



# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

May 27, 2015



## CELEBRATING SUCCESS

### Calmar Schools

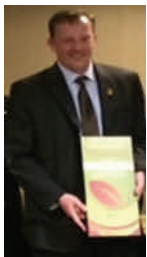
On April 18, 2015, Calmar Elementary and Secondary Schools were represented by one Intermediate and two Junior teams at the Provincial School Reach Provincial Championships in Red Deer.

The teams qualified for Provincials by winning their respective league games during the school year. Two Calmar teams excelled to the Championship level and won "Gold" in the Junior and Intermediate categories.

Congratulations to the team members and a huge thank you to Coach Jeanette Wilson, a teacher at Calmar Elementary School.



### Council for School Leadership



The Council for School Leadership is pleased to announce that Norm Dargis from Black Gold Regional Division has been selected as a recipient of the 2014-2015 Distinguished Leadership Award presented by the Council for School Leadership of the Alberta Teachers' Association.

The CSL Distinguished Leadership Awards creates a learning community of outstanding principals and assistant principals throughout Alberta who can share professionally, interact collegially and act as mentors to new colleagues. These individuals are considered role models in a vibrant network of educational leaders with the confidence and capabilities to lead innovative change for 21st century learning. Congratulations Norm!

### École Coloniale Estates School

On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, ÉCES hosted the 4th annual Beaumont Cup with an attendance of well over 5000 community members. This floor hockey event took place at the KNRRRC and hosted 22 teams of Grade 3/4 and Grade 5/6 boys and girls. For the first time, all schools in Beaumont (except ESBCHS) participated. The ÉCES Grades 7/8 students volunteered as well as many of the staff. This was a fantastic event that added to the strong sense of community in Beaumont.

### Leduc Composite High School

Congratulations to LCHS students and staff for their efforts on their Peru Community Service Tour this year. An article and picture was recently published in the ATA News, Vol. 49, Number 17 at: [LCHS Peru Community Service Tour](#)



### Riverview Middle School – Raiders' Cove



Since mid-March, the buzz around Riverview has been about "The Cove". Raiders' Cove was created through a combination of funding from Black Gold's Innovative Funding grant and support from School Council. The old multi-purpose room was converted into a safe place to build relationships among staff, peers and community members. Some students complete homework or get extra help,



others socialize or play games; all are building relationships. As anticipated, The Cove is fulfilling a need.

## WELCOME MLAS TO BGRD



Chairman Lemke welcomed the two new MLAs to Black Gold Regional Division (BGRD) - MLA Shaye Anderson, Leduc-Beaumont and MLA Mark Smith, Drayton Valley-Devon. The MLAs both gave a brief background and their reasons for pursuing politics. The MLAs were thankful for the invitation and expressed their feelings that education is very important. Chairman Lemke stated that the Board is excited to be working with them.

Superintendent Yanitski provided brief information about BGRD on our direction and strategic planning. Superintendent Yanitski thanked the MLAs for attending the meeting.

## ELECTORAL WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW

Chairman Lemke introduced Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Consultant, Brian Callaghan. Mr. Callaghan presented his final report to the Board for the Electoral Ward Boundary Review. Mr. Callaghan’s recommendation is as follows:

At this time, due to the change in government with a new Minister of Education, and changes that may come forward to the Education Act, in consideration of the direction to boards to create new policy in the area of ward boundary review, and to give the Board time to consider further the views of the general public, it is recommended to postpone further consideration of the electoral ward boundary review until the fall of 2015.



Trustees thanked Brian Callaghan for all of his hard work. Trustees discussed the process and how to move forward. Trustee Koroll suggested that the Board form an Ad Hoc Committee to continue the discussion of the review. This Ad Hoc Committee would then review all of the information and report back to the Board to establish a policy for our Division. The policy would then be in effect before the review is legislated by the Education Act.

Chairman Lemke again thanked Brian Callaghan for all his work. Mr. Callaghan stated that all information gathered during the process will be available to the Committee.

The Board will form an Ad Hoc Committee for the electoral ward boundary review.

