

BLACK GOLD
REGIONAL
DIVISION NO. 18

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

April 15, 2015



CELEBRATING SUCCESS



École Beau Meadow School

The Library Garden that students and staff planted in late January is growing more quickly than anyone anticipated! We have carrots, tomatoes, lettuce, basil, cucumbers, spinach, beans and even nasturtiums growing! Students have been hands on throughout the process and are learning all about caring for a garden and enjoying some of the 'fruits' of their labour! This project was funded by our Board's Black Gold Innovation Fund. Check out the class Blog that details their green thumb journey!

<http://jardinbeameadow.blogspot.ca/>



New Sarepta Elementary School

New Sarepta Elementary School is very proud to be featured as a Healthy School Community on the Government of Alberta's "Healthy U" website. The site profiles schools that are doing great work in Alberta in the area of comprehensive school health. The section is designed to provide information and ideas about how parents, children, and staff of schools are making sure that Alberta kids are getting a healthy and active start to life. The profile also reflects proudly upon the promotion of Healthy School Communities within the Black Gold Regional Division. You can check out our profile at: [Healthy School Community Profiles](#)

Prototyping Alberta Curriculum E³



Congratulations to Terri Reid, Steve Trueman, Pam Verhoeff, Michael Skoreyko and Brenda Elder for their work on the PACE3 Grades 7-9 Curriculum Development Prototyping Project. This project connected seven school jurisdictions from rural Alberta (Black Gold, Aspen View, Evergreen Catholic, Grande Yellowhead, High Prairie, Northern Gateway and Wild Rose) for 12 months to develop a curriculum to share with Alberta Education. This team used Backwards Design to create a K-12 Scope and Sequence, and Grades 7-9 Outcomes, Learning and Teaching Resources and Classroom based assessments that ensured a focus on foundational elements while incorporating essential competencies, literacy and numeracy. The collaborative work of this project has been positively received by Alberta Education and will help inform their work as they move forward. The dedication and commitment to professional excellence demonstrated by the PACE3 team is second to none and has Inspired Success in many of our teachers and students.

Thank you also to those Black Gold teachers and students who participated in the project. Your input and feedback helped to make the PACE3 project a huge success and demonstrated your dedication to student success and professionalism in Black Gold.



School Bus Safety Winners

Sue Timmermans, Transportation Manager, announced that there were 5 winners in the Provincial contest for the School Bus Safety Week Poster contest that was held in October 2014. The winners, along with their parents, Principal and/or teacher attended the meeting to have the awards presented.

The winners were as follows:

WINNERS: ECS: Brooklyn Dixon, Leduc Estates School / Grade 6: Ciara Harrish, Calmar Elementary School

HONOURABLE MENTIONS: Grade 2: Brianna Leakey / Grade 4: Kole Rutherford, New Humble Centre School

THEME WINNER FOR 2015: Grade 5: Jessielyn Kabanuk, New Humble Centre School

Trustee Eilander commented that the Board is very proud of all of the students in Black Gold who participated in the contest.

BUDGET 2015–2016 CONCERNS

Chairman Lemke commented that we have started our budget deliberations and are disappointed that the Alberta government announced in the budget that we will not receive funding for any new growth and the reserves have been frozen. These reserves require Ministerial approval before the Board is able to access them. As a Division, we have strategically set aside money for different projects and areas, and if the funds are frozen it is very disconcerting. Trustees commented that we need to continue to do best for our students, utilize our reserves and advocate for funding student growth.



