



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

January 18, 2017



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

West Haven Public School



Congratulations to the West Haven Public School (WHPS) Fundraising Society who recently received a grant from Alberta Culture and Tourism in the amount of \$120,809.00. This grant is going towards the completion of West Haven's two beautiful new playgrounds which are becoming a reality thanks to the partnership and hard work of the Fundraising Society, School and BGRD staff, and the City of Leduc.



APPROVED 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR



Superintendent Yanitski presented the Draft 2017-2018 School Year Calendar. Trustees thanked staff and School Councils who reviewed the draft calendar and provided feedback. Trustees discussed the option of moving the Professional Development Day in March to another day in October. Trustees requested that for next year, the information on the calendar be distributed earlier so that all School Councils and staff have additional time to review it.

The Board approved the Draft of the 2017-2018 Black Gold Regional School Division No. 18 School Year Calendar with the change to move the March 2, 2018 Professional Development day to October 20, 2017.

The approved 2017-2018 School Year Calendar has been posted at: [Division School Year Calendars](#)

BEAUMONT TRANSITIONS

Superintendent Yanitski stated that at the last Board meeting the Board approved the new attendance boundaries for Beaumont schools. The Beaumont Boundary and Grade Configuration Working Committee has met with all School Council Chairs and the Advisory Committee to discuss the transitions for Beaumont schools. The Working Committee has reviewed the feedback and presented the Transition Phase Report to the Advisory Committee, who appreciated the 3 year phased-in transitions.

The Working Committee members in attendance were Division Principal Norm Dargis, Beaumont Principals Jennifer O'Brien, Matthew Kierstead and Patrick Gamache Hutchison. Principal Gamache Hutchison reported on the Transition Phase for 2017-2018, and stated that there will be a delay in École Champs Vallée School opening which will most likely be January 2018. The students will be placed with their École Champs Vallée School teachers and Administration at École Bellevue School, and then move to the new school when it is completed. This plan is called "a school within a school" to support students to be with their teachers all year. Principal Matthew Kierstead explained the changes for the 2018-2019 school year. Principal Jennifer O'Brien mentioned that the only changes for 2019-2020 will be that the Grade 9 students will be at École Champs Vallée School and École Dansereau Meadows School as École Secondaire Beaumont Composite High School will only house Grades 10 to 12.

Trustee Koroll stated that as the Town of Beaumont continues to grow, discussions could occur with the Town to be aware of where school sites should be allotted.

Division Principal Dargis expressed gratitude to Communications Coordinator Carmen Pezderic for her efficient work on the Transition Report.

The Board approved the presentation of the Transition Process for the schools in the Town of Beaumont as outlined in the document presented by the Working Committee.

The Board will write a letter to the Town of Beaumont regarding future sites for schools.



COUNCIL OF SCHOOL COUNCILS

Superintendent Yanitski presented an update on the Council of School Councils meeting. This meeting will be hosted by BGRD Board at the Maclab Centre on February 21, 2017. The topic of the evening will be on the Provincial Curriculum Renewal.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREA - BLACKSTONE—STAGE 1—LEDUC

Superintendent Yanitski commented on the Board's previous approved grade configurations in Leduc, and stated that BGRD is now reviewing the school attendance area for students moving into the new Blackstone Stage 1 neighborhood in Leduc.

Division Principal Dargis presented information and attendance boundary recommendation for the Blackstone neighborhood Stage 1 development in Leduc.

The Board approved the following recommendation effective immediately for the assigning of students from the new Blackstone Stage 1 area in the City of Leduc, until another Leduc Configuration is required, as follows:

- ◆ That students from the Blackstone Stage 1 development attend École Corinthia Park School for Grade K-6 English programming and École Leduc Estates School for Grade K-6 French Immersion Programming.
- ◆ Both school programs will transition to École Leduc Junior High School followed by Leduc Composite High School.

WARD & ELECTORAL SUBDIVISION BOUNDARIES



Associate Superintendent Andres stated that 2017 is an election year for Alberta School Boards. The Board will have to update Bylaw No. 1-95 Ward Structure by March 1st, to meet the requirements of the School Act. The ward and electoral subdivision boundaries adjustment is required due to the approved changes of the annexed municipal boundaries.

BARGAINING OBJECTIVES

Trustee Koroll presented some housekeeping items in regards to bargaining during negotiations.

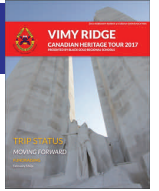
The Board approved Associate Superintendent Monty as the spokesperson at the Bargaining Table. The Board approved the following Bargaining Objectives:

- ◆ To achieve a new collective agreement with no disruption in service.
- ◆ To retain maximum rights to operate effectively and efficiently.
- ◆ Financial goals reflect and remain within total financial boundaries and are sustainable.



VIMY RIDGE

Associate Superintendent Romanchuk stated the Vimy Ridge Committee is working with Travel Your World to make a workbook for the students that are going on the Vimy Ridge Canadian Heritage Tour 2017. A letter was presented from the Board that will go into the handbook for the students wishing them a safe, enjoyable and educational trip.



Associate Superintendent Romanchuk mentioned that a video will be made of the students on the trip. Trustees look forward to hearing a report of the trip when the students return.



SCHOOL VISITS



Trustees and Associate Superintendent Romanchuk visited the following schools January 12, 2017: West Haven Public, Linsford Park, Black Gold Home-Based and East Elementary. Trustees commented on how schools are so proud, and the tour guides are fantastic and very enthusiastic.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS, BAND & DRAMA PRODUCTIONS

Trustees attended various Christmas concerts, band and drama productions in December. Trustees enjoyed all of the productions and concerts as the students were very excited. Trustees appreciated all the time and dedication from staff, students and parents.



2017-2018 MODULAR CLASSROOM PROGRAM

Superintendent Yanitski announced that BGRD was approved by Alberta Education for the following modular classroom requests:



- ◆ 1 modular classroom for East Elementary School
- ◆ 3 modular classrooms for École Beau Meadow School
- ◆ 4 modular classrooms for Robina Baker Elementary School
- ◆ 1 modular washroom unit for Robina Baker Elementary School; and
- ◆ 4 modular classrooms for West Haven Public School



**BLACK GOLD
REGIONAL
DIVISION NO. 18**

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January 25, 2017



Dr. Norman Yanitski

EXTENSION OF SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT

The Board will apply for Ministerial Approval to extend the existing contract for the Superintendent of Schools, and that the new term covers the period from September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2019.

Children Learn What They Live

*If a child lives with criticism, He learns to condemn.
If a child lives with hostility, He learns to fight.
If a child lives with ridicule, He learns to be shy.
If a child lives with shame, He learns to feel guilty.
If a child lives with tolerance, He learns to be patient.
If a child lives with encouragement, He learns confidence.
If a child lives with praise, He learns to appreciate.
If a child lives with fairness, He learns justice.
If a child lives with security, He learns to have faith.
If a child lives with approval, He learns to like himself.
If a child lives with acceptance and friendship, he learns to find love in the world.*

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