## NAME THE SCHOOL CONTEST

Superintendent Yanitski announced that the Division will have a ‘Name the School Contest’ for our new school in Beaumont with a potential opening date of September 2017. The school site has now been assigned – Les Champs Vallée. The Board is appreciative that the community is provided an opportunity to submit names. School names are to be submitted to Trustee Misselbrook by June 16th. Contest details will be posted on our Division website.



## BEAUMONT SCHOOL SITE

Superintendent Yanitski announced that the Town of Beaumont has confirmed that Black Gold Regional Division No. 18 will be allocated the Les Champs Vallée site for the future 900 capacity K to 9 School, with a potential opening date of September 2017.

## CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

Associate Superintendent Andres and Dan Borys, Director of Facilities provided an update on the capital projects within BGRD:

- ◆ West Haven Public School is currently ahead of schedule and moving forward. The roof will be going on the gym very soon. In June, the contractor will confirm whether the school will be ready for opening in September 2016. An interior and exterior colour board for the school was presented.
- ◆ Calmar Secondary School Modernization – the tender closed 30% over budget. BGRD is waiting to hear information from the Alberta Government.
- ◆ École J.E. Lapointe School Modernization – BGRD has received approval from the Alberta Government for a value scoping exercise to be performed.
- ◆ Caledonia Park School – replacement of modular, the demolition will be starting today, May 27th.
- ◆ New Beaumont School (K-9) – the RFP (request for proposal) for an architect will close on June 4th. The government is seeking firms as Alberta Infrastructure will be the project manager.



Trustees and Superintendent Yanitski thanked Facilities Director Borys and the Maintenance Department for the update and their cooperation on all of our projects.

## ECS TRANSPORTATION FROM ÉCOLE DANSEREAU MEADOWS TO ÉCOLE COLONIALE ESTATES SCHOOLS



Due to reconfiguration and student enrolment growth, the Board will provide transportation for ECS (Kindergarten) students from the resident École Dansereau Meadow School attendance area to/from École Coloniale Estates School in the morning and at the end of the school day for the 2015-2016 school year. The Ineligible Passenger Fee of \$225.00 will be waived but the students will still be required to pay the \$25.00 Scan Card Fee which is applicable to all BGRD students being transported.

## FIELD TRIP TRANSPORTATION

At the Bus Contractors' Advisory Committee meeting it was emphasized that it is necessary for school buses to return to the schools on time so that students can be transported home. Associate Superintendent Romanchuk stated there are new field trip forms which have been distributed to principals and contractors.



## 2015-2016 DIVISION FEES

The Board approved the 2015-2016 Division fees as proposed with no increase for the instructional resource fees, but with the introduction of a Transportation Scan Card Fee implemented as of the 2015-2016 school year as follows:

### DIVISION FEES

#### Instructional Resource Fees

Grades 1 – 3	\$60.00
Grades 4 – 6	\$60.00
Grades 7 – 9	\$70.00
Grades 10 - 12 - Alternate Education	\$80.00
Grades 10 - 12 - Full-Time	\$110.00



#### Tuition Fees

Day Extension Fees - Students 20 yrs.+	
1 credit course	\$100.00
3 credit course	\$300.00
5 credit course	\$500.00
Foreign Student Or Out Of Province [Where no reciprocal exchange agreement exists]	\$11,800.00



Pre-K Program - Community Students (\$80/mo)	\$800.00
ECS Program	\$110.00
ECS - Field Trips / Nutrition	L.A.C. Fee
Eligible Student Not Funded [Student registered in two jurisdictions or ECS programs]	Funding rate provided by Alberta Education



#### Transportation Fees

School/Program of Choice - Any Grade Maximum of \$525 per family	\$225.00
Passenger Ineligible For Funding Maximum of \$525 per family	\$225.00
Scan Card Fee for All Students Being Transported	\$25.00
Replacement of Scan Card	\$25.00



## 2015-2016 FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

The Board gave approval in principle to the field trip request from Leduc Composite High School. The field trip is to France and Monaco from June 28 to July 7, 2016 for 38 Grades 10 and 11 French Immersion students with two teacher supervisors and parent chaperones.



