



# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

November 23, 2016



## CELEBRATING SUCCESS

### Leduc Composite High School

Congratulations to the LCHS Welding Team who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the CLAC Regional Wicked Welding Competition on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Eight schools from Edmonton and surrounding area participated in the competition organized by the Canadian Welding Association and CLAC with judging followed by an awards ceremony. The objective of the competition was to design and construct, within a specific time limit and physical constraints, a Halloween themed metal sculpture. Congratulations to the students and their coaches!



(L to R) Teacher Larry Ponich, Tyler Drew, Mitchell Buchak, Owen Lorentz, Mason Schiewe, EA Tracey Meaver

### Division Office Long Service Awards

Trustees welcomed staff from Division Office to be acknowledged for their long service. Recognized staff were:



5 Years	Chelsey Volkman, Janet Yakimishyn, Kelly Tremblay
10 Years	Sue Timmermans
15 Years	Donna Kumpula, Bill Romanchuk, Norman Yanitski
20 Years	Laurel Kvarnberg, Terri Reid, Ann Hansen
25 Years	Norm Dargis
35 Years	Cindy Villeneuve

Staff who were unable to attend: Mohammed Ali (5 years), Elaine Burkholder (5 Years), Scott Wright (5 Years), Bruce Buss (10 Years), Craig McLeod (10 Years) and Sheldon Ganske (15 Years).

## 2015-2016 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MNP Partner Scott Walker, MNP Audit Senior Madisyn Achtymichuk, Director of Finance Laurel Kvarnberg, and Accounting Coordinators Marty McCrea and Chelsey Volkman of Black Gold Regional Division No. 18, attended the meeting to present the Audited Financial Statements for the period of September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016. In the Statement of Operations, the operating revenues totaled \$121,183,680 and expenses totaled \$121,790,164.



Mr. Walker reviewed the Management Letter which confirmed that the accounting system is operating as intended and that the accounting staff have maintained the files and accounting records very well, with consistent attention to detail and to overall accounting issues.

The Board accepted the Black Gold Regional Division No. 18 Audited Financial Statements and the Auditors' Management Letter for the year ending August 31, 2016 for submission to Alberta Education, and acknowledged receipt of the Audit Findings Report and the Letter of Auditors' Independence for the year ended August 31, 2016.

The Board supported the transfers to and from reserves as outlined on the Schedule of Changes in Accumulated Surplus. <http://www.blackgold.ca/about-bgrs/results-plans-results/>

## 2016-2017 REVISED BUDGET

Associate Superintendent Andres presented the Fall 2016 update to the 2016-2017 Budget, with the details of additional resources and assigned staffing. The Fall Budget projects a deficit of \$975,748 for 2016-2017.



The Board accepted the Fall 2016 Update to the 2016-2017 Budget for Black Gold Regional Division No. 18.

## 2017-2018 MODULAR CLASSROOM REQUESTS

Associate Superintendent Andres presented recommendations for the 2017-2018 new modular classroom requests as required by Alberta Education. The Board approved the new modular requests for 2017-2018 as listed below:

- ◆ 4 moduls for West Haven Public School (enrolment pressures due to residential growth in Leduc)
- ◆ 1 modular for Robina Baker Elementary School (enrolment pressures due to residential growth in Devon)
- ◆ 3 moduls for Robina Baker Elementary School (life-cycle replacement)
- ◆ 1 modular for East Elementary School (enrolment growth expected)
- ◆ 3 moduls for École Beau Meadow School (life-cycle replacement)
- ◆ 1 modular for Covenant Christian School (enrolment growth expected)



## SOLAR PANEL SCHOOL PROJECTS

Superintendent Yanitski provided information from the Alberta Government on solar panels to be featured in Alberta's new schools. As part of its Climate Leadership Plan, the Alberta Government is making funding available for the installation of solar panels for 36 school projects now in the planning or design phase that have not gone to tender. This funded project will include École J.E. Lapointe School in Beaumont.



## BUS CONTRACTOR RATES

Associate Superintendent Andres stated that



Administration has conducted a review of bus contractor rates and is recommending an increase to the bus contractor rates

by 1% effective September 1, 2016.

The Board accepted the recommendation to increase the bus contractor rates by 1% effective September 1, 2016.

## THREE YEAR EDUCATION PLAN & AERR



Associate Superintendent Romanchuk presented the draft 2016-2017 to 2018-2019 Three Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports (AERR), and highlighted some of the amendments to the Plan. Associate Superintendent Romanchuk thanked Administrative Assistant Kelly Tremblay for her hard work on the report. The summary report will be posted on the BGRD website on November 30, 2016. Trustees thanked Associate Superintendent Romanchuk for taking the input from the Board and making the requested changes.

The Board approved the Three Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports for Black Gold Regional Division No. 18 with the amendments as discussed. <http://www.blackgold.ca/about-bgrs/results-plans-results/>

## WEST HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOL GRAND OPENING

Trustees and Administration attended the Grand Opening of West Haven Public School on October 21, 2016. Superintendent Yanitski stated the Opening Celebration was awesome. MLA Shaye Anderson, and other members from Alberta Education, Alberta Infrastructure, City of Leduc, construction and architectural companies were all in attendance. All the students in the school participated. Thank you to all staff involved in organizing a wonderful event!



## SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Superintendent Yanitski commented that at the last Board meeting, Leduc County made a presentation requesting financial support from BGRD for a School Resource Officer for the West area. A letter was written stating BGRD would provide support 'in kind'.

Superintendent Yanitski stated that the RCMP are our heroes, and BGRD appreciates the support of the School Resource Officers.



The Board will provide support 'in kind' to help out with the School Resource Officer position within Leduc County.

## CANADIAN NATIONALISM TOUR



Associate Superintendent Romanchuk announced that the Canadian Nationalism Tour 2017 has been cancelled. Students had been emailed information regarding the Nationalism trip in June and September with a meeting held in October to remind them of the extended November 14th deadline. There were three people signed up for the Canadian Nationalism Tour.

## VIMY RIDGE CANADIAN HERITAGE TOUR 2017



Associate Superintendent Romanchuk thanked the 22 leaders and chaperones for the upcoming Vimy Ridge Canadian Heritage Tour 2017. A meeting was held to update everyone on communication and safety. The meeting was extremely valuable. There are 220 students from all Black Gold communities involved in the Tour.

## SCHOOL VISITS

Trustees and Superintendent Yanitski visited the following schools:

October 27 – Robina Baker Elementary, Riverview Middle, John Maland High  
November 17 – École J.E. Lapointe, École Secondaire Beaumont Composite High, Black Gold Outreach – Beaumont, École Dansereau Meadows

Trustees commented that all the students and staff are great, and that leadership groups have been wonderful in organizing the tours. It is terrific to see everyone so proud of their schools!



## 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 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?"

