



**BLACK GOLD
REGIONAL
DIVISION NO. 18**

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

June 21 & 29, 2017



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Black Gold Elementary High Jump

The BGRD Elementary High Jump competition took place on May 29th, with 91 students from elementary schools across the Division participating in the event. Brody Bauer, of Calmar Elementary School, won the boys' competition with a jump of 1.36m. Aimee Tschritter, of École Coloniale Estates School, placed first in the girls' competition with a jump of 1.30m. The top 10 finishers in each event received a certificate for their fine athletic effort and performance. Top team results went to Thorsby Elementary School with seven of their eight jumpers finishing in the top 10. Thank you to New Sarepta Elementary School Principal Cheryl Hafso and staff for hosting this event.



Black Gold Elementary Track Meet



The BGRD Elementary Track Meet held on June 6th was a great success again with over 1300 students participating. Thank you and congratulations to Riverview Middle School and Staff including: Kylie Rott - Track Meet Coordinator; Brian Scott - Principal; Richard Dechaine - Assistant Principal and Statistician Programmer; David van den Bijgaart – Track Meet Equipment & Field Prep; David Law – Track Meet Announcer; Terri Delbridge – RMS Parent/Concession Coordinator; and to all the other Track Meet Officials who volunteered their time to ensure that this event went smoothly. The students enjoyed the day and had lots of fun!

Calmar Elementary School—LEED Canada: Silver

Superintendent Yanitski stated that BGRD has received the LEED Canada Silver Award for Calmar Elementary School. This award acknowledges the project has achieved the required prerequisites and credits under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Canada Rating System for New Construction and Major Renovations.



TRUSTEE RESIGNATION



Chairman Lemke announced that Trustee Rebecca Eilander submitted a letter of resignation from the Board of Trustees effective June 15, 2017. Trustee Koroll expressed thanks to Trustee Eilander for her services to BGRD and wished her well in the future. The Board accepted the resignation letter from Trustee Rebecca Eilander.

The Board agreed that the vacancy of County Central Trustee of Black Gold Regional Division No. 18 be filled at the October 2017 elections.

SCHOOL & TRANSPORTATION FEES

Associate Superintendent Andres presented the School and Transportation Fee Revenue Schedule as required by Alberta Education. On June 6th, information was distributed from Alberta Education requesting the schedule be completed by June 30th. This schedule requires that every fee must be itemized within the school, and if there is a proposed increase of the fee over 5%, BGRD must then obtain Ministerial approval. The fees on the schedule include transportation fees, fees for optional courses, extracurricular fees and field trip fees. The extracurricular fees include fees for clubs, sport events, and intramurals.

Trustees expressed many concerns over the Government's fee schedule that is required. Some of the concerns were:

- ◆ Short time frame for schedule to be completed
- ◆ Increased workload for staff to keep track of the fees
- ◆ Hope that the restrictions do not affect students



Associate Superintendent Andres stated that BGRD will do their best and be consistent. Administration will examine the unique situation of any fee proposal greater than 5%, and will make reasonable requests to Alberta Education to increase those fees.

Trustees requested a letter be written to the Government with their concerns about the restrictions applied by the Government. Trustees expressed thanks to the Finance Department and schools for getting the schedule completed.

Associate Superintendent Andres then presented the second aspect of the fees. At the April Board meeting, a motion was made regarding the Grade 11 fees to be consistent with Grade 12 at the \$9.00/credit. Administration presented other options but the Board decided to keep the motion made in April. The Board will work with the high schools to ensure that there are sufficient funds at the schools to provide quality programming.

CLASSROOM IMPROVEMENT FUND (CIF) UPDATE

Trustee Koroll stated the Alberta Government has approved the submission from Black Gold Regional Division/Black Gold Local #8 to receive \$1.324 million dollars for the Classroom Improvement Fund distributed among schools focusing on improving the student experience in the classroom. A Committee was formed to decide on how to distribute the money; the schools will now decide in a collaborative way how to disperse the funds.



CARBON TAX/ GRANT WRITING

Superintendent Yanitski stated that the Board asked Administration to investigate grant writing for carbon levy rebates/initiatives. Superintendent Yanitski has asked Brad Clarke, Principal at New Sarepta Community High School, to assist in writing grant proposals.



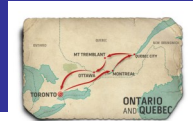
UPDATED 10 YEAR CAPITAL PLAN- ENROLMENT PROJECTIONS

Superintendent Yanitski stated that the Board asked Administration to update the BGRD Capital Plan. BGRD has hired a consultant, Mr. Hugh Skinner, to conduct enrolment projections in all of our communities.



FIELD TRIP

The Board gave approval in principle to the field trip request from École Dansereau Meadows School and École Coloniale Estates School. The field trip is to Montréal, Québec and Ottawa from June 8 to 14, 2018 for 75 Grades 7 and 8 students with four supervisors.



SPECIAL BOARD MEETING—JUNE 29, 2017

Associate Superintendent Andres requested that the Board amend the Board motion made on May 24, 2017 on the 2017-2018 budget. The amendment to the budget is necessary because the Government of Alberta now requires the completion of the "Budgeted School and Transportation Fee Revenue Schedule", which was released after the original budget was approved.

Superintendent Yanitski thanked the Finance staff, schools and Principals for their hard work on establishing the school fee schedule especially due to the quick submission timelines.

The Board approved the Budget Report to be submitted to Alberta Education for the year ending August 31, 2018 with the budget projecting \$130,489,796 in revenue, and \$130,949,786 in expenses for the 2017-2018 school year, for a projected deficit of \$459,990 for Black Gold Regional Division No. 18.

