

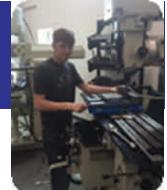
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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

June 22, 2016



CELEBRATING SUCCESS



Calmar Secondary School – Skills Canada

Calmar Secondary School's machining program is represented once again at the Skills Canada National Competition (SCNC) in Moncton, New Brunswick from June 4 -8 by Team Alberta with students Conley Wurban competing in the Post-Secondary SCNC Machining category and Carson Abel in Secondary Manual Machining. Conley won the provincial gold in SCNC Machining at the Provincial Skills Canada Competition held at NAIT on May 11 competing against 3rd year machinists. Carson was chosen by lottery to go to Nationals as the Secondary Provincial Competition was cancelled due to the wildfires up north. He has been working very hard for the past two years for this opportunity, and will do well at Nationals.

Congratulations to these highly skilled individuals and to shop instructor Darren Roth for developing a program that produces this level of individuals!

East Elementary School Adds Up & Equals a Win



During the month of April and May, East Elementary's Grades 1 - 3 students participated in a Canada wide math competition called "Number Rumble". The competition was put on by 10monkeymath.com and over 500 different classes from across Canada competed in the competition.

The Grade 2 and Grade 3S classes at East Elementary School both placed 1st in their age category overall and won a year's subscription to 10monkeymath. Congratulations to all the students who participated throughout the two months!



École Leduc Junior High School



On May 30, The Fairmont Hotel Macdonald's Executive Chef, Serge Jost, spent the morning at École Leduc Junior High School. He was invited by Grace Henderson, who runs the school's culinary arts program. Chef Jost began the day with a half hour question and answer session about his passion for cooking, and where it all started for him (when he was the same age as this group of students). He spent the remainder of the morning working with the group of 14 students to prepare a lunch, which was enjoyed and shared by this same group. For someone who has reached such high status in his career--students found Chef Jost to very down to earth, humble, and friendly, and thoroughly enjoyed working with him.



Leduc Composite High School



The Leduc Composite Choir and Band year end concert at Hawrelak Park's Heritage Amphitheatre was superb and highly attended on June 9. Over 70 of our students performed, with guest artists, The Piatta Forma Singers and Kristen Owerko on the accordion. It was a wonderful evening of heart-warming music and smiles.



Congratulations to Grade 12 LCHS Tiger student-athlete, Ginelle Demone, who won Gold in the 800 m run at the Alberta Schools' Athletic Association Provincial Track and Field Championship. She is an 800m and 1500m runner from Leduc Composite High School, who trains with the Leduc Track club, and has earned several accolades in her short career as a track and field athlete. She will be attending Florida State University in the fall on a full ride scholarship where she will run with the Seminoles. We are proud of Ginelle, and wish her all the best in her athletic and academic endeavours and, look forward to seeing her perform at the NCAA level in the coming years, and possibly, in the not too distant future, at the Olympic Games!



Congratulations to LCHS teacher Bobbi Hjertaas who was awarded Coach of the year for Metro-Edmonton High School Athletics Women's Division II Volleyball.

ÉCOLE CHAMPS VALLÉE GROUNDBREAKING

Superintendent Yanitski stated that BGRD hosted the groundbreaking ceremony of the new school in Beaumont - École Champs Vallée. The event celebrated the beginning of the construction phase of the new Grades K-9 school which is located in the Four Seasons neighbourhood in Beaumont. At the event, distinguished guests and a group of students attended the ceremony. The school is tentatively scheduled to open September 2017 with a future full capacity of 900 students. There were four generations of the Vallée family in attendance. Chairman Lemke thanked the staff for organizing the event.



PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT STAFF HANDBOOK



Associate Superintendent Monty presented the new Professional Support Staff Handbook for therapists and Family School Liaison Workers. Trustee Koroll thanked Administration for making sure that all employee groups have a handbook. Trustee Nosyk appreciated the background work and research. The Board approved the Professional Support Staff Handbook with the proposed pay grids.

SLA PARTICIPATION GRADE 3 PILOT YEAR 3

Associate Superintendent Romanchuk provided information that the Student Learning Assessments (SLA) are going into the third year pilot of the Grade 3 Pilot. The government listened to the teachers, and the feedback has been very positive. Our Black Gold teachers have participated for the past two years. Black Gold has submitted a request to be one of the Boards in the 2016-2017 Grade 3 SLA Pilot.



CALMAR SECONDARY SCHOOL BUS LANES

Associate Superintendent Andres stated that the bus lane at Calmar Secondary School is in need of an overlay to the existing asphalt. This work was initially funded in the Modernization Project but was removed by the government as a cost saving measure. It is the recommendation of our Facilities Department to complete this overlay of the bus lane that is not funded by the government.

The Board gave approval to proceed with the recommendation to complete the overlay of the bus lane at Calmar Secondary School to be funded through BGRD transportation reserves up to a maximum of \$100,000.

Trustee Koroll commented that the government should pay for the overlay of the bus lane at Calmar Secondary School, which was originally part of the Modernization Project. The Board will submit a letter to Alberta Education requesting they fund the overlay of asphalt of the bus lane at Calmar Secondary School.

BANKING AGREEMENT

Associate Superintendent Andres stated that the banking agreement for BGRD with TD Canada Trust has ended after the first three year contract. The Finance Department is very pleased with the service and the terms are favourable to renew for another three years.

The Board accepted the recommendation by Administration to exercise the three year renewal option with TD Canada Trust and renewed the banking agreement for an additional three years with an expiry date of June 22, 2019.



Canada Trust

CANADIAN NATIONALISM TOUR 2017

Associate Superintendent Romanchuk provided an update on the Canadian Nationalism Tour 2017. An itinerary has been completed to include Halifax, Quebec City and Ottawa, during spring break 2017 for seven days. Associate Superintendent Romanchuk thanked the staff who worked together to put this trip forward along with Travel Your World.

Trustees were impressed with the educational value and the information provided to the parents.



FIELD TRIP REQUEST



The Board gave approval in principle to the field trip request from École J.E. Lapointe School. The field trip is to the Musicfest Nationals in Niagara Falls, Ontario from May 13 – 17, 2017 for 43 Grades 8 and 9 students with two teacher supervisors and parent chaperones.



Teacher : whoever answers my next question, can go home.

One boy throws his bag out the window

Teacher : who just threw that!?

Boy : Me! I'm going home now.



**HAPPY
SUMMER
VACATION!**