



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

March 11, 2015



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

École Dansereau Meadows School

Two of the four École Dansereau Meadows School track teams won their heats at the Running Room Indoor games on February 17th at the U of A Butterdome. They have been perfecting their exchanges and getting faster each day. On March 14th the boys' and girls' teams will compete against other schools from the Edmonton area in the quarter and semi-finals. Bonne chance!

École J. E. Lapointe School

As part of the Social Studies program at École J.E. Lapointe School, Grade 6 students spent a full day at the Alberta Legislature. On February 10th, some of the students were thrilled to have their picture taken at the Legislature with Premier Jim Prentice and MLA George Rogers for Leduc-Beaumont! It was a great part of this experience filled with relevant and interesting learning.



École Leduc Junior High School & Leduc Composite High School

Congratulations to the École Leduc Junior High School Council, who organized their first Parent Connection Workshop, the **Road to High School and Beyond**, and partnered with Leduc Composite High School staff, mentorship students and generous community businesses. The free workshop was held on February 26th at École Leduc Junior High School with over 100 participants (Grade 9 parents and students) who actively engaged in the transition, protocols and programs available for successful entry and completion of high school. Thank you to the organizers, Charlene Schatz and Lori Bauckman, along with the many volunteers, both staff and students, from École Leduc Junior High School and Leduc Composite High School for this successful evening as we continue to "Inspire Success" for every student, every day. This project was funded by the Board's Black Gold Innovation Fund.



New Sarepta Elementary School

Ten students from New Sarepta Elementary School (NSES), and one from New Sarepta Community High School, shaved their heads to raise money for the fight against cancer at their school's Valentine assembly on Friday, February 13th. The boys had their pink locks sheared as teachers, classmates, and parents cheered them on. Combined, the boys raised over \$4000 for Alberta's Hair Massacure fundraiser which supports children with life-threatening illness. A proud moment for NSES indeed!



Back (l to r): Ty Preston, Chase Preston, Ashton Perry, Kadin Murch
 Middle Row: Cody Preston, Carter Sagert, J.T. Preston,
 Atlee Helsby, Wyatt Knight, Kale Sagert
 Front Row: Nash Helsby

BEAUMONT RECONFIGURATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Division Principal Norm Dargis, Principal Matthew Kierstead, Principal Susanne Stroud and Transportation Manager Sue Timmermans attended the meeting. Division Principal Norm Dargis presented the Beaumont Schools Boundary and Grade Configuration Alterations report. This review was necessary due to the exceptional growth in Beaumont. École Dansereau Meadows School opened at full capacity in September 2014.

School presentations were held at École Dansereau Meadows School and École Coloniale Estates School. Parent surveys were also received at the presentations and on-line. Comments were reviewed by the Review Committee and taken into consideration in creating the recommendations. The public consultation was very positive and parents realize the growth that is happening within Beaumont.

Trustees expressed appreciation to Norm Dargis, the Committee and Principals for all their hard work, and to the parents for their input.

The Board approved the Beaumont Grade Reconfiguration Committee recommendation as follows:

- In order to best achieve the Beaumont Schools' Boundaries and Grade Configuration Alterations Objectives, the recommended boundaries and grade configurations, for implementation for the 2015-2016 school year are shown below.
- Families who desire to attend a school that is not their designated school need to apply to the "School of Choice" Principal. The "School of Choice" Principal shall evaluate the application as per current BGRS administrative procedures.
- Pre-kindergarten for the 2015-2016 school year will be offered at École Bellevue School and École Beau Meadow School. Venues for this program will be reviewed annually.

1. École Beau Meadow School (EBMS)

- * Grade configuration (No Change): Kindergarten to Grade 6
- * Boundaries (One Change): The neighborhood of Forest Heights be reassigned to ECES.

2. École Bellevue School (EBS)

- * Grade configuration (No Change): Kindergarten to Grade 6
- * Boundaries (One Change): The undeveloped area of Eaglemont be reassigned from EDMS to EBS.

3. École Coloniale Estates School (ECES)

- * Grade configuration (Two Changes): Kindergarten to Grade 8—Kindergarten students from EDMS attend ECES and the Grade 9 students from ECES attend ESBCHS
- * Boundaries (Two Changes): The undeveloped area of the Dansereau Meadows neighborhood and the neighborhood of Forest Heights be reassigned to ECES.

