



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD MEETING BRIEFS



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

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EXECUTIVE TEAM

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ACTION ITEMS

Catholic Education Sunday Schedule

To celebrate Catholic Education Sunday on the November 4-5, 2023 weekend, Board and administration will provide a brief message at each Mass within the division's parishes.

Voluntary Retirement Opportunities

The Board makes the following offer to teachers:
Any eligible teacher who, by December 15, 2023, submits his/her notice of retirement, effective January 31, 2024, will be offered a temporary teaching contract beginning February 1, 2024 until June 30, 2024.

The Board makes the following offer to support staff:
Any eligible member of the Local Authorities Pension Plan (LAPP) who, by December 15, 2023, submits his/her notice of retirement, effective January 31, 2024, will be offered a temporary contract of employment for February 1, 2024 until the June 2024 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 a workshop facilitated by the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA). The workshop is on *"The School Council – Trustee Relationship"*.

St. Catherine School Playground Request

The Board approved the installation of an additional swing set to the playground at St. Catherine School, Picture Butte. Funding for the project will be through donations, grants, and fundraising, at no cost to the Board.

ATA Negotiating Committee:

As per *Policy 7: Board Committees and Board Representation*, Trustee Blake Dolan agreed to serve on the ATA Negotiating Committee.

Bow Island, School Council

The Board approved a Holy Spirit employee be allowed to sit, without signing authority, on the School Council executive .

INFORMATION ITEMS

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).

ERDI Update

Superintendent of Schools Ken Sampson updated the Board about his recent learnings from the past ERDI Conference.

Holy Spirit Retiree Mass

The annual Holy Spirit Retiree Mass hosted by the Board of Trustees, will be held on November 9, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at St. Basil Catholic Education Centre.

Catholic Education Sunday

The Catholic Bishops for Alberta and the Northwest Territories penned a letter regarding Catholic Education Sunday centered on this year's theme, *"Courage to Lead"*.

Correspondence to Ministers

The Board Chair penned a letter to the Minister of Health and Addictions and the Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services requesting their support to ensure that the Mental Health in Schools pilot project becomes permanent funding.

Correspondence to Minister of Education

The Board Chair penned a letter to the Honourable Minister Demetrios Nicolaidis detailing Holy Spirit Catholic School Division's financial situation due to the Weighted Moving Average Funding Framework and requesting additional funding for the division.

POLICY REVIEW

The Board reviewed *Policy 7: Board Committees and Board Representation*, and associated appendices and determined that no changes were required at this time.

The Board reviewed *Policy 17: Awards* and determined that the definition of what constitutes a year of service should be included.

The Board reviewed *Policy 18: Board Governance and Operations*, and associated appendices and determined that no changes were required at this time but that *Appendix 18A: Trustee Compensation, Allowances and Reimbursement Rates* will be brought forward to the November Board meeting.

REPORTS

Board Reports:

- Board Chair
- GrACE
- Economic Development Committee
- ACSTA
- ASBA
- Joint City / School Boards

Administrative Reports:

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

HOLY SPIRIT STARS

Emery Dortman, Danika Hodge, Alexis Speelman, Sydney Speelman (Catholic Central High School) - Brought home the gold medal and the Zone banner in girls golf. The team went on to place fifth in Provincials.

Hayden Walshe, Lindsay Baptista, Parker Bosnjak-Moffitt, Maon Bosnjak-Moffitt, Natalia Catonio (St. Francis Junior High School) - Passed the Level A2 Diplome d'etudes en lanjue francaise (DELF) exam.

Canaan Cale, Taylor De Jager, Jada Jovanovic, Mahlia Esquivel, Layla Husch, Shayla Walshe, Emily Baptista, Abigail Clamp (Catholic Central High School) - Passed the Level B1 Diplome d'etudes en lanjue francaise (DELF) exam.

Olivia Innes (St. Patrick Fine Arts Elementary School) - Contributed to the Helen Schuler Nature Centre Youth Art Exhibit with a Fall Fox drawing.

Ella Innes (St. Patrick Fine Arts Elementary School) - Contributed to the Helen Schuler Nature Centre Youth Art Exhibit with a Bouquet sculpture.

Raphael Moser, Emily DeBoer (St. Francis Junior High School) **Jordan Neufeld, Tucker Tillsley, Hayden Charlesworth** (Father Leonard Van Tighem School) **Kale Okubo** (St. Catherine School, Picture Butte) **Jaxon Kraemer** (St. Patrick Fine Arts Elementary School) - Their U13 AA hockey team won the Thanksgiving Classic tournament in Calgary.

Tim Folkersen (Teacher at Catholic Central High School) - Recognized for his commitment to high educational standards, supporting student needs and creating a safe and inclusive learning environment.

Rylan Williams (St. Michael's School, Pincher Creek) - Fundraised \$5328.00 for the Alberta Children's Hospital and donated his hair to charity.

Cobe Cobarrublas (former student St. Mary School, Taber) - Completed the Criminal Justice Program and is now a constable for the Taber Police.

Presly Alberta (St. Mary School, Taber) - Nominated as a Hard Working and Dedicated student as a very committed student to start the year off.

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 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)