The Board gave approval in principle to the field trip request from Leduc Composite High School. The field trip is to Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Liechtenstein from March 22 to April 2, 2016 for 25 Grades 10 to 12 students with two teacher supervisors.

The Board gave approval in principle to the field trip request from École Secondaire Beaumont Composite High School. The field trip is to New Waterford, Nova Scotia for a basketball tournament from January 30 to February 7, 2016 for approximately 14 Grades 10 to 12 students with two supervisors.



The Board gave approval in principle to the field trip request from École Secondaire Beaumont Composite High School and New Sarepta Community High School. The field trip is to New York City from March 24 to April 1, 2016 for approximately 16 Grades 10 to 12 students with two supervisors.

### ALBERTA SCHOOL COUNCILS' MEMBERSHIP



The Board approved to pay the 2015-2016 Alberta School Councils' memberships for our Division schools that request membership.

### NORQUEST COLLEGE

Associate Superintendent Andres, LCHS Principal Paul Wozny, and Education Technology Consultant Ray McCubbing attended a meeting with Norquest College and the City of Leduc to discuss a plan for Norquest to provide programming in the City of Leduc. There was discussion regarding Black Gold Regional Division partnering in the project, possibly by providing Leduc Composite High School as a programming location.



### DEVON ATTENDANCE BOUNDARY

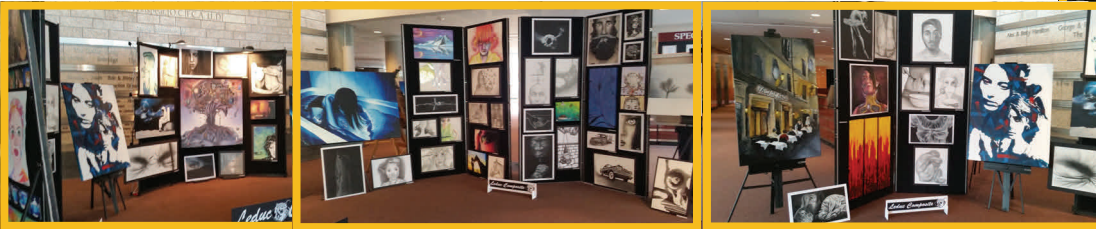


Sue Timmermans, Transportation Manager, presented a map of the adjustment of the Devon attendance boundary to match the newly-approved annexed area. Trustee Koroll questioned if there are any students in the new attendance area. Sue Timmermans stated there are no students in that area. Trustee Koroll requested a letter be sent to the Town of Devon with the new boundary outlined.

The Board approved that the attendance boundary between Leduc County and Devon be redrawn to be consistent with the newly-annexed area for Devon effective September 1, 2015.

## CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS

The Celebration of the Arts took place at the Winspear Centre on Friday, May 8, 2015. The awesome evening was a wonderful culmination of our students' talents and creativity. The Board and Superintendent Yanitski expressed appreciation to all the school staff and Division Office staff for their hard work as it was a huge endeavor. Trustees were amazed by all the talented students throughout the Division.



### What Love Means to 4-8 Year Old Kids

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8 year olds, "What does love mean?" The answers they got were broader, deeper, and more profound than anyone could have ever imagined!

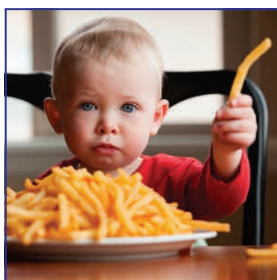
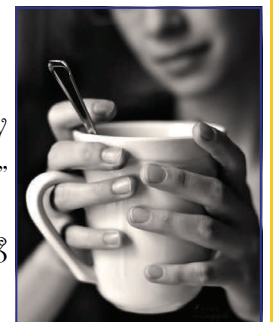


"When my grandmother got arthur-itis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthur-itis too. That's love."

-Rebecca Age 8

"Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK."

-Danny Age 8



"Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs."

-Chrissy Age 6