EDUCATION CUTS

THREE YEAR CAPITAL PLAN PROJECTS 2016–2019

The Board approved the 2016-2019 Three-Year Capital Plan for submission to Alberta Education as presented which includes:

New School & Preservation Requests

1. Beaumont - New K-9 School (2016)
 - ◆ New Facility
2. Beaumont - École J.E. Lapointe School (2016)
 - ◆ Preservation & modernization (refer to study)
 - ◆ Replacement of portables with modular
 - ◆ Addition of Junior High Programs
 - ◆ Add 2nd Gymnasium
3. Beaumont - École Secondaire Beaumont Composite High School (2017)
 - ◆ Add 2nd Gymnasium
 - ◆ Replace portables with Addition
4. Leduc - Willow Park School (2017)
 - ◆ Gymnasium expansion
5. Leduc - École Corinthia Park School (2017)
 - ◆ Mechanical system upgrade - Refer to study
 - ◆ Preservation & modernization
6. Leduc - New K-9 School (2018)
 - ◆ New Facility
7. Leduc - Caledonia Park School (2018)
 - ◆ Preservation & modernization

JOINT BUDGET MESSAGING

Trustee Kobeluck stated that the Board received a letter from Rocky View School Division requesting Black Gold Regional Division to support the letter they are writing to Alberta Education regarding the negative implications of no funding for new students in the budget.



The Board supported the joint Rocky View Press Release and messaging by Rocky View that will be forwarded to Alberta Education.

Capital Plan

GROUNDBREAKING WEST HAVEN PUBLIC



Superintendent Yanitski announced that the new date for the Ground-breaking Ceremony for West Haven Public School in Leduc will be May 28, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

SCHOOL VISITS

Trustees and Superintendent Yanitski visited the following schools on April 9th to Warburg, Calmar Elementary and Calmar Secondary. Trustee Eilander stated this is the favorite part of her job as a Trustee, and the Board is proud of all of our schools.



WARD ELECTORAL BOUNDARY REVIEW

The first Ward Electoral Boundary Review Public Meeting was held on April 8, 2015 at Calmar Elementary School. The second meeting will be held April 16th on the 5th floor of the BGRD Division Office at 6:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for our consultant, Brian Callaghan to present where our electoral population is, and to hear the public comments.

Trustee Koroll commented that the review should not be based solely on electoral population but also on distance. Trustee Koroll has discussed this with MLA Diana McQueen. Trustee Kobeluck commented the communities in the West are very concerned with the ward review. After the next consultation meeting, a meeting will be scheduled with Mr. Callaghan to determine the next step in the review process.



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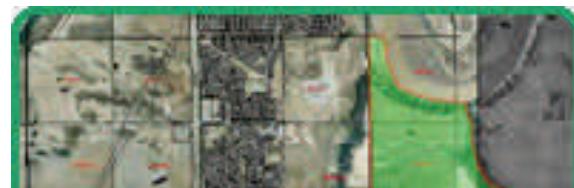


Division Principal Norm Dargis provided an update on the Celebration of the Arts evening scheduled for May 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., with the doors opening at 5:45 p.m. for the art and photography

show. A poster for this celebration was drawn by a student from École Secondaire Beaumont Composite High School. A promotional video, developed by Mark Templeton at LCHS, is part of the rollout package for schools and community. The event will consist of band, drama, video, theatre and other music.

MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY-DEVON

Trustee Koroll stated that the annexation for the Town of Devon has been approved. Trustee Koroll asked whether the annexed land would be part of the attendance boundary for Devon. Associate Superintendent Andres will follow up and bring information back to the next Board meeting.



FEES REGULATION UPDATE

Associate Superintendent Romanchuk provided a cost breakdown of option programs. This information is shared with parents to indicate the program costs. Some of these programs have been subsidized by the schools but due to the budget constraints, subsidies may no longer be feasible.



FIELD TRIP REQUEST

The Board gave final approval to the field trip request from École J.E. Lapointe School. The trip is to Quebec City, Montreal and Ottawa, from June 23 to 29, 2015 for 51 Grades 6–8 students with one teacher supervisor and parents.



Ways to show kids you care . . .

- ◆ Support them.
- ◆ Deal with problems and conflicts while they're still small.
- ◆ Be flexible.
- ◆ Nurture them with good food, good words, and good fun.

