



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

Board Self-Evaluation

The Board approved the report from its self-evaluation which was conducted from May 23-June 1, 2023.

Superintendent Evaluation

The Board approved the report from the evaluation that was established on August 30, 2023.

Audit Committee

In compliance with Policy 7A: Audit Committee: Terms of Reference, the two public members appointed to the Audit Committee have been reappointed for a second term.

Mass for Retired Staff

The Board of Trustees approved sponsoring the annual Mass for retired staff and trustees. This year's Mass will be held on November 9, 2023.

Locally Developed Courses

The Board reviewed and approved a series of locally developed courses for use within Holy Spirit Catholic School Division.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Correspondence by Premier Smith

The Board received a letter penned by Premier Smith in response to the Board's letter of congratulations on her re-elected as Premier of Alberta.

Truth and Reconciliation Week

Over the course of the September 25-29, 2023 week, Holy Spirit Catholic School Division focused on the Board's priority of Living Truth and Reconciliation. The division provided several resources and activities each day for school use.

Alberta Education Assurance Measures (AEAM)

The division's AEAM Summary Report for Spring 2023 was provided for Board information.

Dual Credit Grant

The division received a Dual Credit Enhancement Grant of \$83,000 for the Trades Hub at Catholic Central High School West.

INFORMATION ITEMS (CONT)

Minister's Back to School Letter

Minister of Education Nicolaides welcomed the students of Alberta back to the classroom.

Minister's Youth Council 2023/2024

Congratulations was sent to Sophia Reyes, a student at St. Mary School, Taber for being chosen to serve on the Minister of Education's Youth Council this year.

Bearing Witness Presentation

On September 28, 2023 a presentation on the United Nations Sustainability Goals in relation to the Catholic Social Teachings using the Medicine Wheel as a reflective instrument was given.

Teachers as Missionary Disciples Symposium

A symposium will be held on February 9-10, 2024 in Leduc, Alberta entitled "Teachers as Missionary Disciples: Forming Witnesses for Catholic Schools".

Holy Spirit Chamber of Commerce Award

The division was recognized for their 25 year-long relationship with the Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce.

Valley of the Birdtail Book Study

Holy Spirit Catholic School Division will be hosting a book study on the bestseller, "Valley of the Birdtail" by Andrew Stobo Sniderman and Douglas Sanderson.

IMR and CMR Expenditure Report

Secretary Treasurer Lisa Palmarin 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, 2022.

PRESENTATIONS

3 Year Faith Plan - Year 2: Build!

Aaron Skretting, Director of Religious Education, spoke to the Board detailing the theme for Year 2: Build! which is part of our 2022-2025 faith plan. The focus is *God is in Our Minds*. We are called to look outward, participate, serve and build a community based on the love of God as our foundation.

POLICY REVIEW

The Board reviewed the **Policy Review Schedule for 2023/2024**.

No changes were required at this time for the following policies:

- **Policy 1: Board Mandate, Mission, Vision, Values, and Goals**
- **Policy 2: Role of the Board**
- **Policy 3: Role of the Trustee**
- **Policy 4: Trustee Code of Conduct**

REPORTS

Board Reports:

- Board Chair
- ACSTA
- ASBA
- GrACE
- PCCELC
- Audit Committee

Administrative Reports:

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

ADVOCACY

On July 6, 2023, a virtual meeting was held with the Minister of Education, the Board of Trustees and Superintendent of Schools Ken Sampson. The discussions centered around funding, specifically the Weighted Moving Average framework, enrolment, and budget deficits.

HOLY SPIRIT STARS

Congratulations to the following students

Meggie Biegel (St. Michael's School, Bow Island) Won 1st place in the Junior Women in Business Expo in Medicine Hat. Meggie has been building her business, "Plants Grow Here", for the last 2 years.

Grayson Biegel (St. Michael's School, Bow Island) Was selected as a defense man for the SEAC Tigers U15 AAA hockey team based out of Medicine Hat.

Liberty Fuentes (Catholic Central High School) Competed for Team Canada, for both the Womens and Mixed teams, at the World Dragonboat Championships in Thailand and came home with 2 gold and 4 silver medals.

Ella Veilleux (Catholic Central High School) Competed for Team Canada, for the U16 Womens team, at the World Dragonboat Championships in Thailand and came home with 3 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze medals.

Mason Kuryvial (St. Mary School, Taber) Qualified for the Maple Leaf Junior Mini Tour National Championships by finishing first in Alberta throughout the summer competitive season. At Nationals, held at Tsawwassen Springs, BC, Mason won the Alberta Order of Merit and Closest to the Pin.

Ali Norris, Olivia Pyne, Maria Reyna, Addyson Hardy, Madison Gedrasik, Sthefany Macias (St. Francis Junior High School, Father Leonard Van Tighem School, St. Catherine School, Picture Butte) These students from various division schools, all play on the U15 Lethbridge Heat Softball Team and won the 2023 Little League Alberta Silver Medalist title.

Ben Amantea, Kingston Freedman, Noah Kinniburgh (Catholic Central High School) Were selected and played for the Team Alberta Football team over the summer.

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)

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)

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)

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)