4. École Dansereau Meadows School (EDMS)

- * Grade configuration (Three Changes): Grade 1 to Grade 8—Pre-kindergarten program be moved to EBS, Kindergarten students from EDMS attend ECES and the Grade 9 students from EDMS attend ESBCHS.
- * Boundaries (Two Changes): The undeveloped area of the Dansereau Meadows neighborhood be directed to ECES and the undeveloped area of the Eaglemont neighbourhood be reassigned to EBS.

5. École J.E. Lapointe School (EJELS)

- * Grade configuration (No Change): Grade 7 to Grade 9
- * Boundaries (No Change):

6. École Secondaire Beaumont Composite High School (ESBCHS)

- * Grade configuration (One change): Grade 9 to Grade 12—The Grade 9 students from ECES and EDMS will continue to attend Grade 9 at ESBCHS.



Considerations:

- That the schools work together to create school start times that accommodate the recommendations.
- That transportation requirements for the EDMS kindergarten students be reviewed.

FUNDING FOR WESTERN ALLIANCE PROGRAM

Associate Superintendent Romanchuk mentioned that last year the Board supported the Western Alliance Program which consisted of the three western BGRD schools (Warburg, Thorsby and Calmar) working together by providing bussing between schools, administrative support, upgrade to the facility at Warburg and 2.25 FTE instructional coach support. The program is working very well and the Principals are in favor of continuing the program, with possibly another school interested. Students have been excited about this program. Trustee Kobeluck stated that students and parents are totally supportive of this program.



The Board approved the funding of the Western Alliance Program for continuing bussing, the 1.0 FTE Administrative support, and 1.0 FTE Instructional Coach support for the 2015-2016 school year, at a cost of \$190,000.

WEM FIELD TRIPS



Associate Superintendent Romanchuk inquired whether the Board would prefer

to restrict field trips to West Edmonton Mall given the recent terrorist threats. In light of the controversy of terrorist threats at the Mall, Administration has checked with insurance agencies if there are any recommendations and there are none. The Mall has increased security. The Board stated that parents are able to make personal decisions for their own students.

The Board approved schools to continue field trips to West Edmonton Mall.

ASCA CONFERENCE

Trustees are supportive of School Councils for all their work.

The Board will support 50% of the Alberta School Council Association (ASCA) Conference registration for up to four School Council members, and support one full registration for new School Councils in their first year of formation only.



2015-16 COVENANT CHRISTIAN CALENDAR

The Board approved the Covenant Christian School 2015-2016 School Year Calendar.



MOMENT OF SILENCE



Trustees, Administration and Guests acknowledged a moment of silence for a student who recently passed away.

PREFERRED SITE—NEW BEAUMONT SCHOOL

Trustee Misselbrook attended the Town of Beaumont Council meeting to discuss the new school sites within Beaumont.

The Board will inform the Beaumont Site Allocation Committee and the Town of Beaumont Councillors, that Black Gold Regional Division's preferred site for the next public K-9 school in Beaumont is Les Champs Vallée.



VIOLENCE THREAT RISK ASSESSMENT

Superintendent Yanitski thanked the Trustees who attended the signing of the Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) protocol on March 4th at the Maclab Centre. All of the stakeholders involved in this protocol who help our students were in attendance. Superintendent Yanitski thanked Director of Student Services Dianne Butler and staff who planned the evening event.



BOARD POLICY

The Board gave Amendment Approval for the following:

- ◆ Policy 3—Appendix: Services, Materials and Equipment
- ◆ Policy 19: Welcoming, Respectful and Healthy School Communities and Workplaces



Approval Policy

SCHOOL VISITS

Trustees and Superintendent Yanitski recently visited the following schools:

- ◆ February 12 – Leduc Estates, Covenant Christian, Black Gold Outreach-Leduc, École Corinthia Park
- ◆ February 26 – École Leduc Junior High, Willow Park, Caledonia Park
- ◆ March 10 – École Coloniale Estates, École Beau Meadow, École Bellevue

Trustees stated that the visits are a great opportunity to tour the schools, staff appreciate the visits, and students are proud to show off their schools.

Educational Visits & Visitors



Why We Love Children...

It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station.

As I gathered my equipment, my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking, and I saw a little boy staring in at me.

“Is that a dog you got back there?”, he asked.

“It sure is,” I replied.

Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van.

Finally, he said, “What’d he do?”

