



**BLACK GOLD
REGIONAL
DIVISION NO. 18**

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

February 11, 2015



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Club Moo – Alberta's School Milk Program

Congratulations to the following schools who have participated in Club Moo, Alberta's school milk program, for the past several years.

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| 20 Years | Linsford Park School |
| 25 Years | Leduc Estates School |
| 25 Years | Thorsby Elementary School |

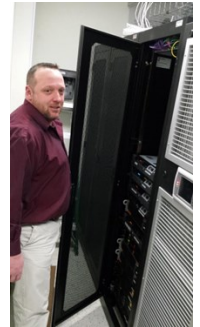


These schools have been recognized by the Alberta Milk producers for their hard work, leadership, and tremendous contribution to the health and well-being of their students. Since most elementary schools do not have cafeteria facilities, these schools make an extra effort to offer a milk program. Research has shown that children who consume milk at lunch are more likely to meet their daily calcium requirements.

Thank you to the schools' staff for their dedication to our students in helping to develop a healthy lifelong habit.

IT Department

Congratulations to Barry Scheelar, Rick Sparrow, and Dennis Schiffner for successfully changing over all the Division Servers from the old server room to our New and Improved "Data Centre". This Data Centre has 1 hour UPS uninterrupted battery power back up, in the event of a major power outage. This will keep school internet and wireless access available should there be a power outage for up to one hour. This new system also has more efficient cooling to protect the servers, thus saving money on electrical bills. Way to go IT staff !



2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

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APPROVED**

Superintendent Yanitski presented the proposed 2015-2016 School Year Calendar. Feedback was received and reviewed.

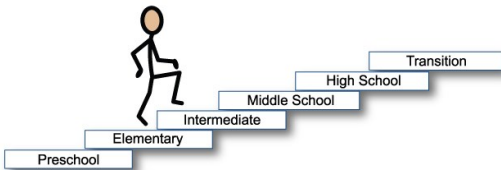
Trustee Koroll thanked Administration staff for the time and effort put into the draft of the calendar.

The Board approved the 2015-2016 School Year Calendar which is posted to the BGRS website.

BEAUMONT SCHOOLS CONFIGURATION REVIEW

Superintendent Yanitski reported on the Beaumont Schools Configuration Review. After the Board's request for Administration to review the configuration in Beaumont, the Committee has met with School Council Chairs and Principals. Division Principal Norm Dargis provided an update and presented a package that included a letter that was sent out to parents.

Black Gold Regional Schools' Administration is reviewing the configuration plan to find a solution to the overcrowding at École Dansereau Meadows School and seeking to limit the amount of changes to the original configuration plan. Black Gold Regional Division (BGRD) will engage affected parents by presenting the proposed amendments through two school presentations and an on-line survey. Configuration plans for students at École Beau Meadow School, École Bellevue School and École J.E. Lapointe School will remain unchanged.



The presentations have been scheduled as follows:

École Dansereau Meadows School gym – February 17, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m.

École Coloniale Estates School gym – February 18, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m.

A description of the original reconfiguration and boundary change plans and the proposed amendments are available at www.blackgold.ca. Parents are appreciative that they are able to provide input into the changes as well. Trustees thanked Division Principal Dargis and the Committee for all of their hard work. Trustees look forward to reviewing the results after the school presentations and survey data are tabulated.

OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

Before and After



Program

The Board gave approval to continue the Out of School Care Programs at Leduc Estates School and Willow Park School for three years effective September 2015 provided

there is sufficient space for the Programs, with a review at the end of the three years.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

Trustees requested a letter be written to the RCMP indicating Black Gold Regional Division's support of the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program. Superintendent Yanitski stated that BGRD will be signing a protocol for Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) that includes the RCMP support. Trustees requested the letter go to each RCMP detachment, and copies to MLAs, ASBA and PSBAA, municipalities and MPs.



SCHOOL VISITS

Superintendent Yanitski, Associate Superintendent Andres and Trustees attended school visits on January 15, 2015 to the following schools: East Elementary, Linsford Park and Black Gold Home-Based School.



JOHN BOLE ATHLETIC PARK UPGRADE

Associate Superintendent Andres reported that the City of Leduc will be hosting the 2016 Alberta Summer Games. As part of the project, the City of Leduc has committed to upgrading the John Bole Athletic Park which includes upgrading the track, throw area and jump areas to meet provincial standards. The Facilities Department has been contacted and there will be no additional costs to BGRS. This will be a world class facility for our students. The Board approved the upgrades at John Bole Athletic Park.



2015 BGRD ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Superintendent Yanitski stated that Black Gold Regional Division No. 18 will be celebrating our 20th anniversary in the 2015-2016 year, and he would like to form a Committee to plan the celebration with representatives from each area of our Division. Trustees requested that two Trustees be members of the Committee. Superintendent Yanitski will proceed with a Committee soon to see what recommendations are put forward. Trustee Eilander will be the designate with Chairman Lemke as an alternate to attend.

The Board directed the Superintendent to form a Committee to plan a celebration for the 20th Anniversary of Black Gold Regional Division No. 18.



WARBURG SPEED ZONE

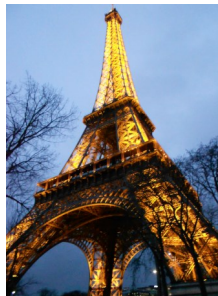
Trustee Kobeluck stated that the speed limit on the provincial highway that goes by Warburg School has increased from 30 km to 50 km. Community members are concerned and would like our support



The Board will write a letter of support to the municipality and Principal at Warburg School requesting that the government reduce the speed limits from 50 km back to 30 km.

FIELD TRIP REQUEST

The Board gave final approval for the field trip request from Thorsby Junior-Senior High School.



The trip is to Paris and Italy, from March 27, 2015 to April 7, 2015 for 15 Grades 11 and 12 students with three supervisors.

MY FAMILY

A persons own family is, without doubt, the greatest wealth that we will ever possess.



Treasure every moment and take the time to ensure that the story you create is one that you will be proud of and look back on with a huge smile.

Hope you had a Fun Family Day!



Grades 1, 2 & 6 Linsford Park School students and staff enjoyed a wonderful winter morning tobogganing and building snowmen!

