



**BLACK GOLD  
REGIONAL  
DIVISION NO. 18**

# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

September 14, 2016



**WELCOME BACK  
TO SCHOOL**



**TO OUR NEW STAFF!**

## SEPTEMBER 14, 2016 BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Trustee Johnette Lemke was declared Chairman of the Board of Education of Black Gold Regional Division No. 18 for the 2016-2017 term. Trustee Lemke took the Oath of Office as Chairman of the Board of Education.

Trustee Barb Martinson was declared Vice-Chairman of the Board of Education of Black Gold Regional Division No. 18 for the 2016-2017 term. Trustee Martinson took the Oath of Office as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Education.

The Board approved the committee structure and ad hoc committee trustee representation for 2016-2017. The Board of Education Sub-Committees will be published in the Leduc Rep, Beaumont News, Devon Dispatch and Pipestone Flyer newspapers.

The Chairman or Vice-Chairman and the Superintendent or Associate Superintendent—Business & Finance will be the signing authority for Black Gold Regional Division No. 18 for 2016-2017.



**Board of Trustees of Black Gold Regional Division No. 18**

(l to r): Johnette Lemke, Lorna Misselbrook, Dennis Nosyk, Sam Kobeluck, Rebecca Eilander, Sandy Koroll, Barb Martinson

## RECOGNITION

Associate Superintendent Romanchuk stated that last year the Technology Department requested the secondary ISP connection for the Supernet for Black Gold Regional Division. Last week, there was an incident where cables were cut due to construction and lines were down for ten hours. As BGRD had the secondary connection, our lines were still working. Thanks to the Technology Department and the Board for approval of this secondary connection.



**Thank you to our school custodians who work diligently day after day behind the scenes, keeping our schools clean and healthy for our students and staff.**

**Happy Custodian Appreciation Day—October 2, 2016**

## VIMY RIDGE INTERNATIONAL FIELD TRIP



Superintendent Yanitski stated that the Board wished to bring forward for discussion the Vimy Ridge International Field Trip. Trustees discussed updates regarding the trip, and alerts from government on international field trips.

Trustee Koroll requested that Administration ask staff for their opinion of continuing international field trips, and to report this information at the next Board meeting.

## INTERNATIONAL FIELD TRIPS

Chairman Lemke stated that the Board cancelled international field trips for the 2015-2016 school year, and that the Board was to review that decision in September 2016. Trustees discussed whether international trips should be cancelled, and that there are no trips booked after Spring Break 2017. Trustees will discuss this further at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.



## OFF-CAMPUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

### Off-Campus Education

Trustees are supportive of the Off-Campus Programs for our students and the communities.

The Board approved the involvement of students in the Off-Campus Education Program (Work Study, Work Experience, Registered Apprenticeship Program, Green Certificate) for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board approved designating Off-Campus Coordinators as the authority to sign that work sites/work stations have been visited and approved, with the Division Principal to countersign the approvals as the designee.

## FIELD TRIP REQUEST

The Board gave approval in principle to the field trip request from École Beau Meadow School. This field trip is to Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec City from June 3 to 9, 2017 for 20 Grade 6 students with two supervisors.



## 2016 SUPERINTENDENT'S SERVICE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Superintendent Yanitski presented the criteria for the Superintendent's Service Award of Excellence. This award will be awarded at the Welcome Back Ceremony prior to the Inspiring Success Award.



## WEST HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOL GRAND OPENING



Superintendent Yanitski announced that the Grand Opening Ceremony for West Haven Public School in Leduc will take place on Friday, October 21, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. The Minister of Education hopes to be in attendance, along with our MLA.



### Great Truths that Children Have Learned

- \* Never ask your 3 year old brother to hold a tomato.
- \* You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- \* When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- \* Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
- \* The best place to be when you're sad is Grandma's lap.

### Great Truths that Adults Have Learned

- \* Raising teenagers is like nailing jello to a tree.
- \* Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.
- \* As a child, I thought nap time was punishment, now it's a mini-vacation.
- \* Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy.
- \* Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.