Castrillon | • Tate Thompson | • Bentley Mifflin |
| • Anderson Atkins | • Kallen Weighill | • Colby Loman |
| • Emilio Palacios Ruiz | | |

The following students from Father Leonard Van Tighem School's Senior Girls Volleyball Team won silver at the 4J Volleyball Zones.

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| • Brooke Pilsner | • Jane Wobschall | • Kinzley Harty |
| • Caprice Robertson | • Leah Coleman | • Vivian Lavens |
| • Addison Comchi | • Ella Tillsley | • Lexi Marsh |
| • Treu Schnitzerling | • Stephana Harty | |
| • Aniston Weenk | • Brynnleigh Zentner | |

The following St. Francis Junior High School students gave freely of their time and talents to referee an elementary Volleyball Jamboree.

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| • Leslie Owasa | • Maddison Sheen | • Natalia Catonio |
| • Lindsay Baptista | • Chayton Jayasuria | |

These students and their family members volunteered to create displays and table booths for St. Paul School's annual Multicultural Night.

Mia & Xavi Umana **Chace Meier** **Jennifer & Kevin Ortega**
Janina Roque **Ophelia & Caiden Jackson** **Artur & Vitalia Tistechok**
Pamela Gutierrez Alvarado **Sophia Mojares** **Sofia Kunynets**
Mesert, Rahsi, Saol Rusom **Sophia McKay** **Eida Flores**
Kashton, Carter & Charlie McDougall-Price